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CULTIVATING OUR QUEER COMMUNITY:
LEARN IT, LIVE IT, LOVE IT



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February 5, 2009

Dear Conference Participants:

On behalf of the University of California at Santa Barbara, I am pleased to welcome you to the 2009 Western Regional LGBTQIA College Conference at the University of California at Santa Barbara (UCSB).

This year's theme, "Cultivating Our Queer Community: Learn It, Love It, Live It," is close to my heart because, as a long-time ally of the lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, and transgender community, I believe that diversity not only strengthens our university communities and our larger society but keeps them vibrant and vital. I also believe that justice, freedom, and equality are words that should apply equally to everyone in our society, and it is incumbent upon each one of us to do the work to help ensure that all people have access to the full range of opportunities, privileges, and responsibilities that are the hallmark of our nation.

I am proud to say that UCSB's Resource Center for Sexual & Gender Diversity (RCSGD) was founded under my tenure as Vice Chancellor, and I have been pleased to watch it develop under the excellent leadership of both Kyle Richards, its former director, and Samuel Santos, Jr., its current director. The RCSGD provides support services and educational programming and events as well as creating a safe and inclusive environment and a welcoming home for all. I hope you have a chance to meet Samuel and visit the RCSGD during your time on campus.

Finally, let me take this opportunity to thank the conference organizers, especially the students, for their long hours of tireless work in putting together an impressive lineup of speakers, performances, and workshops. I hope our paths cross during the conference and I have a chance to meet and talk with you during your time at UCSB.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Young
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs



**WESTERN REGIONAL
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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the 2009 Western Regional LGBTQIA College Conference is to educate and empower queer youth, students, families, professionals, community members, and allies by providing an all inclusive space to dialogue about critical issues, to network with other leaders, and to mobilize our community from the ground up. We strive to examine our communities and organizing through a social justice lens. We are committed to creating a conference that addresses issues of homophobia, heterosexism, transphobia, biphobia, gender oppression, racism, sexism, ableism, classism, religious oppression, and all other forms of oppression.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

On Valentine's Day Weekend 2009, we hope to hold a conference where we can come together as a community under the themes of unity, love, and empowerment. With the goal of preparing ourselves to create change on a local, state, and nation wide level, we aim to create long lasting relationships with queer and ally organizers, activists, and community members from the western region. Additionally, we aim:

- To provide a place for people of all identities to feel safe welcome and comfortable
- To create greater visibility and awareness about issues in the queer community
- To create relationships and build bridges between and within different communities
- To educate, empower, and heal ourselves, each other, our communities, and our campuses communities.

RESOURCE CENTER FOR SEXUAL AND GENDER DIVERSITY BIO

The Resource Center for Sexual & Gender Diversity at UCSB is designed to be a safe and supportive environment for all students, staff, and faculty, emphasizing resources for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex (LGBTQI) community, as well as allies and those who are questioning their sexual orientation and/or gender identity. The Resource Center welcomes a diversity of racial, ethnic, religious, political and cultural values while advocating for the welfare of those who have historically been marginalized because of their sexual and/or gender identity. The Resource Center staff is committed to serving the campus and larger community with professionalism and respect. The Resource Center provides educational programming, social activities, advocacy and consultation with the goal of enhancing safety, tolerance and quality of life in the UCSB community.

QUEER COMMISSION BIO

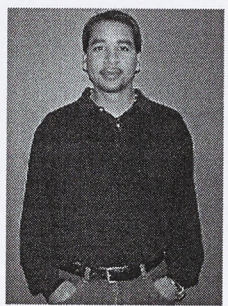
The A.S. Queer Commission shall serve as an educational and advocacy forum for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) students' rights, with a commitment to representing and improving the status of LGBT students on campus and in the community. The A.S. Queer Commission is working toward becoming a diverse group of members that increases awareness, educates, elicits appreciation, offers insights, towards the LGBT community at UCSB and also the Tri-County areas. The Commission will also work together with other campus and community groups to overcome problems such as homophobia.

SPEAKER MIA MINGUS BIO

Mia Mingus is a queer disabled woman of color, South Korean transracial adoptee, organizer and one of the Co-Executive Directors of SPARK Reproductive Justice Now (formerly Georgians for Choice) in Atlanta, Georgia. She believes that reproductive justice is crucial in the struggle for social change and the fight to end oppression. Through her work on disability, race, reproductive justice, gender, sexuality, and transracial adoption, she recognizes the urgency and barriers for oppressed communities to work together and build alliances for liberation. Though her activism changes and evolves, her roots remain firmly planted in ending sexual violence.



SPEAKER **FAISAL ALAM BIO**



Faisal Alam is a queer-identified Muslim activist of Pakistani descent. Struggling to reconcile his own sexuality with his faith, Faisal founded the first international LGBT Muslim organization called Al-Fatiha in October 1998 at the age of 20. The mission of Al-Fatiha (which means “The Opening” in Arabic) is to support and empower lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning

and intersex Muslims seeking ways to integrate their faith and their sexual orientation or gender identity. Since Al-Fatiha’s inception, Faisal has traveled across the country and around the world to meet with LGBTIQ Muslims to build a global queer Muslim movement. Faisal’s work with Al-Fatiha has been featured in queer and mainstream media including the New York Times, BBC World News, Al-Hayat, and the Washington Post. Faisal has received numerous recognitions and awards for his community activism. He was selected as an “Innovator” by the Advocate Magazine in 2001 and a “Founding Father” by Genre Magazine in 2002. In 2005, the Equality Forum honored Faisal as one of “40 Heroes” who have made a defining difference in LGBT civil rights over the last forty years. Faisal’s volunteer activism and his paid career have also included LGBT youth leadership development, HIV/AIDS prevention in the Asian & Pacific Islander communities, and advocating for women’s reproductive health and reproductive justice. Faisal resides in Atlanta, GA with his partner and their two cats where he continues to advocate for peace, equality and justice.

