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LGBT RESOURCE CENTER NEWSLETTER

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TOP STORY

Mine, Yours and Ours in Politics

Tuesday, November 27, 2007, 5-7pm
at the LGBT Resource Center

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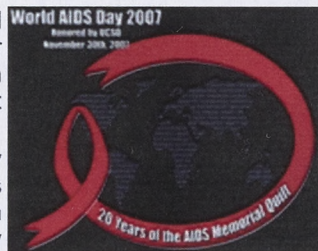
The LGBT Resource Center will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday break beginning Thursday the 22nd through Sunday the 26th. Enjoy your time off and we hope to see you when we re-open on Monday!

LGBTRC Announcements

World AIDS Day 2007

UC San Diego will honor World AIDS Day on Friday, November 30th, 2007. For full information about the days events, got <http://lgbt.ucsd.edu/aids>.

We again honor World AIDS Day one day earlier than most, as December 1st is a Saturday when most of our community is away from campus. Please plan to spend time on that day at the AIDS Memorial Quilt, which will be on display at the Price Center Ballroom, as well as other activities.



The Power of Language

Tuesday, December 4th at 5PM

FAG! DYKE! QUEER! Have you heard these words recently? When is it appropriate and inappropriate to use them? Have you used these words to describe yourself? What are their origins and meanings? If these questions resonate with you, come join me, Brianna Marquez, as I explore the power of language within the LGBT community. I intend to examine the origins of such words as faggot and dyke and how their connotations have changed throughout time. I also aim to



Our Eye On...

Ariel Smith

Hi Everybody!
My name is Ariel and I am the Speaker's Bureau Intern here at the LGBT Resource Center.



Besides spending as much time at the Resource Center as possible, I'm a transfer student and philosophy major finishing up my second and last year here at UCSD. My philosophical interests lie in queer theory, gender theory, ethics and ancient philosophy, especially Aristotle. I have found a home away from home and at the Resource Center and could not be happier working anywhere else. My position at the Resource Center affords me the opportunity to raise awareness regarding LGBT issues, allowing people to take their first steps toward

take a critical look at how these words can or should be used in our everyday lives. Come with an open mind! Of course food will be provided! If you have any questions feel free to email me at bmmarque@ucsd.edu. Thanks!

The Road to Resiliency

This Winter quarter, Rina Schul (a psychologist at Psychological and Counseling Services) will offer an experiential workshop where participants will learn how to tap into their natural resiliency, cope with the stresses of life and emerge from them stronger than before. To sign up and for more information, contact Rina directly at rschul@ucsd.edu



Volunteer Opportunities at the LGBTRC!

Want to volunteer for the LGBT community but not sure how? Stop by the Resource Center's volunteering table and sign up! A sign-up sheet and a list of upcoming volunteer opportunities as at the table next to the media center, (the cabinet with all the videos and DVDs)!

Organizations

Women's Group

7:00pm

Wednesday, November 28

LGBT Resource Center Conference Room

If you are interested in attending Women's Group, meetings will resume on Wednesday, November 28. Please join us!

Women's Group is an opportunity to discuss issues, problems, and life in an informal and comfortable atmosphere. We meet in a respected space, so all information and identities are kept confidential. If you are woman-identified and also identify as bisexual, lesbian, queer, or are questioning your sexual orientation, stop by Women's Group to meet other like-minded women and gain support from your peers.

For questions, please contact Jan Estrellado (jeestrellado@ucsd.edu).

"Wear to Care"

November 30th from 11am to 3 pm at Warren Mall

Warren College Student Council will be hosting this event to commemorate World AIDS Day. We're going have tables on Warren Mall from 11 to 3 pm where students can decorate World's AIDS Day themed t-shirts and learn about the disease.

Campus Community Centers

Continue the Legacy!

CUDLI 2.0, Tues-Thurs.

Winter Qtr. 3:30-4:50pm

The campus community centers are accepting applications for a new 10-week social justice institute. The Chancellor's



tolerance and acceptance through understanding. I owe everything I am to my parents and I hope to see a world in which every child has parents as loving and accepting. I also try to use my odd sense of humor to brighten the community members' days. That said, I am here to raise awareness and chew bubble gum. My friends, I am all out of bubble gum.

Friday Night Movie

No Movie this Friday!

Since campus will be closed for the holiday weekend, there will not be a movie this week. See you next week!

In Our Library



Stitching a Revolution by Cleve Jones

From the frontlines of one of the greatest human struggles of our time comes this powerful and moving tale. Both an important cultural history of the AIDS crisis and an intimate personal memoir, *Stitching a Revolution* is the story of a man who, besieged by discrimination, death, and despair, found the courage and strength of spirit to conceive and create a unique healing vision - the AIDS Memorial Quilt.

Q-Quote of the Week

"Like the effects of industrial pollution ... the AIDS crisis is evidence of a world in which nothing important is regional, local, limited; in which everything that can circulate does, and every problem is, or is destined to become, worldwide."

- Susan Sontag

Weekly Statistics

Spring 2006 Week # 7

Undergraduate Diversity Learning Initiative is an experiential gathering of learners framed by a commitment to personal growth regarding issues of social justice.

Applications and information are available at <http://community.ucsd.edu> and are due by 5:00 p.m. December 7. Hard copies of applications are also available at the Women's Center, Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Resource Center and Cross Cultural Center. For questions email: diversity-institute@ucsd.edu

Gender Buffet

Every Friday at the Women's Center! 12pm - 1:30pm

Everyone is welcome! We'll provide the space, the host, and the FREE FOOD. You just have to be interested in discussing gender and sexuality as they relate to everyday life on and off campus. Join us and bring a friend.

The Women's Center is located at the Student Center West, Building 290 (across from the Main Gym).

Outside the Box

Every Thursday from 4:30-6pm at the Cross-Cultural Center

Outside the Box is an open dialogue and safe space for people of multiracial/multiethnic and other non-dominant identities to share personal experiences and to be heard. Open to students, faculty and staff.

