Office of LGBTQA Student Services Newsletter

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Opposing Death Squads and Dictatorship in Honduras

January 30  6:00PM

Contrary to stereotypes about predominately Roman Catholic countries, Honduras has a vibrant Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) movement which is among the leading forces organizing against the coup regime. LGBTs there have joined indigenous peoples, African descendants, farmers, teachers, women, students, and trade unionists in numerous, massive, nonviolent street demonstrations of resistance. Since the coup, 87 LGBT Hondurans have been murdered in a systematic campaign of targeted hate crimes and political assassination. In the run up to this November's first contested election since the coup, many fear that the violence will get even worse. Come hear leading Honduran LGBT activist Jose "Pepe" Palacios give an eyewitness account of his movement and the challenges it faces. Palacios is a founding member of the Honduran LGBT group, Diversity Movement in Resistance (MDR), and a member of the steering committee of the National Front of Popular Resistance (FNRP).

Where: Arts and Letter Hall
2315 N Kenmore Ave, Room 412
Chicago, IL 60614

Performing Activism in Virtual Spaces
February 11  11:20AM – 12:50PM
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The Teatro Luna theatre company will show participants how to translate a live performance into other forms of activism that can be translated into virtual spaces through the creation of their own performance piece.

Where: Lincoln Park Student Center
2250 N Sheffield Ave, Room 120
Chicago, IL 60614

CROSSED by Teatro Luna
February 11 6:00PM – 8:00PM
An original play by Teatro Luna which breaks down stereotypes and poetically navigates what it means to be an immigrant in the United States in the current era. Set in a series of unknown terminals, join five diverse female performers as they share accounts collected from interviews, news reports, and the performers’ own experiences while traveling south in the spring of 2011.

Where: Lincoln Park Student Center
2250 N Sheffield Ave, Room 120
Chicago, IL 60614

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 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

Queer Zine Collection
Do YOU make a LGBTQA-focused zine? Do you know of other awesome LGBTQA zines? Please tell us! We are looking to start a zine library to be housed in our resource office. We would love to include your zine, as well as hear your input on what zines we should make to include! Please contact LGBTQAServices@depaul.edu with questions or suggestions.

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
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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)

*Tuesdays* 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 LGBTQ 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 30* 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.  
**Where:** Lincoln Park Student Center  
2250 N Sheffield Ave, Room 313  
Chicago, IL 60614

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:

- **Exile and Pride: Disability, Queerness, and Liberation**  
  *By: Eli Clare*
  Clare’s revelatory writing about his experiences as a white genderqueer activist/writer with cerebral palsy permanently changed the landscape of disability politics and queer liberation. With a poet’s devotion to truth and an activist’s demand for justice, Clare deftly unspools the multiple histories from which our ever-evolving sense of self unfolds. Here readers will find an intersectional framework for understanding how we actually experience the daily hydraulics of oppression, power, and resistance – particularly in a time of war. At the root of Clare’s exploration of environmental destruction and capitalism, sexuality and institutional violence, gender and the body politic is a call for social justice movements that are truly accessible for everyone.

- **One Freak Show**  
  *By: Lynn Breedlove*
  Through the unusual vehicle of gender-bending comedy, Lynn Breedlove asks, “Who truly owns and defines the body: self, family, or community?” Based on his critically acclaimed comedy performances, this amazing collection of thought-provoking writing celebrates a lifelong defiance of categorization.

- **Film: The Celluloid Closet**
  This exuberant, eye-opening movie serves up a dazzling hundred-year history of the role of gay men and lesbians on the silver screen. Lily Tomlin narrates as the directors assemble fabulous footage from 120 films showing the changing face of cinema sexuality, from cruel stereotypes to covert love to the activist triumphs of the 1990s.