SPEAKER **MISS MAJOR BIO**

Miss Major is an elder, black, formerly imprisoned male-to-female transgender person. She has been an activist and advocate in her community for over forty years, mentoring and empowering many



of today's transgender leaders to stand tall, step into their own power, and defend their human rights. Miss Major was at the Stonewall uprisings in '69, has worked at many HIV/AIDS organizations throughout California, was an original member of Transcendence, the first all-transgender gospel choir, and has been a father, mother, grandfather, and grandmother to her children and the trans community.

In 2008, she testified to the United Nations in Geneva about the abuses of transgender women of color in the US.

Currently, Miss Major works as the Community Organizing Director at TGI Justice Project where she instills hope and a belief in a better future to the girls that are currently incarcerated and those coming home.

ENTERTAINMENT

good asian driver

Friday Evening Performance

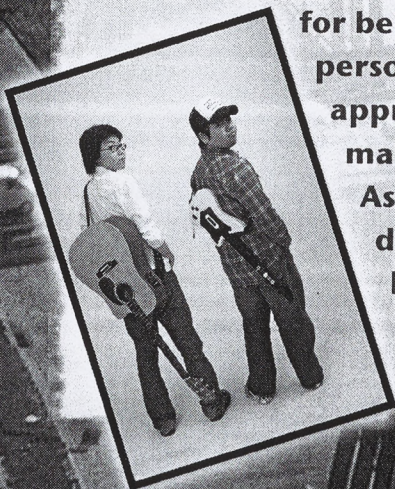
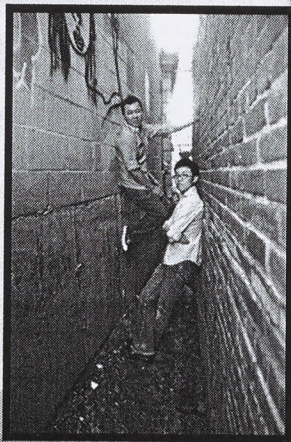
I.V. Theater 9PM



A transgender slam poet and a lesbian folkrocker team up for a show that is progressive, edgy, and funny. They smash every stereotype out there while putting on a show you will never forget. The Good Asian Drivers have heart and a voice they're not afraid to use. Good Asian Drivers aim to increase queer Asian-American visibility in the United States

and serve as a positive role model. This social mission, along with an undeniably entertaining performance and a reputation for being

personable and approachable, makes the Good Asian Drivers a duo that must be placed on everyone's radar.



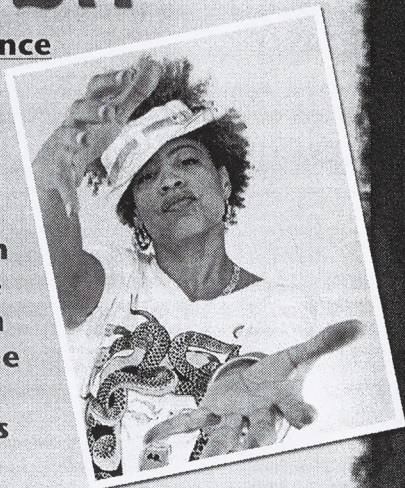
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MEDUSA

Saturday Evening Performance
The Hub 9PM

Starting off MCing as a 16-year old pop-locker, Medusa has been called "the Angela Davis of hip-hop". Pop-lockin with the Groove-Atrons gave her talents a platform to win the Best Female Dancer in the 1st Hip Hop Dance Awards at The Paladium. Medusa has been compared to a medley of amazing artist, including Gil-Scott Heron for their ways of expressing the revolutionary state of mind, Chuck D. (imagine a female Chuck D.), Lauren Hill for having the ability to posses an international talent in the voice world, and like the Game, who's a versatile heavy hitter on speaking his life's truth's. Medusa gives you the key to real truth and allows you to feel it and even though the comparisons could go on, Medusa is on a Goddess list of her own. You will find no other who will

bring it to you like this, someone's music that makes you feel strong, proud, and encourages with the manner of **ONE Love.**



ENTERTAINMENT

Funkanomety sf

Funkanomety San Francisco Dance Company is a 501(c)3 non-profit performing arts organization renowned for their cutting-edge choreography, stylistic versatility, and professionalism. It was established in 2002 and has been serving the Bay Area dance community, and beyond, ever since. Through performances, company classes, workshops, and youth mentorship, Funkanomety SF is a dynamically different dance company whose eccentric style of choreography has been recognized worldwide.

Hir Bois

HirBois is the first and only Drag King troupe in Ventura, California. They performed their first show at Paddy's in Ventura. Other shows they have performed include: LA Silverlake dyke march, WildCat Ladies Night, and Santa Barbara Pride.

EM-1

It was her overall appreciation of music that sparked Em-1 to immerse herself in the art form that has been deemed to be the "backbone of hip hop". This Queer Filipina grew up in an era where deejaying was being taken to the next level -- turntablism. Drawing influences from underground hip hop artists, she picked up her first pair of "1200's" at the age of 18. Since then, deejaying is a skill she has remained passionate about for over 10 years and has been respected in local hip hop communities in the Bay Area and Los Angeles, mainly for her ability to keep the "true-skool" sound playing in clubs, local radio shows, and community events. Seeing how more and more people in the queer community are beginning to embrace the hip hop culture, she feels it is essential to understand the roots of what hip hop really is and not follow the image that mainstream radio continually promotes.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH, 2009

5:00-8:00PM *CHECK-IN AND ONSITE REGISTRATION*

8:00-10:00PM *Good Asian Drivers*

Location: IV Theater

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH, 2009

8:00-9:00AM *Continental Breakfast & Late Registration*

9:00-9:45AM *Opening Ceremony - Mia Mingus*

10:00-11:00AM *Saturday- Workshop/Caucus Session 1*

CAUCUS: WORKING CLASS

Location: SB Mission Room

CAUCUS: 1ST YEAR QUEER STUDENTS

Facilitator: Abrahan Monzon, Joel Manduano

Location: GSA Lounge

This caucus focuses on the needs of 1st year queers in college and their under representation and under estimation in the queer community. Discussion is focused on the 1st year queer experience and the problems that the queer community encounters.

CAUCUS: GENDER QUEER

Facilitator: Lisa Thorne

Location: 3rd Floor of the UCen

Genderqueer caucus, bringing together people who identify as genderqueer to talk about issues in our community.