For more information, contact Cat Thompson, Ph.D., UCSD Psychological and Counseling Services, at (858) 534-3987 or cathompson@ucsd.edu

Students	181
Staff	13
Faculty	0
Alumni	7
Guest	4
Total visitors	205

Opportunities

Women of Color Caucus Scholarships

The Women of Color Caucus of the National Women's Studies Association (NWSA) is proud to announce the availability of the 2008 NWSA Women of Color Caucus Sponsored and Co-Sponsored Student Essay Awards.

For Questions about the Essay Awards contact Pat Washington at PatWashingtonPhD@aol.com. Phone: (619) 582-5383.



For more information on any of the above, please contact the LGBT Resource Center at (858) 822-3493 or rainbow@ucsd.edu. This is a regular compilation of news, tidbits, and information from the UCSD LGBT Resource Center to keep everyone in the know. It will be published weekly. If you have things to submit, please forward them by Friday at 5pm to rainbow@ucsd.edu and type "Rainbow Newsletter" in the subject line. They should be UCSD & LGBT focused! Newsletters are archived at <http://lgbt.ucsd.edu/newsletter>. Problems with the listserv? Did you get this multiple times? Please let us know.

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Still Reading...

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Transgender
day of
Rememberance

Learning Stations



Transgender Day of Remembrance

“Throughout the day, the conference room will be reserved as a reverent space for reflection, learning, and discussion regarding the ongoing violence that affects our transgender community.”

Wall of Reflection

“Be empowered to use this wall to reflect on and share any emotions and feelings you have experienced during today’s events or an event in your life.”

- Many things can be taken from me, but I must live for what I feel... my pride is what they cannot steal.
- I often long for a gender identity that would not generate as much fear, confusion, anxiety, sadness and depression that mine has in me. In the end, I would not make such a trade. All that I have suffered has made me that much greater. I am proud to be a transsexual, not ashamed.
- It just amazes me so much that these things are still going on today. Innocent people being murdered for simply being different, for being themselves. It scares me. It just scares me. But I hope things get better and that we all continue to follow in their footsteps, to be brave enough to be ourselves.
- I hate this day because it makes me think about things I want to forget. Like my safety and the possibility that I can be hurt or killed just because I exist. I want to forget that people who have the capacity to do such an inhumane crime against their fellow human being even exist. But for me this is a reality.
- I am made to feel incompetent for not being “manly” enough. It makes me sad to see the things people have to go through because others just won’t accept them for who they are.
- My heart breaks and my eyes swell with tears as I listen to and read the stories of so many in the transgender community. I feel ashamed of the world we live in sometimes. In the end, all I can do is hug a loved one and continue fighting for the loss of rights and freedom from those closest to my heart.
- What a powerful conversation and experience. This day always moves me, scares me, and pushes me to do more, to create change.
- There are so many names in this film that simply say “unknown” and a date. These people shouldn’t be unknown, there should be no more blank faces. We’re working hard to raise awareness, but not hard enough.
- It’s scary how much violence and death exists in “civilized” societies. Sometimes crying is the best therapy, but I don’t want to cry about this anymore.

UCSD LGBT Resource Center at 5 pm

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A Dialogue With Prof. Pat Washington, Ph.D

Pat Washington is a women's studies scholar and activist. A sociologist by training, she uses a gendered lens to examine social stratification in the U.S. and abroad, with an emphasis on social inequalities and efforts to eradicate those inequalities. Her publications to date have focused on the impact of social location (race, sex, class, sexuality, etc.) on the nature and quality of services available to survivors of sexual violence; within-group oppression in communities of color and in mainstream lesbian and gay communities; and resistance/social justice strategies—most notably the utility of community-based service learning in advancing academic scholarship and social activism. She is an award-winning teacher and a prolific scholar, and she has received widespread local, state, and national recognition for service and activism.

For more information please contact us: (858) 822 - 3493 rainbow@ucsd.edu www.lgbt.ucsd.edu

INFORMATION FLYER FOR WORLD AIDS DAY 2007



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30th, 2007

Schedule of Events

Library Walk Events

- Anonymous rapid HIV testing 9:00am- 3:00pm
(look for the mobile unit)
- Explore the "Be the Change" timeline

Price Center Ballroom Events

- Candlelight vigil 7:00am- 9:00am
- AIDS Memorial Quilt Display 7:00am- 4:30pm
- Wall of Remembrance/Photo exhibit
- Visual arts & multimedia presentations
- Interactive self-learning stations
- Living with HIV: Panelists from 10:00am-11:00am
Mother, Child and Adolescent HIV program
- Teen Produced Film and Panel: 3:00pm-4:00pm
"It's Your Life, Live It Safe"
A Native American Perspective on HIV/AIDS
- Cross-Cultural Center : 10:00am- 2:00pm
Make your own quilt
- UCSD Libraries: World AIDS Day displays
And Bibliography

For more info on the event: <http://lgbt.ucsd.edu/aids>

**On November 30th, 2007 UCSD will honor
World AIDS Day.**

Please wear this red ribbon as a symbol of solidarity...

... to strengthen and continue awareness and education efforts

... to support ongoing efforts for effective treatments and cures

... to honor those who have passed away and those who have lost friends, family members, and loved ones to AIDS

... to give hope to those currently living with HIV/AIDS for a prosperous and healthy future

