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Check us out on the web/social media!
Updated website: http://studentaffairs.depaul.edu/lgbtqa/
Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/OfficeOfLgbtqaStudentServicesAtDePaulUniversity
Twitter: https://twitter.com/DePaulLGBTQA
Tumblr: http://depaullgbtqa-office.tumblr.com/
OrgSync: https://orgsync.com/59751/chapter

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Office Programs

Call for Event Proposals for the 6th Annual LGBTQA Month!!
The 6th annual LGBTQA Month at DePaul will be celebrated this coming May. We invite proposals for events occurring during May that look at LGBTQA issues through one of the following themes: Reforming Policies; Engaging Communities; Celebrating Identities. The proposal submission form is now live and available via this link: http://is.gd/LGBTQAMonthProposal. LGBTQA Month at DePaul is celebrated in May every year, programs and events can range in style, scope, and target audience. We strongly encourage collaboration between student organizations and university departments/offices in planning and proposing events. The deadline for proposals is February 15, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. Questions or concerns can be directed to LGBTQAServices@depaul.edu or 773-325-7294.

LGBTQA Identity Support Group
Tuesdays Starting January 15 6:00PM – 7:00PM
The LGBTQA Identity Support Group is an open group for members of the LGBTQIA, etc. community who are looking for support around issues relating to sexuality and gender identity. The group is open to any DePaul student. No registration or screening is required.
Where: Lincoln Park Student Center
2250 N Sheffield Ave, Room 316
Chicago, IL 60614
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Career Center Outreach Hours

*Thursdays* 9:00AM – 12:00PM

We are excited to announce that beginning January 10, 2013, Kara Peterson, a graduate intern in the Career Center, will be holding weekly outreach hours in the LGBTQA Student Services. Stop by any time, no appointment is necessary! Below is a bit about Kara and the types of services she is able to provide to you in our office.

Kara Peterson is currently completing her graduate internship in the Career Center at DePaul and is delighted to be extending her services to the LGBTQA office. She can assist with career exploration with the use of various assessment tools, resume construction and critiques, practice interviewing, job or internship search and much more. She also recently attended the Out for Work Conference and would be happy to talk about that experience and provide insights on career development through the LGBTQA lens. Kara enjoys meeting new students, travel, Breaking Bad marathons and hanging out with her wife, Nicole and their two dogs, Ollie and Lola. Also, please feel free to email your résumé to Kara for review at kpeter49@depaul.edu.

Safe Zone Trainings

*February 13* 9:00AM – 12:00PM
*April 11* 2:00PM – 5:00PM

Register online: [http://is.gd/DePaulSafeZone](http://is.gd/DePaulSafeZone)

Safe Zone is an ongoing training program open to any DePaul students, staff, and faculty who are interested in being allies to the LGBTQ communities. In addition to the scheduled dates, trainings are available for offices, departments, and student organizations by request. Please contact the LGBTQ Student Services Coordinator, Katy Weseman, at kweseman@depaul.edu or call (773) 325-4607 with any questions.

Bring Your Own Mug (BYOM)

*January 15* 10:00AM to 11:00AM

NOW IN THE LOOP! Please join us for some great coffee, good conversation, and the opportunity to meet other members of DePaul’s LGBTQA communities. This is a weekly event of the Office aimed at growing and informing community. For all tea lovers, we will have tea as well. Contact the Office with questions at lgbtqaservices@depaul.edu.

*Where:* DePaul Center
  1 E. Jackson Blvd., Suite 11001 (Dean of Students Office)
  Chicago, IL 60604

Out at Lunch

*January 16* 12:00PM to 1:00PM

Get excited! Out at Lunch has been completely revamped! Now not only will Out at Lunch be occurring every other week, but each session will have a specific facilitator and topic. If your office or organization is interested in facilitating an Out at Lunch session, please contact the Office at lgbtqaservices@depaul.edu. Lunch will be provided.

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Winter/Spring Quarter and LGBTQA Month Volunteers Needed!
Are you interested in helping out in the Office with such things as library maintenance, resource development, programming, LGBTQA Month or an individualized project? Then please swing by the Office to pick up a volunteer application form or shoot Megan McKnight an email at lgbtqaservices@depaul.edu and she will be more than happy to forward you an application.