ON THE ROAD WITH GOOD ASIAN DRIVERS: IDENTITY, ACTIVISM, AND THE BUSINESS OF TOURING

Facilitators: Good Asian Drivers

Location: SB Harbor Room

Are you a performer? Wanna go on tour but don't know what it takes to go pro? Perhaps you wanna try expressing yourself through words or music. Or maybe you simply just wanna tell your story and get it heard. Nationally recognized duo, Good Asian Drivers, will show you what it takes to go from the page to the stage. Through personal stories about touring across America, they will speak on cultural identity, activism and the ways in which these themes intersect in their art. In addition, they will share with you their creative processes and the secrets to setting up a national tour from scratch, building an active fan base, reaching out to the press, and navigating new media to connect with audiences worldwide.

BRIDGING A PATH: THE QUEER AND UNDOCUMENTED HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT STRUGGLE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Facilitator: Raquel Bernaldo, Alena Maria, Grecia Lima (PUEBLO) Location: MCC Lounge

This workshop will reveal the educational achievement gap between Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender and Queer students and their heterosexual peers. We will examine the importance of how to be allies to queer youth as LGBTQ college students, community members, educator and what can we learn from other social movements such as the undocumented student experience.

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DE-COLONIZE YOUR J/O FANTASY: QUEER PEOPLE OF COLOR IN GAY PORN

Facilitator: Eda Haruki

Location: State Street Room

Through a brief presentation and a roundtable discussion, this workshop will investigate the colonial racial construction in the mainstream U.S. gay pornography. The presentation will debunk the contemporary form of colonialism in the Queer sphere by analyzing the racial construction in various gay pornographic materials. In addition, the roundtable will engage us in developing critical eyes for gay porn and exploring how gay porn can be more empowering to Queer People Of Color. It's open to anyone, though sexually explicit materials will be presented during this program.

QUEERS IN STRAIGHT (?) RELATIONSHIPS

Facilitators: Anna Sorensen, Greg Prieto

Location: Chumash Room

This workshop will explore the special challenges that queers in straight relationships face from both straight and queer communities. Together we will discuss questions of privilege and marginalization using an experiential exercise and small group discussions. This highly participatory workshop will explore the intersections of sexuality, race, and the normative status of monogamy. From our discussion, we will develop strategies and tools for challenging both queer and straight people to recognize and support our queer identity AND the legitimacy of our relationships.

SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND LGBTQ COMMUNITIES

Facilitator: Jessica Ordaz

Location: MCC Meeting Room

The goal of this workshop is to challenge heterosexist myths and interrogate structural inequalities that sustain sexual violence within LGBTQ communities. This workshop will call attention to the experiences of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered survivors of sexual assault and make their stories heard. We seek to broaden the definition of rape and sexual assault in ways that pertain to the lives and experiences of LGBTQ folks. As we address the complex social issues and institutions that sustain and perpetuate sexual violence in these communities, this workshop is also invested in challenging racism, classism, sexism and other interlocking forms of oppression that produce a sexually violent culture.

RELIGION AND QUEER IDENTITY: SOCIOLOGICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE

Facilitators: Jason Hopkins, Russel Cambron

Location: AS Main Office

Using the examples of the ex-gay movement and the same-sex marriage movement, panelists will examine the interplay between religion and queer identity. Cambron's piece examines the psychology of ex-gay identity and the psychological forces driving the ex-gay movement. Hopkins's work looks at the sociological relationship between queer identity and the same-sex marriage movement.

GENDER VARIANT NEOLOGISMS

Facilitator: Widow Centauri

Location: Flying A Room

There is little awareness in the mainstream regarding trans-issues. One of the major issues surrounding the lack of awareness is the issue of what to call transpeople. Mainstream gender-

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binary people want to know how to refer to transpeople. Given the limitations of the gender binary-based vocabulary available to us in this culture it is important to assess the use of several gender-variant neologisms that have begun to circulate in the transgender community, such as zhe, hir, grrrl, boi, and hiz. Currently I am looking at the question of how the use of gender-variant words harbor attitudes of open mindedness and how society as a whole can begin using these gender-variant neologisms to give identity and humanity to people who do not feel represented in the dual binary gender system.

OUT AND GREEK

Facilitator: Adrian Herrera
Room

Location: A.S. Nati Conference

Too often, the Greek Community is stereotyped as a community of homophobia and intolerance. Today, more and more students within the Greek Community are fighting these stereotypes head on. If we can make allies with Greek organizations, the LGBT movement could make significant strides on our campus. Come see how you can make your campus Greek organizations more LGBT friendly, and how to create programming that your Greeks can get excited about!

BEYOND A/S/L: POLITICIZING ONLINE RELATIONSHIPS

Facilitator: Sean-Patrick Doan, Roger Lee Becker III

Location: Lobero

Looking beyond age, sex, and location, this workshop is designed to provide a safe space for discussion concerning online relationships -- from friendships to dating to hook-ups. We will look at various topics such as the construction of online identities as well as the interface of popular social networking websites in hopes of understanding the implications of the internet and technology for relationships between queer individuals.

TRANS 101

Facilitator: Jennie Beeson

Location: Goleta Valley

Come to this session to untangle some of the basics of the "T" in the LGBTQ community. If you're just starting out in the LGBTQ community or looking to learn new ways to talk about Trans issues in your organizing, this is a good workshop for you. You can easily use this workshop and the activities to share on your campus.

11:15-12:15 Saturday- Workshop/Caucus Session 2

CAUCUS: MULTI-RACIAL/ETHNIC

Location: UCen 3rd Floor

CAUCUS: BI/PAN/OMNISEXUAL

Facilitator: Frances Chan

Location: GSA Lounge

This caucus is intended to provide a safe space for individuals that identify as bisexual, pansexual, omnirexual, bicurious, or allies. Participants will participate in discussion address issues that affect the community such as coming out, stereotypes, and the media.