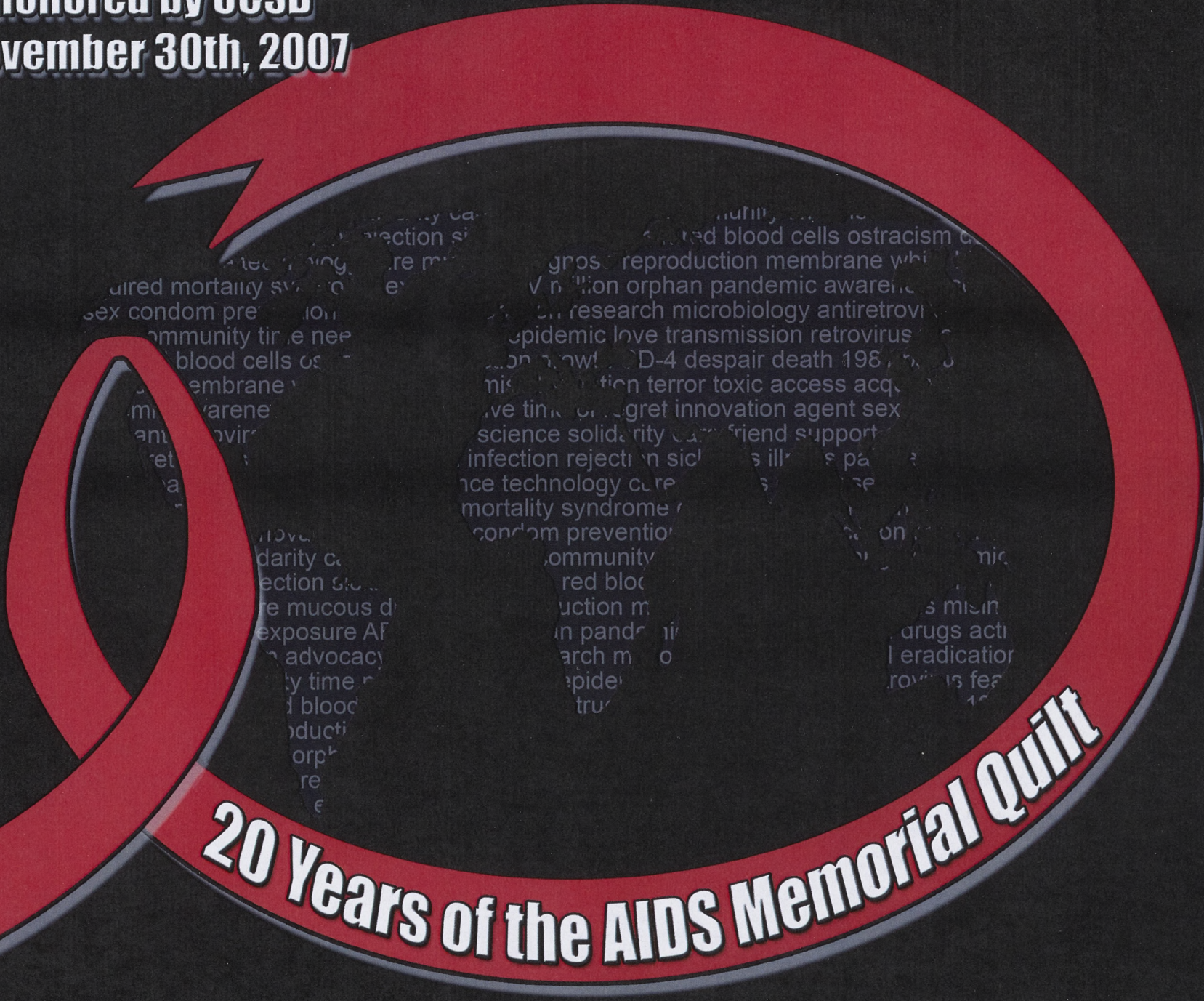


NOVEMBER 30, 2007 PRICE CENTER BALLROOM

World AIDS Day 2007

Honored by UCSD

November 30th, 2007

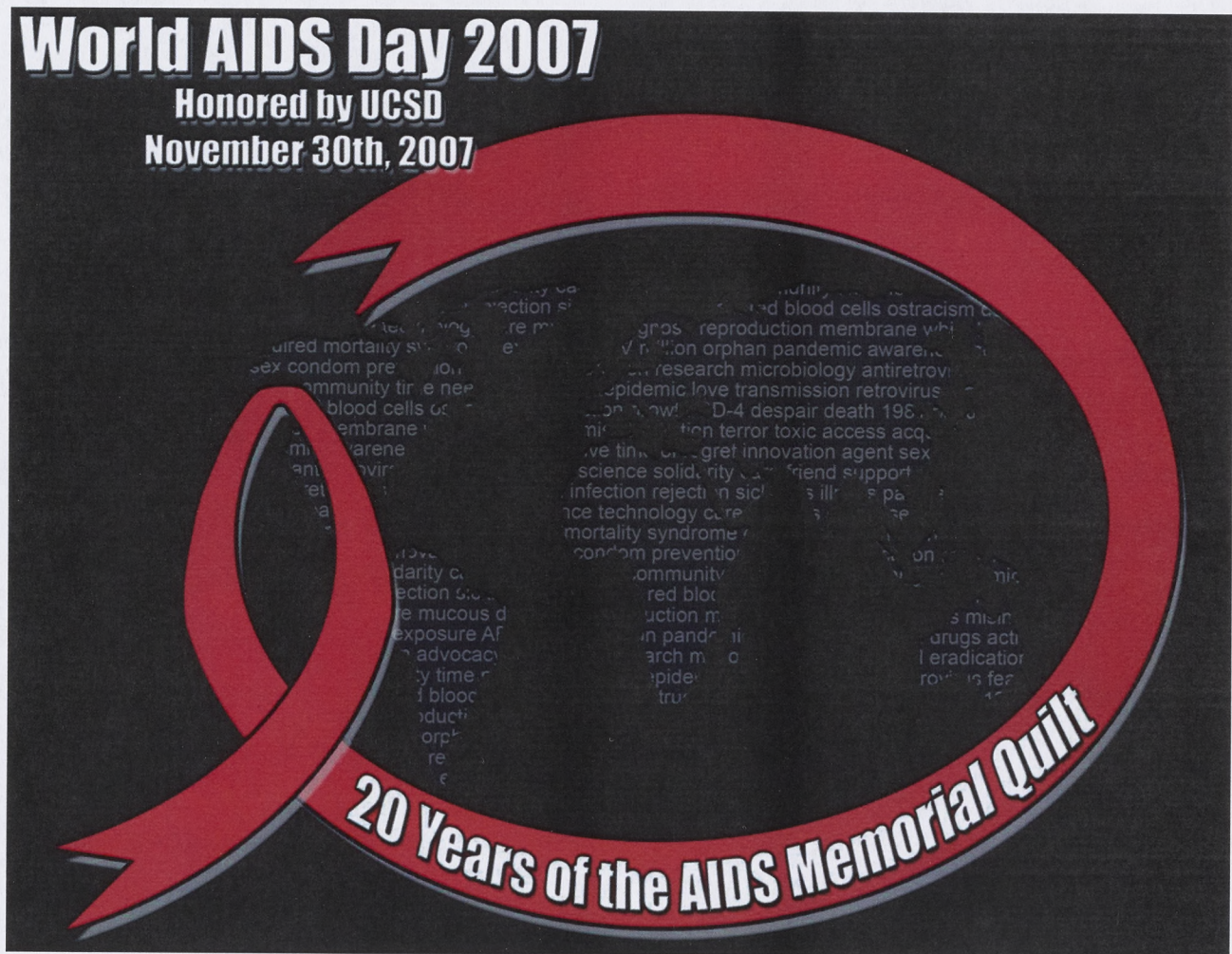


20 Years of the AIDS Memorial Quilt

"It's Your Life, Live It Safe"

Film Screening at UC San Diego

"It's Your Life, Live It Safe" is a Teen Producers Project designed to educate and inform people about HIV/AIDS in the Native American community. San Diego teens aged 13-18 researched, produced, and edited this short documentary about HIV/AIDS in the Native American community, and will share their experiences regarding the process. The 12 minute film "It's Your Life, Live It Safe" will be presented in association with the *San Diego American Indian Health Center* and the *Media Arts Center San Diego*, will be screened at the **UC San Diego Price Center Ballroom, Friday November 30th at 3 p.m.**, to be immediately followed by a discussion with the youth involved.



On Friday, November 30th 2007, the University of California, San Diego will recognize World AIDS Day with a public viewing of portions of the AIDS Memorial Quilt. The Quilt will be on display at the Price Center Ballroom on the UCSD campus from 7 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. For a map and directions to the Price Center Ballroom, please visit <http://maps.ucsd.edu>. The event is free and open to the public.



HIV & AIDS: new items at the UCSD Libraries

UCSD Celebrates World AIDS Day

The age of AIDS (videorecording). William Cran, Renata Simone, Greg Barker, et al. Boston: WGBH Educational Foundation producer, 2006. **FVL call #: FVLV 6342-2 v. 1 & 2**

AIDS : science and society. Hung Fan, Ross F. Conner and Luis P. Villarreal. Sudbury, Mass.: Jones and Bartlett Publishers, 2007. **BML call #: WC 503 F199a 2007**

AIDS : the biological basis. Benjamin S. Weeks and I. Edward Alcamo. Sudbury, Mass.: Jones and Bartlett Publishers, 2006. **BML & MCL call #: WC 503 W395a 2006**

AIDS in America. Susan S. Hunter. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2006.
SSH call #: RA643.86 .H86 2006

AIDS in the twenty-first century : disease and globalization. Tony Barnett and Alan Whiteside. Basingstoke England; New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2006. **SSH & MCL call #: (SSHL) RA643.8 .B37 2006; (MCL) WC 503.41 B261a 2006**

The AIDS pandemic in Latin America. Shawn C. Smallman. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2007. **SSH call #: RA643.86.L29 S634 2007**

The blood of Yingzhou District (videorecording). Thomas Lennon, Ruby Yang and Cinema Guild. Thomas Lennon Films, 2007. **FVL call #: FVL DV 4760-1**