Lending Library
The Office has a wide selection of books and movies that are dying to be checked out. Stop in anytime to pick out a book to read for fun or use for a class. Some of our selections include:

- **Homophobia: A History**  
  *By: Bryce Fone*
  In this tour de force of historical and literary research, Bryce Fone – whose work Christopher Isherwood praised as “a great contribution to the enlightenment of those who persecute others, and also to our understanding of our nature and history” – chronicles the history of homophobia through the centuries. Accessible, bold, and original, *Homophobia: A History* is not only a crucial addition to gay literature, but the best sort of history: lively and enlightening.

- **Transition: The Story of How I Became a Man**  
  *By: Chaz Bono*
  The world first met him as the darling daughter of Sonny and Cher, a frequent guest on their popular television show in the 1970s. The little girl with the cherubic cheeks, blond curls, and bright smile is someone that Chaz hardly remembers, even if the American public still does. Then, in the 1990s, the young woman became a national face of the LGBT political movement, and a beloved activist and author. But the work felt empty, and Chaz knew that no matter how hard he worked, it was hollow, because life, as a woman, wasn’t ever going to be fulfilling. Wrestling with gender confusion, failed relationships, the loss of a parent, drug addiction, and a journey toward sobriety, Chaz Bono has fought many demons in his life. *Transition* is a deeply personal, honest, and ultimately triumphant story. It tells of the physical and emotional process that brought him to come out to the world for a second time and finally claim his life as the one he has always wanted, as a man.

- **Film: Tal Como Somos: The Latino GBT Community**
  The lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community still struggles to find its place among the rich traditions of Latino culture. This documentary examines the lives of seven Latino LGBT men and women, offering profound insights into their relationships with family and loved ones while exploring their sexuality in the context of culture, religion, and work.
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*These titles and others can also be found at the DePaul Library. Check out http://depaul.worldcat.org to check the availability. If you have any questions or encounter difficulty finding these titles, you can contact Paula Dempsey, LGBTQ Studies Library Liaison, at pdempsey@depaul.edu.

### Student Group Meetings

**Trans*(formation) DePaul**  
*Tuesdays 7:00PM – 8:00PM*  
Trans*(formation) DePaul works to raise awareness of gender variance while engaging with other organizations and DePaul University to promote conversation and understanding of alternative gender identities.  
*Where:* Munroe 114

**Act OUT**  
*Wednesdays 6:00PM – 7:00PM*  
An LGBTQA activist organization engaging through education, discussion and conversation.  
*Where:* Lincoln Park Student Center, Room 313

**Spectrum DePaul**  
*Wednesdays 7:30PM – 8:30PM*  
Spectrum DePaul serves as a safe space for LGBTQA students, to promote socialization among students with common interests, to explore the multicultural issues pertinent to the LGBTQA community, and as an outlet to engage in political and social activism.  
*Where:* Lincoln Park Student Center, Room 324

### Events On-Campus

**Sexual Assault Support Group**  
*Mondays Starting January 21 6:00PM – 7:00PM*  
This weekly group allows female survivors of sexual assault (experienced recently or in the past) to join together to gain support from one another and to learn ways to cope with the aftermath of the assault. Group members are not asked to share details of their assault but, rather, have the opportunity to explore the impact it has had on their lives. Group members will be able to share their experiences and feelings in an understanding, confidential and accepting environment. Goals of the group will be to help members express feelings, reduce guilt and self-blame, develop positive coping strategies, and strengthen self-esteem. To schedule an informational session prior to joining or for more information, please contact Ann Bregman at (773) 325-4767 or Liz Miller at (773) 325-1393.  
*Where:* DePaul Counseling Services  
2250 N Sheffield Ave, Suite 350  
Chicago, IL 60614

**Dialogues Project 2013**  
*Fridays Starting January 25 10AM – 12PM*  
Interested in building community to address everyday racism and white privilege? The Dialogues Project is creating a space for students to create a shared framework for understanding systemic racial and intersecting inequities (eg, gender, sexuality, class), to build skills for intervention,
accountability, healing and transformation. Participation is free and open to all DePaul students. To learn more or join the group, please visit [http://is.gd/dp2013](http://is.gd/dp2013).