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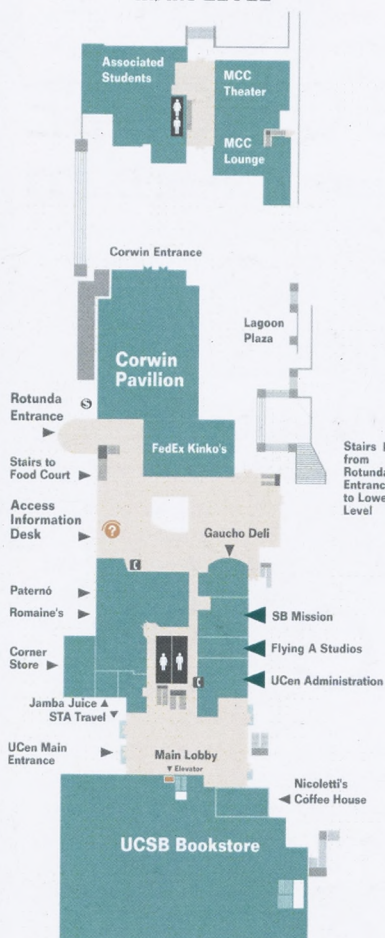


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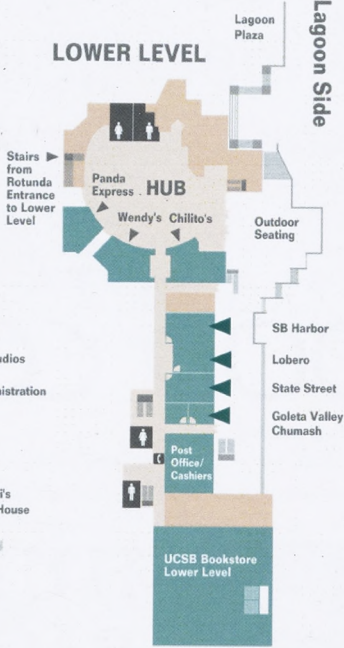


MEETING ROOMS

MAIN LEVEL
SB Mission
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LOWER LEVEL
SB Harbor
Lobero
State Street
Goleta Valley
Chumash

LOWER LEVEL



- Isla Vista Food and Drink
1. Subway & Starbucks
 2. Freebirds
 3. Sam's To Go
 4. Silvergreens
 5. Giovanni's
 6. Dominos, Susie's
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Welcome to
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All campus buildings are accessible to wheelchairs

A horizontal banner at the top of the page features a row of ten blue silhouettes of people of various ethnicities and genders, some with their hands on their hips, set against a lighter blue background.

INTERNS WANTED

Interns are an indispensable part of the vital and necessary work performed by the Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund and Leadership Institute. Our interns gain in-depth experience in LGBT political activism, strengthen job-related skills and network with leaders in local, state and national gay politics.

All academic majors are encouraged to apply. Candidates for internships should possess a general knowledge of gay and lesbian issues and the American electoral process. All interns receive a modest stipend and work in our Washington, D.C., office in the heart of downtown, just steps from the White House, Dupont Circle and the Metro's Red Line.

Applications are accepted for all semesters throughout the year; however, there are a limited number of openings. To be considered for an internship, please submit a resume and cover letter to communications@victoryfund.org as far in advance of your desired placement date as possible.



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TRANSFORMING JUSTICE

Facilitator: Miss Major

Location: Flying A Room

This Workshop will discuss the themes of Imprisonment, poverty and abuse with the goal of ending the imprisonment and criminalization of Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming people.

UCLGBTQIA ISSUES OFFICERS MEETING

Facilitators: Brittini Tanenbaum, Bridget Roell

Location: Chumash Room

This is a meeting that must be attended by all UCLGBTQIA Association (University of California Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual Association) officers. In addition, we are asking for at least one person from each UC school to be present. In this meeting, we will be discussing current issues at the UC campuses and what we would like to bring up in the UC General Assembly.

CONECTANDO NUESTRAS FRONTERAS: BRIDGING QUEER AZTLAN

Facilitador: Cesar Tinoco

Location: SB Harbor Room

"HIV has nothing to do with queer women" and "Sexual Assault is not a gay man's issue". WRONG! From the bars to community organizations we see a divide along gender lines. What does this mean and why should you care? We're calling all Jot@s to join us for a presentation / discussion on the need to better bridge Queer men and womyn's issues to form a stronger, more united Aztlan.

THE QUEERNESS OF BOOKS

Facilitator: Laura Miller

Location: SB Mission Room

This workshop addresses the experience of encountering queer identities and expression through printed texts, in contrast to other forms of media and communication. We will work individually and in groups to think about what books mean to queer communities today, as well as to contemplate books' usefulness as tools of political action.

FROM FAIRIES TO BULLDYKES: THE ROLE OF MASCULINITY IN THE QUEER COMMUNITY

Facilitators: Roger Becker, Sean Patrick Doan

Location: Lobero Room

This discussion-based workshop seeks to analyze the detriments and benefits of masculinities within the queer community. It will focus on building consciousness around the ways in which media, language, physical, and other forms of discursive expressions that affect our relationships. We will analyze gay media's role in producing images of masculinities and discuss the implications of certain terms used within the community (butch, fem, top, bottom, queen, lip-stick lesbian, etc).

DOIN' TIME IN THE HOMO NO MO' HALFWAY HOUSE

Facilitator: Vincent Cervantes

Location: MCC Meeting Room

Come see for yourself what happens behind the doors of America's zaniest ex-gay residential program! Through six characters Cervantes takes you on a tour of the Homo No Mo Halfway House, a 12-Step Christian residential program that attempts to save men and women from the

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snarers of homosexuality through bizarre rules, a masculine resuscitation regime and brain numbing reconditioning. This play shares the real life experiences of many ex-gay ministries by weaving together humor, program jargon and outrageous eyewitness accounts to form a piece that is hilarious, poignant and inspirational.

WHERE'S THE SEX?

Facilitator: Campus Progress

Location: MCC Lounge

In the current assimilative moment, the vibrant, diverse expression of LGBTQ sexualities is downplayed, discounted and even disrespected by movement organizations and leaders. At what cost do we ignore and stigmatize aspects of LGBT sexuality? This panel will address this question and more.