Drugs into bodies : global AIDS treatment activism. Raymond A. Smith and Patricia D. Siplon. Westport, Conn.: Praeger, 2006. **SSH call #: RA643.8 .S65 2006**

Eating spring rice : the cultural politics of AIDS in Southwest China. Sandra Teresa Hyde. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2007. **IR/PS call #: RA643.86.C62 H93 2007**

Education and HIV/AIDS prevention : evidence from a randomized evaluation in Western Kenya. Esther Duflo and World Bank. Washington, D.C.: World Bank, Development Economics, Office of the Senior Vice President and Chief Economist, 2006. **IR/PS call #: HB1 .P66 v.4024**

Fingernails across the chalkboard : poetry and prose on HIV/AIDS from the black diaspora. Randall Horton, M. L. Hunter and Becky W. Thompson. Chicago: Third World Press, 2007.
SSH call #: PS509.A43F56 2007

HIV and the pathogenesis of AIDS. Jay A. Levy. Washington, D.C.: ASM Press, 2007.
MCL & BML call #: WC 503.3 L668h 2007

The HIV pandemic : local and global implications. Eduard J. Beck and Lynn-Marie Holland. Oxford ; New York: Oxford University Press, 2006. *BML call #: WC 503.6 H67587 2006*

HIV/AIDS : the impact on poverty and inequality. Gonzalo Salinas, Markus Haacker and International Monetary Fund. Washington, D.C.: International Monetary Fund, African Dept., 2006. *IR/PS call #: HG3810 .I44 v.2006, no. 126*

HIV/AIDS and social capital in a cross-section of countries. Antonio C. David and World Bank. Washington, D.C.: World Bank, African Region, AIDS Campaign Team for Africa, 2007. *IR/PS call #: HB1 .P66 v.4263; online at <http://go.worldbank.org/QTC7PLWL20>*

Not in my family: AIDS in the African-American community. Gil L. Robertson. Chicago: Agate, 2006. *SSH call #: RA643.83 .N68 2006*

The politics of AIDS in Africa. Amy S. Patterson. Boulder, Colorado: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2006. *SSH call #: RA643.86.A35 P378 2006*

Psychiatric aspects of HIV/AIDS. Francisco Fernandez and Pedro Ruiz. Philadelphia, PA: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 2006. *BML call #: WC 503.7 P972 2006*

Reauthorizing the Ryan White CARE Act : how to improve the program to ensure access to care : hearing before the Subcommittee on Health of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, House of Representatives, One Hundred Ninth Congress, second session, April 27, 2006. Washington: U.S. G.P.O., 2006. *SSH, U.S. Gov. Documents call #: Y 4.C 73/8:109-88; also available online at <http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS73608>*