**Angels in America, Part 2: Perestroika**

*February 8 - 17 Wed. - Sat. at 7:30PM, Sun. at 2:00PM*

1980s America. An Angel of the Apocalypse crashes through a ceiling and hovers over the bed of Prior Walter, a gay New Yorker with AIDS. This collision sets in motion the reintroduction of characters from part one of Kushner’s Pulitzer Prize-winning two-part epic as their lives intersect during the Reagan era. Tragic and hilarious, Perestroika explores personal responsibility, the future of mankind, and the nature of God.

**Events Off-Campus**

**Author Reading: The Color Complex, by Midge Wilson and Kathy Russell**

*January 16, 2013 7:30PM*

*The Color Complex* is a provocative exploration of how Western standards of beauty are influencing cultures across the globe and affecting personal, professional, romantic, and familial relationships. Processes like skin lightening in India, hair straightening among African Americans in America, eyelid reconstruction in China, and plastic surgery worldwide continue to rise in popularity for men and women facing discrimination from both within and outside of their own increasingly fluid ethnic groups. The authors, through a historical and sociological lens, have measured the impact of recent pop culture events affecting race relations to determine whether colorism has gotten better or worse over time. Midge Wilson is associate dean of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences and Professor of Psychology and Women’s and Gender Studies at DePaul University. Kathy Russell is a vice president at Omar Supplies, Inc.

*Where:* Women and Children First Bookstore

5233 N Clark St

Chicago, IL 60640

**Opportunities**

**Crew 450**

Crew 450 is a research collaboration between Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago and Northwestern University that is looking for guys between the ages of 16-20 who identify as gay, bisexual, or queer to join. Crew 450 aims to learn more about the health concerns of gay, bisexual, and questioning young men in the Chicagoland area. As part of the study, you would come in once about every six months for two years to complete surveys and questionnaires as well as have the opportunity to receive free HIV and STI testing. As repayment for your time, you could make up to $295! If you would like to hear more about the study give Crew 450 a call at 773-234-3624 or email us at crew450@impactprogram.org.

**Point Foundation Scholarships Available to LGBTQ Students**

Point Scholarships are designed to help promising LGBTQ students achieve their full academic and leadership potential despite obstacles. Scholars must demonstrate academic excellence, leadership skills, community involvement, and financial need. Attention also will be paid to students who have lost the financial and social support of their families and/or communities as a result of revealing their
sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. Point Scholars must agree to maintain a high level of academic performance and to give back to the LGBTQ community through the completion of an individual community service project each year. Scholarships provide approximately $25,000 per scholar, per year. Each scholar is paired with a mentor and participates in leadership development training with fellow Point Scholars, including an annual leadership conference. Applications are due January 14, 2013 by 11:59PM. Please visit www.pointfoundation.org for more information and to fill out the online application.

Research Opportunities
If you are a non-LGBT college student between the ages of 18-24 who grew up with one or more LGBTQ parents, are a currently enrolled full-time student living away at a 4-year college or university in the United States, and have already completed at least one entire semester at that same institution, you are eligible to participate in a study looking to gain insight into what it is like to be a non-LGBT college student who was raised by at least one LGBTQ parent. If you are selected to participate, you will be expected to participate in two phone, in person, or Skype interviews. Participants who complete both interviews will receive a $25 Amazon gift card. This research has been approved by the Institutional Review Board at Northeastern University. For more information, please contact Thomas Bourdon at bourdon.t@husky.neu.edu or 671-627-5770.

News

First Trans Woman Elected to Democratic National Committee
http://www.advocate.com/politics/politicians/2013/01/12/first-trans-woman-elected-dnc

New Scout Troop Welcomes Gays and Girls
http://www.advocate.com/society/youth/2013/01/12/new-scout-troop-welcomes-gays-and-girls

According to a New Study, Fewer Americans Say Being Gay is a Sin
http://www.advocate.com/politics/religion/2013/01/11/fewer-americans-say-being-gay-sin