TRANSFORMING: SHIFTING DEFINITIONS OF RELATIONSHIPS IN A QUEER FAMILY

Facilitator: Emily Montan

Location: AS Main Office

This facilitated workshop will focus on the impact of living with and loving a transitioning partner or family member. If you're gay and your spouse/partner transitions, what are the implications - real and perceived? If you're straight and your spouse/partner transitions, does that change how you define yourself? If your parent, sibling or other family member transitions, how do you assimilate that in your daily life.

ENDA: THEN + NOW LESSONS LEARNED AND THE PATH FORWARD

Facilitator: Candace Gringrich

Location: State Street Room

The U.S. House vote on employment protection that took place in fall of 2007 U.S. was historic. But Americans are divided among those who thought it a historic vote, a historic failure or a historic mistake. Join Candace Gringrich, HRC Foundation's Youth & Campus Outreach Senior Manager for a dialogue about ENDA- past, present and future- and your role in getting an inclusive bill passed.

PEERS SUPPORTING PEERS: PEER COUNSELING PROGRAM

Facilitator: Jayden Ledbetter

Location: Goleta Valley Room

This program seeks to discuss the wide variety of needs within queer college communities and how the development of a Peer Counseling Program supports individuals as they begin the process of coming out or questioning their sexuality or gender identity. Learn how to start your own program and how peers supporting peers benefits the entire community.

THE DYADIC IMAGINARY: TROUBLING THE PERCEPTIONS OF LOVE AS DYADIC

Facilitator: Danielle Hidalgo

Location: AS Conference Room

How do we define love? Given our definitions of love, what are the social implications of the beliefs, practices and values we have that relate to love? Starting with these questions and her concept, "the dyadic imaginary," the presenter discusses her research and writing on love, opens up the discussion about love, and ends with a discussion of the practical and social implications of the dyadic imaginary.

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12:15-1:15 Lunch on Your Own

1:30-2:30 Saturday-Workshop/Caucus Session 3

CAUCUS: ALLY

Facilitator: Christina Baggao, Hassan Naveed

Location: 3rd Floor UGen

Being an ally to the LGBTQIA community is not a matter of having 'that one gay friend'. It is a lifestyle which upholds egalitarian beliefs no matter what adverse or hateful situations may attempt to deter them. This caucus space is less a workshop but more an open discussion meant to gain insight into the role of an LGBTQIA ally. In the end, the practice of tolerance is an activity that all members of our community can all benefit from.

QUEER WOMEN OF COLOR CAUCUS Location: SB Harbor Room

SELF DEFENSE

Facilitator: Isaac Rodriguez & Liv Scott

Location: GSA Lounge

A self-defense workshop can be an important tool for personal development as well as an educational and energizing group activity. Our workshops are designed to be accessible for all ages and abilities and include information on the realities of violence in the community, particularly violence against by acquaintances.

ORGANIZING STRATEGIES FOR TRANS AND GENDERQUEER ISSUES ON YOUR CAMPUS

Facilitator: Terra Lauren

Location: SB Mission Room

This workshop is geared towards Transgender and Gender Queer students and their allies. It will focus on education on issues facing transgender and Gender Queer students in higher education and offer strategies and ideas for addressing those issues at the campus level. We will provide information on how to make your campus LGBTQIA orgs more Transgender and Gender Queer inclusive. We will provide a space for students from different campuses to network and share ideas and experiences of organizing on these important issues.

REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE 101: REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS, HEALTH AND JUSTICE

Facilitator: Mia Minguo

Location: Flying A Room

What is reproductive justice? Why is it important? How does reproductive justice (RJ) connect to other justice movements, systems of oppression and communities? This workshop will introduce the Reproductive Justice Framework, created by women of color across the nation to address the realities and complexities of our lives. We will unpack the politics of "choice" and population control, as we map reproductive rights, health and justice. Using concrete example from RJ organizing in the South, we will look at how the politics of RJ can translate to grassroots organizing and movement building.

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WE DID WHAT? REVISIONING UCSB: A CAMPUS QUEER POC HISTORY

Facilitator: Steph Eunha Lee

Location: A.S. Main Office

Did you know that QPOC once shut down UCSB mail services? Do you know how the SRB came to existence? What is the Student Action Coalition and why is it important to QPOC history? This workshop will give a grounding of Queer and POC history at UCSB, the victories and setbacks, to help current students consider their vision for QPOC work on campus. Not just a history lesson, this workshop aims to use examples from former radical students to help YOU think about what is possible for your communities on this campus. *NB: This workshop is campus-specific; all are welcome, but we will focus on the intricacies of UCSB and may not have time to bring all up to speed.

BIG IDEAS: CONVERSATION SERIES

Facilitator: Campus Progress

Location: State Street Room

Many of us in the LGBT communities find the biological argument for (or against) our civil rights distasteful and even disingenuous. Are there alternative ways for us to argue for our humanity and our rights? While demographers, survey researchers, and economists consider the conceptual frameworks that create various portraits and arguments about our community and its needs, legal and social movement theorists struggle to build a vision for liberation that connects LGBT people to a broader movement for justice. This conversation is particularly salient after the passage of anti-LGBT initiatives in CA, AZ, AR, and FL this past election. What are the costs of moving away from a biologically determined sexuality as a central argument in our fight for equality? What possibilities lie in crafting new arguments and forging new paths toward a more just, queer-positive world?

LIVING IN MY BIG SKIN

Facilitator: Leonard Montez

Location: Lobero Room

Living in my Big Skin will deal with personal testimony and talking about what it is like to be big in the LGBT. We will talk about the stereotypes that go along with not only being LGBT but also being big and how to fit in.

ENHANCE YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH BDSM AND OTHER UNCONVENTIONAL SEXUAL PRACTICES

Location: Jessica Cresci, Chris Goettlieb

Location: MCC Lounge

This program, for couples and single people alike, will describe various terms involved in alternative sexual practices such as Bondage, Discipline, Sadism, Masochism and Dominance/Submission. Through adding some of these practices into a relationship, communication and trust can build, ultimately strengthening your love. Basic demonstrations will follow the interactive presentation. Note: You must be 18 or older to attend.

SERVING IN SILENCE: DON'T ASK DON'T TELL

Facilitator: Matthew Spire

Location: Chumash Room

The origin and history of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" will be explored as well as the policy's impact. The constitutionality of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" will also be examined. Finally, a roundtable discussion will develop ideas and a plan of attack as to what can be done to eliminate "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" and remove the double standard and discrimination LGBT people face in today's United States military.