Recent advances in HIV infection research. María Paz Bermúdez and Gualberto Buena-Casal. New York: Nova Biomedical Books, 2006. *MCL call #: WC 503 R295 2006*

Robert Blanchon. Robert Blanchon, Tania Duvergne, Amy Sadao and Visual AIDS. New York: Visual AIDS, 2006. *AAL call #: N6537.B557A4 2006*

The scar of visibility: medical performances and contemporary art. Petra Kuppers. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2007. *AAL call #: N6494.B63 K87 2007*

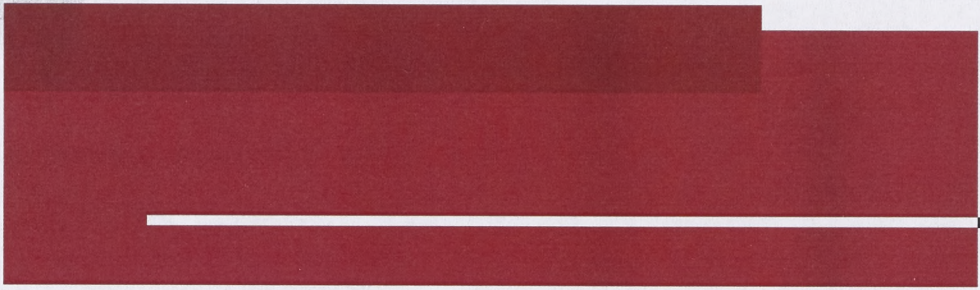
Serious adverse events: an uncensored history of AIDS. Celia Farber. Hoboken, N.J.: Melville House Pub., 2006. *SSH call #: RA643.8 .F37 2006*

Singing for life : HIV/AIDS and music in Uganda. Gregory F. Barz. New York; London: Routledge, 2006. *MUS call #: Book: ML3920.B25 2006; Music CD: MUD 85087*

Urban action networks : HIV/AIDS and community organizing in New York City. Howard Lune. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield, 2007. *SSH call #: RA643.84.N7 L86 2007*

Without condoms : unprotected sex, gay men & barebacking. Michael Shernoff. New York; London: Routledge, 2006. *SSH call #: HQ76.S48 2006; 613.9/522*

*AAL=Art and Architecture Library; BML=Biomedical Library; FVL= Music, Film & Video Library;
IR/PS= International Relations/ Pacific Studies Library; MCL=Medical Center Library;
MUS= Music, Film & Video Library; SSH=Social Science and Humanities Library.*



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Friday
November
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World AIDS Day

"Does HIV Look Like Me?"

LGBTRC Art Gallery

Fall 2007

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Nina was born in 1983 as the youngest daughter in a military family. Her premature birth at twenty-eight weeks facilitated the need for a blood transfusion six weeks thereafter. Physicians authorized a transfer from the civilian birth hospital in San Jose, California to an Army hospital in San Francisco. It was at the San Francisco hospital that she became HIV positive. Her twin sister, having stayed longer in San Jose, would remain HIV negative.

Years later, her Transfusion Look Back Case would reshape policies in the military. Her Navy father alleged that the military failed to execute proper notification procedures. The transfusion occurred August 3, 1983, but revelations about her health condition emerged through an accidental pre-operative test on December 3, 1991. She underwent eye surgery the following day and was assumed to be HIV negative.


Nina's parents went to the hospital December 11, 1991 and learned that their daughter faced one of the most-feared illnesses of the decade. At such a young age, they wondered how this could have happened to her? It was this question that the Department of Defense investigation sought to answer. Results of the investigation showed that the military had known of her transfusion-acquired HIV infection since October 1989. "The military knew about my HIV two years before I ever received a diagnosis. A notification that takes two years is certainly not timely as the prevailing rules mandated. As it was, my diagnosis was not a proper notification but pure accident," says Nina.

The pivotal change to the Department of Defense's Blood Look Back program requires a practice of non-closure in the event a recipient cannot be located. Those case files were subject to premature closure before the review, but now are labeled "inactive." A single attempt at notification in January 1990 became her misfortune when the caseworkers never followed up on her Look Back Case. The notifying letter was sent to Hawaii when her family resided near New Orleans. Caseworkers closed her file and she would not have known were it not for the accidental test.

The second piece of military health protocol pertains to the hospital where she had been tested for HIV. Patients fifteen and older receive paperwork for HIV testing at this hospital. According to prevailing hospital memorandum, pediatric patients under fifteen pose negligible risk of contracting HIV. As a result, the paperwork given to these patients does not include anything with regards to an HIV antibody test. Fortunately, even though she was under fifteen, being eight, someone mistakenly issued her the adult packet containing the slip for HIV testing. This pending test was unknown to the surgeon so he operated the next day.

The new memorandum requires a signature indicating consent to be tested and refusal/acceptance of counseling. Nina never signed any such paperwork. Those tested must be at least fifteen years of age or be in a high-risk category according to the new memorandum. Before, age was the only discriminating factor for HIV testing.

Too bad HIV doesn't discriminate; we might have a better grasp on the epidemic.



Kevin grew up in what would be considered by most, the perfect all-American family with the average-sized house, a little brother and two loving parents who wanted their son to succeed. What appeared to be perfect on the outside was not perfect on the inside. Growing up Kevin struggled with depression and the desperation led him to suicide attempts and isolation in and out of school. During this difficult time Kevin involved himself with school activities in hopes that his busy schedule would keep his mind off of the troubles inside.

Kevin graduated from high school and attended Seattle Central Community College where he graduated with an Associate of Arts and Science degree in Deaf Interpreting. Kevin decided to move to Washington, DC to continue his education and work on his bachelor's degree which meant leaving his home and family. His new-found freedom and overwhelming feelings of depression mixed to cause a disastrous outcome. Kevin began to drink heavily to escape his reality. The nights of partying took Kevin down a dangerous path that included blackouts and casual encounters. Kevin's wake up call came when one of the casual encounters tested HIV positive. Kevin responded to the news by taking an HIV test that came back negative . . . this time.