*These titles and others can also be found at the DePaul Library. Check out [http://depaul.worldcat.org](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.*

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**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.
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Where: Munroe 114

Act OUT

Wednesdays    6:00PM – 7:00PM
An LGBTQ+ 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 LGBTQ+ students, to promote socialization among students with common interests, to explore the multicultural issues pertinent to the LGBTQ+ community, and as an outlet to engage in political and social activism.
Where: Lincoln Park Student Center, Room 324

Events On-Campus

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.
Where: Merle Reskin Theatre
60 E Balbo Dr.
Chicago, IL 60605

Cupid’s Queer Comedy Show

February 13    7:00PM – 9:00PM
Whether single or struck by Cupid’s arrow, come join in the fun with Spectrum DePaul. Comedians include: Caitlin Bergh, Candy Lawrence, Ever Mainard, Joel Kim Booster, and Bill Cruz. A five-dollar donation is suggested.
Where: Lincoln Park Student Center
2250 N Sheffield Ave, Brownstones Annex
Chicago, IL 60614

Events Off-Campus

Fifty Shades of the Blues: Song, Soul, and Sexuality

January 31    5:30PM – 9:00PM
In the 1920s and 1930s, pioneering musicians like Bessie Smith and Ma Rainey used suggestive lyrics and tongue-in-cheek performances to express their fluid sexuality. In this program, Sharon Bridgeforth, Dr. Omi Osun, and Joni L. Jones use conversation and live performance to consider how race, gender, and class played important roles in developing this complex musical form. Performer Katherine Davis and her trip sing blues favorites during the complimentary pre-program cocktail
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reception. Tickets are $10 for members and students, $15 for others. For more information, please visit http://www.chicagohs.org.

Where: Chicago History Museum
1601 N Clark St.
Chicago, IL 60614

Xing: Crossing Borders, Desires, and Chicago Streets

Saturdays Starting February 2 1:00PM – 3:00PM
A writing for performance workshop for LGBTQ youth ages 13 - 24. Taught by playwright Ricardo A. Bracho from DePaul University. No experience is necessary. Please register by calling Luis Roman at 312-663-4413 or email lroman@icirr.org.

Where: Center on Halsted
3656 N Halsted St, 2nd Floor Youth Space
Chicago, IL 60613

Flagrant Conduct: The Story of Lawrence v. Texas

February 11 6:00PM – 9:00PM
Dale Carpenter, will speak on his book Flagrant Conduct: The Story of Lawrence v. Texas, which dives into the surprising facts underlying the Supreme Court case that decriminalized homosexuality in the US. All are invited to join the UChicago LGBT Alumni Network for a lively discussion followed by a reception. Reception will include hors d'oeuvres and one complimentary beverage, with cash bar available.

Where: Center on Halsted
3656 N Halsted St
Chicago, IL 60613

Opportunities

Volunteers Needed for Equality Illinois Justice for All Gala
The gala is the largest LGBT black-tie event in the Midwest. Celebrating Every Family will be the main focus of this year’s celebration. Many volunteers are needed to make this event a success. If you have any interest in helping out, please contact Joey McDonald at jmcdonald@eqil.org or call 773-477-7173 x 102. The gala takes place on February 9, 2013 from 6pm – 12am at the Hilton Chicago.

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.

Research Opportunities
If you have undergone some degree of a social and/or medical gender transition (for many participants this can be phrased as living as a gender different from the sex one was assigned at birth) and are over the age of 18, you are eligible to participate in a study exploring the well-being of individuals who have undergone a gender transition (including, but not limited to people who identify as female, male, genderqueer, transgender female, transgender male, stealth, binary, non-binary). Participation involves completing an online survey that should take 10-15 minutes. This research has been approved by the Institutional Review Board at the University of Louisville. For more information, please contact Sebastian Barr at smbarr01@louisville.edu.
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TransitionAndIdentityStudy

If you are at least 18 years of age, identify as heterosexual, and are an ally to the LGBTQ community, you are eligible to participate in a study looking to understand the perceptions and experiences of straight allies. The survey is estimated to take no longer than 15 minutes. This research has been approved by the Institutional Review Board at the University of Kentucky. For more information, please visit www.PrismResearch.org.
https://uky.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_cwWFj8Adfk8sKh

News

Boy Scouts Confirm They May Drop Gay Ban
http://www.theadvocate.com/society/youth/2013/01/28/boy-scouts-confirm-they-may-drop-gay-ban

Study Finds that LGB People Experience Domestic Violence at the Same Rate as Heterosexuals

U.K. Marriage Equality Bill Introduced
http://www.theadvocate.com/politics/marriage-equality/2013/01/25/uk-marriage-equality-bill-introduced

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