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FEEL YOURSELF

Facilitator: Medusa

Location: Goleta Valley Room

A writers workshop for people that need to be open in their lives pertaining to their own self. So often people place blame on everyone and everything else, its time to take responsible for your work with your feelings and yourself. Join Medusa in this interactive writers workshop.

ORGANIZERS' TOOL BOX: QUEERING THE STATE

Facilitators: Sevarti Travlos, Doug Wagoner

Location: MCC Meeting Room

Students seeking to create some serious change should come to get their organizing tools in this workshop. Participants will be given the basic tools of organizing and learn to think critically, challenge the images around them, and participate in or disrupt the legislative process. As a group they will shout out different problems that their respective communities face, and we will give them the tools to tackle these issues. Talking points include: classifying the environment of their campus, identifying systems of power, lobbying fundamentals, understanding where the problem comes from, and coalition building. We hope that students will leave the workshop with concrete tools that they can utilize to reshape their campus and community.

2:45-3:45 Saturday-Workshop/Caucus Session 4

TRANS CAUCUS

Location: 3rd Floor UCen

ATHLETE CAUCUS

Location: MCC Lounge

CAUCUS: QUEER PEOPLE OF COLOR/1ST GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENT

Facilitator: Todd Avellar & Vincent Cervantes

Location: GSA Lounge

Creating a safe-space, and a space for discourse, we will encourage individuals to discuss any topics they feel are pertinent. We will facilitate this through an interactive discussion forum setting—by use of exercises and activities like a “chalk talk.” Through these exercises and discussions, students will be able to raise words, phrases, and images that they feel are associated with, or connected to, their identification as a queer person of color and/or first generation college student. The group will be invited to share these insights with one another.

LGBTIQ WOMEN'S REPRESENTATION IN TELEVISION AND FILM 1990S TO PRESENT

Facilitator: Veronika Staffel

Location: Lobero Room

A close look at how the shifting paradigms have changed the face of television and film for queer women. From clothing to interactions, we will examine mainstream media and how it represents us.

SEX- THE PERSONAL AND POLITICAL

Facilitator: Maricarmen Madrigal

Location: A.S. Main Office

Let's talk about sex. This workshop will educate and empower participants to increase their understanding of safer sex practices, including the basics of barrier methods and sexually transmitted infections. Facilitators will create a safe and confidential space for participants to ask

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honest questions about sexuality. The second half of the workshop will address the politics of sex and the link between the pro-choice movement and the fight for LGBT rights.

THINKING ABOUT GRADUATE SCHOOL? INCORPORATING LGBTQ STUDIES INTO LIFE AFTER UNDERGRAD

Facilitator: Amanda Dener

Location: MCC Meeting Room

This program will look at graduate programs in LGBTQ studies and sexuality. It will also discuss how to bring an LGBTQ focus into other graduate programs (focusing on social sciences and humanities), how to stay involved with the LGBTQ community in grad school, and scholarship/fellowship opportunities. Lastly, there will be a "grad school" question and answer time at the end.

SO YOU WANNA BE A DRAG KING? DRAG 101

Facilitator: Katrina Makrimuk

Location: Flying A Room

Learn how to get in Drag with members of HirBois. They will also cover topics about how to be a collective group, how to book shows and have lots of fun being a King. You can get in Drag at the workshop. Things to bring: ace bandages, spirit gum, hair clippings, scissors, boy clothes, duct tape and anything else your Boi heart desires.

POWER OF THE STUDENTS WON'T STOP! TAKING YOUR CAMPAIGN TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Facilitator: Liz Hall

Location: SB Harbor Room

So you planned a really tight rally. Now what? Come to this workshop and learn how to turn the momentum you've built into a strategic campaign that can win concrete victories for your members. We'll explore how to escalate tactics to build power, and how to sustain the number of people involved in your campaign to grow your organization.

COMING OF AGE: 18 YEARS OF RUNNING A LESBIAN AND GAY FILM FESTIVAL

Facilitator: Marhey Bernstein

Location: Chumash Room

A combination of history and how-to regarding the development of Outrageous the Santa Barbara Lesbian and Gay Film Festival. Looking at questions of diversity, audience, finance, university and community involvement.

ELECTION '08 AND THE FUTURE: PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITIES

Facilitator: Christine Byon

Location: Goleta Valley Room

With the momentum of the 2008 elections showing highs and lows of results from the propositions and candidates, different communities are already looking forward to the next election cycle! From re-introducing queer marriage rights to the Gubernatorial race, learn how this election is crucial to Students of Color and other disadvantaged communities, and how you can organize strong vote coalitions on your campus to build student power!

First we will discuss the fall elections and all of the propositions affecting communities of color, LGBTQ, and womyn (props 4,5,6,8,9). Then we will go into the importance of joining vote coalitions and doing voter registration work and how to implement a Get Out the Vote campaign. Workshop

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Goals: 1. Engage students into vote work around issues 2. Importance of Voter reg, even for partisan/specific issue groups 3. GOTV advice, especially in terms of collecting contact info, doing phonebanking, tracking, and door knocking.

BREAKING BINARIES: EXAMINING GENDER CONSTRUCTION GLOBALLY

Facilitator: Chris Gauthier, Beta Hampton

Location: SB Mission Room

We will critically examine the construction of gender using a global perspective to identify what gender is, how it is constructed and how it is limiting in different societies. This program allows a comparison between western binaries of gender and polygendered societies. We will discuss current perceptions of gender using a historical lens.

HIDDEN VOICES: THE LIVES OF LGBT MUSLIMS

Facilitator: Faisal Alam

Location: State Street Room

The Lives of LGBT Muslims aims to highlight the many struggles and challenges facing sexual and gender minorities within the Muslim world and to examine the complex intersection of Islam, sexuality and gender. Using his own life experience and by exploring the complex history of the Islamic world, "Hidden Voices" strives to bring new light onto the lives of an often invisible and silent community: Muslims who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and questioning. The struggles facing Muslim women, the history of sodomy laws in Muslim countries and Islamic Shariah law as it relates to sexual and gender minorities will also be discussed in this presentation.