A few weeks later, during a visit with his family, Kevin chose to take one final HIV test. During the trip he received a heartfelt letter from his father. In the letter he acknowledged Kevin's sexual orientation and asked him to be cautious with his encounters. The next day the call came from the clinic that his test results were back. That afternoon Kevin found out he was HIV positive.

Kevin's world came crashing down around him. Thoughts of his family, friends and future ran through his head. His first disclosure was in the parking lot while on the phone, shortly after finding out the news. Kevin broke down when speaking the words "I am HIV positive." At the clinic Kevin spoke with the clinician who calmly explained the disease that he now lived with and Kevin looked up and asked, "When will I die?" Later that evening, with heartfelt emotion he disclosed his status and sexual orientation to his mother. Kevin asked his mother to speak to his father about his status. The experience, though heartbreaking, was liberating for Kevin. It was an opportunity for his parents to see him for who he really was.

After finding out his HIV positive test result, Kevin hit the ground running by doing research in hopes that he could find a way to beat it. He researched for hours even believing that he found "cures" in the Bahamas, India and U.K. Kevin quickly found himself lost and isolated. He returned to his life and to old patterns. Ignoring his problems, burying himself in schoolwork he kept his mind from wondering. His life changed when he met another HIV positive individual. Kevin didn't feel alone and his new friend's knowledge helped him accept his own diagnosis. To Kevin, knowing that he wasn't alone was his motivation and passion for HIV and AIDS education. As his passion grew so did his awareness of his depression. It was not from the pressures of being gay or his family, but his lack of purpose in life.

Kevin, with the support of his family, has found a purpose in life--and with this new beginning has come his passion to change lives.



Josh is in his mid-20s, a college graduate student who was born with severe hemophilia, a recessive-gene trait associated with the X-chromosome that is found almost exclusively in males. Hemophilia, by definition is a disorder in which the blood fails to clot normally because of a deficiency or an abnormality of one of the clotting factors, in his case Factor Eight. While this disease has been around for a long time, the medical technology in the early 1980's was nowhere as safe as it is today. When there was factual knowledge that most of the blood products were contaminated with strands of HIV, the government turned a blind eye to the situation. The factor manufacturers intentionally kept the medicine on the market because it was too expensive to transition it off the market and engineer it so the virus could be eradicated. By 1985 the government intervened by making the drug companies change the way that medicines were engineered. That intervention took place well after Josh, along with thousands of other hemophiliacs, contracted the HIV virus.

Josh was the first grandson after a number of daughters and granddaughters were born into his family. He contracted HIV after sustaining a major brain hemorrhage at the age of one and a half years. It also resulted in severe neurological impairments, developmental handicaps and a host of challenges to overcome. All of these wrongs occurred and he was left with managing two diseases that he did not care for.

Although Josh could not prevent contracting HIV, he nonetheless feels it is important to use his story in prevention education programs like Hope's Voice. In his words, "I found a way to use my adversity as a way to teach others how to stay safe and how they can prevent contracting a disease I had no choice in avoiding. Life has been about taking the adversity in my life and making it a strength to live by. It's been an arduous journey from the beginning, but I wouldn't change it for anything because it has made me the person I am today."



Chelsea was the girl next door. She attended college but didn't live the typical college life. The development of life-long friendships, involvement in sororities and attending parties were not part of Chelsea's college experience. Instead, she attended her classes, worked to pay the bills and played wife to a man who would later bring heartbreak to her life.


Chelsea met the man of her dreams and quickly fell in love. He became her love, life, and world. Soon after meeting, Chelsea moved in with her partner to what she believed would be the perfect life. The comfort of a stable relationship and an HIV negative test result gave her the mindset that unsafe sex was okay in the relationship. It is clear now that she put her life into his hands. As do many relationships, it began to break apart and soon after the relationship ended a close friend revealed to Chelsea that her partner had been unfaithful to her. Chelsea made the difficult decision of moving out and ending the relationship. The years of isolation and playing house had left Chelsea alone and with very few friendships.

In light of the news of the cheating, Chelsea and her partner went to get another HIV test. Assuming nothing, she walked out of the clinic with the test in the back of her mind. Weeks went by and on a summer afternoon Chelsea received the results that would forever change her life. She found out she was HIV positive and six weeks pregnant.

Devastated, alone and sure that her life was over, Chelsea now had to deal with being an HIV positive woman in today's harsh world. The news of both test results was almost too much to bear. After extensive research on perinatal transmission, Chelsea chose to keep her baby. She knew that she could have an HIV negative baby with the proper medication. Chelsea didn't have time to cope with the news and felt the shame immediately. She became an advocate for herself and accessed and received medical and support services.

Today Chelsea is HIV positive mother with a healthy, beautiful HIV negative son. As an advocate in her community and across the nation, she strives to educate youth and is an inspiration to mothers and women.

"Today I share my story with everyone. I'm no longer afraid of the shame and I will wear HIV on my face so you will never have to wear HIV on yours!"



Shelton's story is a little different than most. He met and fell in love with his first partner the second time he ever went to the village in New York City in June 1996. By August of that year they were living "happily ever after." Two years into their relationship his partner tested positive for HIV and in Shelton's young and naive mind, he made the decision to keep having unprotected sex with his partner. That was his ultimate expression of true love.

Three months later he too tested HIV positive and thought that love would conquer all and they could still have "happily ever after" as long as they took care of each other. That worked for four years until Shelton's partner died in his arms after he was removed from the life support machines that were keeping him alive. "Happily ever after" died on June 25, 2003 and he was alone. "Love also died that day for me. It did not conquer AIDS and I was completely lost and confused," says Shelton.

After that experience, life dragged on but with the help of his therapist and some real friends he came to the realization that he had a lot to live for. His journal offered a glimpse at exactly what a person goes through after becoming HIV positive. His journal also detailed how he put his life back together after his partner passed away and how he used that life-altering event to make him stronger.