4:00-5:00pm General Assembly

CSU ASSEMBLY

Location: GSA Lounge

COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSEMBLY

Location: Lobero Room

UC ASSEMBLY

Location: Flying A Room

HIGH SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Location: SB Mission Room

5:15-6:15PM OPEN SPACE

WHITE ALLIES CAUCUS

Location: SB Harbor Room

BLACK CAUCUS

Location: SB Mission Room

CHICAN@/LATIN@ CAUCUS

Location: GSA Lounge

FIRST NATION/INDIGENOUS CAUCUS

Location: MCC Lounge

ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER CAUCUS

Location: Flying A Room

SOUTH ASIAN CAUCUS

Location: Lobero Room

MIDDLE EASTERN CAUCUS

Location: State Street Room

LGBT CAREER STAFF CAUCUS

Location: Chumash Room

6:00-8:00pm Dinner in Corwin Pavilion

8:00-12:00PM Performance

HIR BOIS, FUNKANOMETRY, MEDUSA, DANCE (W/DJ EM-1)

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2009

8:00-8:45AM *Continental Breakfast & Late Registration*

9:00-10:00AM- *Workshop/Caucus Session 5*

QUEER MEN CAUCUS

Location: State Room

QUEER WOMYN CAUCUS

Location: MCC Lounge

PFLAG: STRAIGHT FOR EQUALITY

Facilitator: Steve Krantz, PFLAG

Location: SB Mission Room

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays provides support, education and advocacy throughout the US for the LGBT community. PFLAG has recently introduced the Straight for Equality Program which seeks to educate potential straight allies in how to do the right thing in support of their LGBT colleagues, family and friends.

THE RAINBOW LABYRINTH MEDITATION WORKSHOP

Facilitator: Cassie Schindler

Location: 3rd Floor UCen

The Rainbow Labyrinth Workshop is an oasis for the weary conference traveler, and will send you back out into your world recharged, rejuvenated and refreshed. Student leaders, student participants, teachers and community will benefit from this 1-hour session of instructed and guided meditation. Cassie Schindler, Founder of The Alternate Path, uses the metaphor of the labyrinth to show us the importance of taking the path inward to plant seeds of intention, and then taking that same path back out into our world to be active, proactive, creative and vital participants. The rainbow colors within the labyrinth have significance beyond the universal symbol embraced by the Queer community, as they relate to the colors of the 7 chakras (energy centers) within the body. The tools for stress-reduction and relaxation that are packed into this one hour session, will serve the participants far beyond the close of the 2009 conference.

**AIN'T NO POWER LIKE THE POWER OF THE STUDENTS:
PLANNING A TIGHT RALLY**

Facilitator: Liz Hall

Location: A.S. Conference Room

Rallies are a great organizing tactic for responding to attacks on our communities, building and empowering a base of folks to take action, and garnering media attention for our issues. In this workshop, we'll look at the different purposes of rallies, and how to plan one that will build power for organizations and set up for the next phase of a campaign.

**BRINGING OUR FULL SELVES: ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER
DISCUSSION**

Facilitator: Steph Euna Lee

Location: A.S. Main Office

It's rare to get a space that is just for Queer and API folks—so let's have some real talk. Ever feel like you can't be queer in API spaces? Are queer spaces making you feel like you gotta put away your API issues? This workshop will explore issues that come up again and again for our folks: coming out to family, language barriers, and where to find REAL resources made for us, by

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us. Let's start bringing our FULL selves to the work that we do! *NB: This is a safe space for folks who self-identify as Queer/Questioning AND Asian/Pacific Islander.

QUEER LOVE AND RESISTANCE IN THE TIME OF MARRIAGE

Facilitator: Meehan Rasch

Location: MCC Meeting Room

The operative positions of the modern gay rights movement, with legalization of gay marriage as its prime aspiration, openly encourage collusion rather than collision with mainstream norms. Many smart radical queers are frustrated by the unquestioned assumption that the fight for marriage privileges is a liberatory exercise, which can obscure the operation of marriage as a coercive state structure that perpetuates gender, racial and economic inequality and forced family norms and forms. At the same time, the strings of our queer hearts and of our queer desires are being strummed into a frenzy by the romantic rhetoric of the marriage movement, which proclaims itself a fight for love, justice, and liberation. And, people we love care deeply about it—we may have gone to their weddings and seen or shared in their tears of joy! How do we make sense of all the messages and feelings about this? This is a discussion based workshop for anyone with conflicting feelings about the same-sex marriage movement, and for anyone interested in a creative conversation about wanting more.

BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE LGBT SPEAKERS BUREAU ON YOUR CAMPUS

Facilitator: Denny Grebe

Location: Lobero Room

You may have heard of a Speakers Bureau, but we do things a little differently here in sunny San Diego. Have you tried alternative Speakers Bureau panels that promise an awesomely good time AND education? Come find out how to spice up your Speakers Bureau with new panel types or to start your own Speakers Bureau.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Facilitator: Campus Progress

Location: SB Harbor

Myth: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was against affirmative action. Fact: This is a myth propagated by conservative pundits; Dr. King initiated the first successful national affirmative action campaign (Operation Breadbasket) as the chair of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Campus Progress is part of a coalition helping to stop attacks on affirmative action across the country, and would love to come to your campus to clear up the misconceptions that allow these attacks to succeed, and talk about why affirmative action policies are still extremely important to the creation of a diverse and equal society.

EQUALITY TALKS: USING EVERYDAY CONVERSATIONS AND TEACHABLE MOMENTS TO ADVANCE LGBT EQUALITY

Facilitator: Candace Gingrich

Location: Chumash

Talking about queer equality is the most effective way to educate others. Equality Talks offers an in-depth, practical look at how to communicate issues of civil rights and our lives to others — at school, at work, at home. Participants discuss strategies, practice having often difficult conversations and gain the knowledge to confidently advocate for queer equality.

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RUNNING AS AN OPENLY LGBT CANDIDATE

Facilitator: Martin Garcia

Location: Flying A Room

Is running for a political office possibly in your future? Have you ever wanted to be a campaign staffer? Just want to sit and listen to me speak? Well, if you answered yes to any of these then this workshop is for you!

I FIND THAT PROBLEMATIC! AKA INTRO TO QUEER THEORY

Facilitator: Matthew Palm

Location: Goleta Valley

Not every campus provides classes on Queer Theory and many students who go to campuses with the courses offered don't have time in a busy schedule to take such courses. This crash course in radical ideas will introduce the precursors, origins and early thinkers in an academic field set to define itself out of existence. Students will leave with a detailed list of recommended books, films and lectures.

NON-MONOGAMY AND POLYAMORY

Facilitator: Jennie Beeson

Location: GSA Lounge

Ready to talk about your experiences or explorations with non-monogamous and polyamorous sex and relationships? This will be an open space for folks to discuss the topics that they feel important about the non-monogamy and polyamory experience and community. Come to this space to process your frustrations and celebrations on this part of queer lovin'.

10:15-11:15 AM Workshop/Caucus Session 6

HIJRAS IN SOUTH ASIA

Facilitator: Hassan Naveed

Location: SB Mission

In South Asian culture, a hijra is considered a member of the third gender. This classification is said to have no exact match in the Western taxonomy of gender. The presentation will discuss the social, political, religious and cultural role this group has in South Asian culture. Additionally, there will be a discussion on institutional discrimination as well as the recent efforts to organize the community to become involved in the political process in India. Their political uprising in India has stirred major debate and really brought the question of equality in the world's largest democracy.

DEFINING AN ALLY

Facilitator: Aaron White, Nicole Hardin

Location: Goleta Valley Room

A workshop for discovering what it means to be an ally, why allies are important to the LGBT community and how to be a better ally. This program is open to allies and members of the LGBT community seeking allies or information on allies.

COULD YOU SPEAK UP PLEASE? BREAKING THE SILENCE ABOUT SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Facilitator: Janelle Mungo

Location: Lobero Room

Sexual violence in the queer community is a common yet silenced issue. We'd like to explore to what extent this violence occurs and why it is not talked about. As well as try to create proactive steps we can implement in our communities to speak out and prevent sexual violence.

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BUDGET CUTS: WHY WE STILL MATTER

Facilitator: Alison Tanner

Location: Chumash Room

Proposed budget cuts across the UC campuses will cause LGBT centers and resources to be cut or crippled. Join us in a round table discussion about a unified effort to show the UC Regents that LGBT issues are of great importance to UC students and that our programs still matter! We will address the issues of specific campuses and how to maintain high visibility during the budget crisis. We will also share tools for organizing student movements UC wide.

POST-GRADUATION TRANSITION 101

Facilitator: Nina Garcia

Location: MCC Meeting Room

This workshop is dedicated to all graduating students and/or their loved ones. Its goal is to provide assistance and suggestions on how to prepare oneself to the "REAL WORLD." Basic preparation will be covered as well as tips on how to find queer-friendly jobs, neighborhood and friends in a typically heterosexual community after college.

ACTIVISM AND SCHOOL AND SOCIAL LIFE, OH MY! SELF-CARE FOR LGBT AND QUEER STUDENTS

Facilitator: Jami Grosser

Location: MCC Lounge

Being a student, an activist, and a student leader can add up and cause a lot of stress. LGBT and queer college students face additional and unique challenges finding balance and avoiding burnout. Come join the conversation about how we care for ourselves and find and maintain balance as queer people juggling activism, school, family, work and a social life.

OUT AT WORK? TIPS FOR LGBTQ CAREER PLANNING

Facilitator: Michael Rogers

Location: SB Harbor Room

Interactive workshop exploring how sexual orientation and gender identity/expression impact our career decisions. Get tips on finding queer-friendly workplaces and applying for jobs at every level of outness.

S+M 101 (18+)

Facilitator: Widow Centauri

Location: Flying A Room

This workshop is an introduction to sadomasochism, more experienced players are welcome to attend. Bondage, Discipline, Dominance, Submission, and Sadomasochism (BDSM) is an alternative way of showing love. In a world where pain is often thought to be pleasurable it is important to know the basics of how to create pleasure in a painful way. The passions that develop through tapping into emotions such as fear, trust, degradation, humiliation, lust, pain, and the denial of pleasure cannot be duplicated in any other sector of our society without violating principles of decorum. This workshop is graphic and not appropriate for anyone under the age of 18.

PLANNING A PROGRESSIVE EVENT

Facilitator: Campus Progress

Location: GSA Lounge

Are you organizing large, amazing events, only to find out that you have added tons of recyclable garbage to the landfill, gave out t-shirts made in sweatshops, and released enough

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carbon into the atmosphere to make sea levels rise another three feet? Let us help you make sure your events on progressive issues are organized in a progressive and sustainable way.

MAKE LOVE NOT WAR

Facilitator: Aaron Belkin

Location: State Street Room

"Don't ask, don't tell" may be one of the most odious laws on the federal book. That said, Professor Cynthia Enloe has argued brilliantly that in opposing the policy, gay rights groups have unwittingly reinforced the militarization of the culture, a phenomenon which may be even more dangerous than the military's gay ban. Is Enloe correct? And if so, what are the ethical implications of using militarist arguments to combat anti-gay discrimination?

EXPANDING OUR HORIZONS FROM COLLEGE TO THE GHETTO: CREATING AND SUSTAINING QPOC SPACES

Facilitator: Mark Yanez

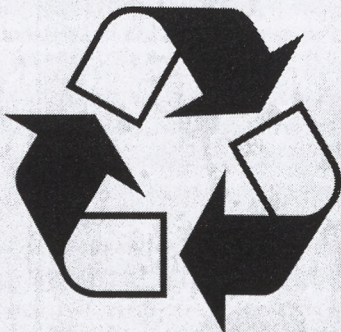
Location: A.S. Main Office

We will be discussing issues related to Queer People of Color in marginalized, low-income, and urban communities. A discussion about using the resources and atmosphere of a college campus to create spaces and then learning how to take them back to any sort of community outside of the college environment. We will use the method of small discussion, brainstorming, and interactive group participation to convey our goals.

11:30-12:30PM Closing Ceremonies
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