In May of 2005, Shelton released his book, *The Second Chapter: Acceptance*. "It was the physical representation of my life in a form that I hoped others could learn from. It was also a symbol of my being able to complete a long-term goal. It was six years in the making and I had finally finished it. It also represented my metamorphosis into adulthood. With a newfound strength, I set out to bring my story to the world starting with Baltimore," shares Shelton.

Since the book was released, Shelton has helped people at all different stages of HIV and AIDS. He has discovered that by helping others he has helped himself. Shelton has also just released his second book of poetry entitled, *The Dawn of a New Day*. It chronicles his first year in Baltimore trying to cope with being alone for the first time in his life, dating in a new city, adhering to medication and disclosing his HIV status to sexual partners. SSJ Publishing, Inc., Shelton's own publishing company gives people real life examples of how any obstacle in life can be overcome through acceptance of one's truth and the determination to not just survive--but to live.





As a child, Tim always felt like he was different. He grew up in an upper-class neighborhood in Cleveland and spent a lot of time with his grandmother while his mother worked hard to sustain the family's lifestyle. A family friend sexually molested him for eight years and because of that experience he had a hard time trusting people.

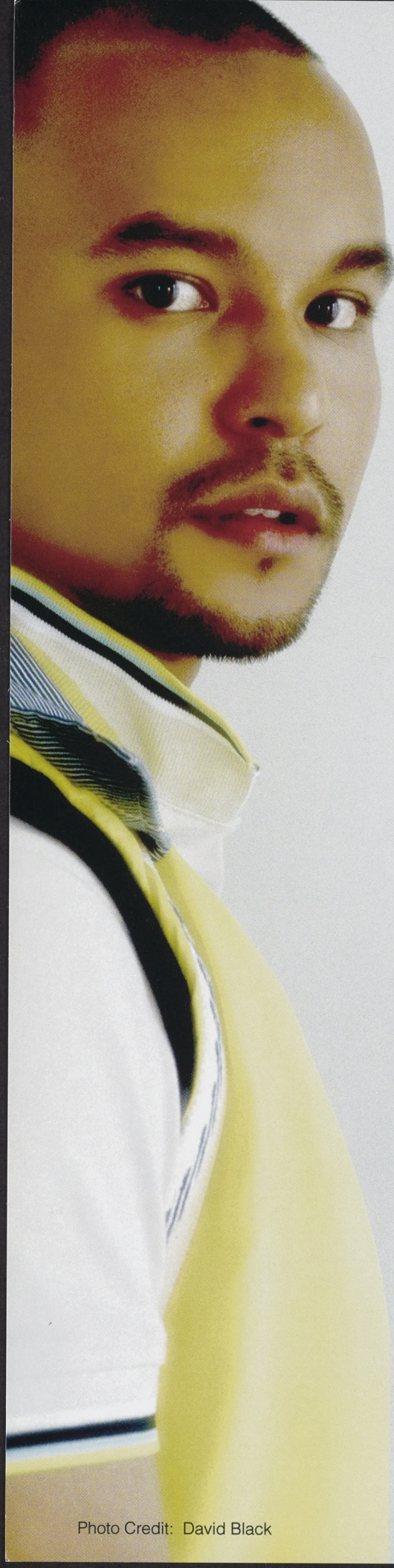
Tim was looking for someone that he could trust and feel comfortable with. He found that with three friends just like him--different. Tim didn't hear the word gay growing up and in his new family he found himself.

Tim found his "one and only" and decided to drop out of high school to pursue the relationship. Several months later his partner disclosed that he was HIV positive. Tim was sure that he couldn't find a better partner and he was also sure he wouldn't get HIV. Unfortunately, not all things last and the relationship turned sour and became emotionally and physically abusive. After leaving, Tim's life continued down a dangerous path that included hustling and sleeping with men of many races who were on the "down low."

Tim's family had an intervention and one of the conditions was that he go back and finish high school. It was time for Tim to turn his life around. Following graduation, he got a leading role in a theatre performance that traveled across the United States and he was enrolled in college. He was sure that his life was finally back on the right track when he got news that would change his life forever.

After months of ignoring unbearable pains in his side, on Tim's 21st birthday he was rushed to the emergency room. A doctor informed him that he had second stage syphilis, hepatitis A, a swollen spleen, kidney damage and HIV. Tim's world came crashing down and it was the love and support of his mother that helped him get through such a difficult time and find the strength to pursue his dreams.

"I had the Superman syndrome and had the mindset that it could not happen to me, but I was sadly mistaken. I have learned to love myself and I want to share the importance of self respect with young people," says Tim. His past and now his future have inspired him to educate youth who are at risk for HIV and AIDS.



David grew up in Riverside, California and moved to Los Angeles in 1996. He attended the University of Southern California and majored in theatre. David has worked in the entertainment industry, bartended and is currently working as a financial analyst for a major corporation.

David found out he was HIV positive in October 2003 at the age of 25 after a routine HIV test. Needless to say, he was floored. He was always the one who practiced "safer sex" and was always cautious about STDs. "How could this be happening to me?" he thought. He was re-tested and the results were the same. It was pure devastation. He figured he must have gotten it through unprotected oral sex, a practice he considered "safe" at the time.

The next eight months were extremely difficult. What did being HIV positive mean in today's world? On one hand there are medications now and people are healthier and stronger. But on the other hand people are still dying from this disease. He didn't know what to believe. Depression, never-ending thoughts of death and illness, regret and anger were now part of his everyday routine. After the support of some great friends, he learned that life goes on . . . the rent still needs to be paid, nieces and nephews still need an uncle who will hug them and play with them and friends still need to be cheered on. Before he knew it, there was joy again and happiness and love. Slowly but surely, these things started to creep back into his life.

Not a day goes by that David doesn't think about HIV in some way or another. And no part of his life was left untouched. Yes, life goes on, but it is a completely 100% without-a-doubt totally different life. "What about dating?" "Will I ever have kids?" "Should people at work know?" "Will my friends accept me?" "How long will the meds work?" These are questions that he still thinks about from time to time. Nonetheless, he is grateful to have the life he has.

David is grateful because he has made his experience with HIV an expression in helping and educating others. He hopes that his message will help many young people by giving a human face to this disease and letting them know that this disease does not have to happen to them. Being both Black and Korean, David has a specific interest in reaching men and women of color who are often times under-represented but now represent the majority of new HIV infections. David feels that it is only through open dialogue about safer sex, HIV and the role that culture plays that people will start to make more informed decisions about protecting their bodies.

In addition to being a speaker at Hope's Voice, in his spare time David also volunteers at AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA) and Project Angel Food. He also hopes that his work will eventually take him to Africa either full or part time, where he wants to work to fight poverty and AIDS.



When Christina was about two and a half years old she became the first infant to be diagnosed as being HIV positive in the Florida Keys. The doctors were not sure whether she was infected perinatally (infected while in the womb) or by being breast-fed. For scientific and medical records they classified her as being perinatally infected. A short time after, when she was three years old, her mother died from a combination of Kaposi's Sarcoma and Pneumocystis pneumonia, opportunistic infections brought on by a weakened immune system caused by AIDS.

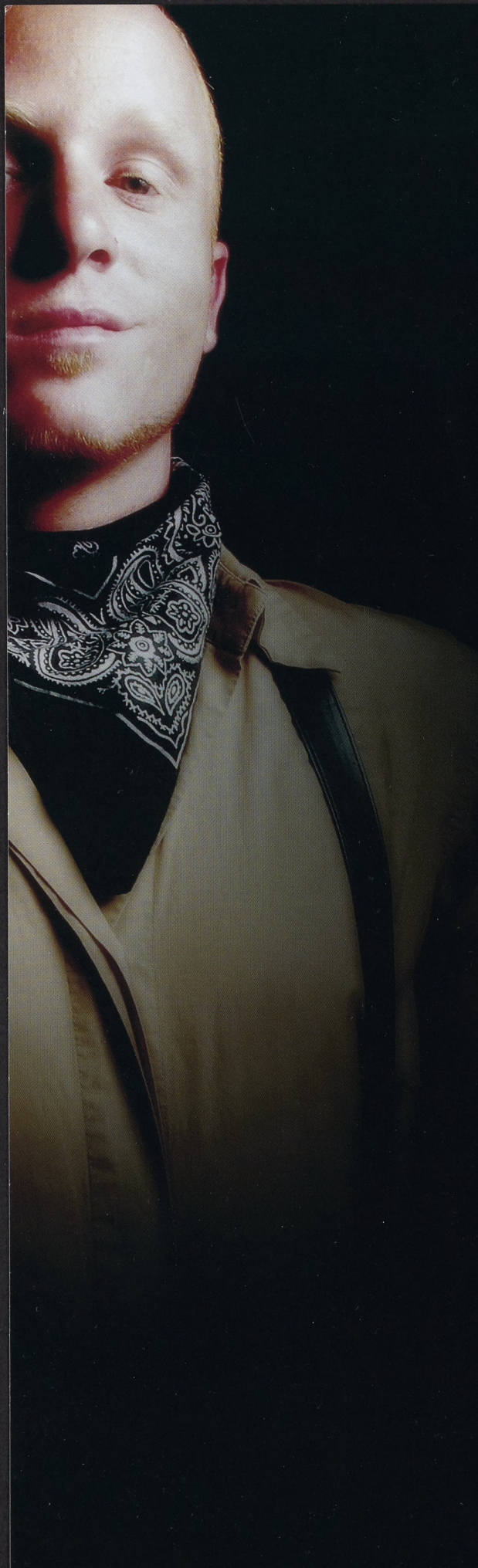
One of Christina's earliest memories of HIV came when she was living in low-income housing with her mother. At the playground her playmates said they couldn't play with her because she had AIDS. As it turned out, her mother had told a "friend" in the complex that Christina tested positive, and it wasn't a rumor, it was true. Christina was chased out of the playground for reasons she didn't understand until much later.

Christina has little memory of her mother but has had plenty of maternal figures come into her life to make up for her absence. There are people who love and care for her, and in that sense she feels truly blessed. She has seen the incredible generosity and kindness of humanity. However, with the yin also comes the yang and she has encountered prejudice as well.

The event on the playground and those that followed is why Christina kept her medical condition a secret for most of her life. She never told anyone without knowing them for at least three months. Even at three months, she sometimes didn't feel the comfort level she needed to confide in someone. However, she has come to realize that this is a story that must be told. This is her story, one that she cannot change, nor one that she should be ashamed of.

For a young woman who was not expected to live to see the age of ten, Christina is living her life to the fullest. Ultimately, through sharing her story, she hopes to help clear away some of the stigma while raising awareness and educating as many people as possible.





Lance grew up in a small-minded town in southern Oklahoma where HIV was not talked about. He lacked access to sex education and used drugs in his teen years, which put him in a high-risk group. He entered college and the drug use and promiscuous sex peaked. Lance did not get tested for HIV until he was on a summer vacation at his parent's house in New Mexico. The day he found out he was positive was the day his world came crashing down. If it wasn't for his family's love and support through that time, he is sure that day would have been his last one alive.

Lance got through those first few months, took a semester off from school and thought he had his life under control. When he went back to Oklahoma to start school the reality of it all set in once more.

In Oklahoma the dollars were present, but Lance felt that the programs were impossible to work with and he was getting sick. He was constantly having to miss classes to set up appointments, having to go to the emergency room if only to learn what was happening in his body and he felt like the plague on campus. At this time he was still heavily using drugs. Lance knew that he was on a major downward spiral.

One day he decided to take a chance. Lance gave up his scholarship, sold everything he had, bought a one-way ticket to Los Angeles and moved with very little in his pocket and two suitcases. He moved into a transitional living home not knowing what to expect. When he got there he was surprised to see that the medical programs in California were like night and day compared to Oklahoma. The second day in Los Angeles he was enrolled in ADAP and had his labs done. He was told that his T-cell count was extremely low but there was help in that area and he was reassured that everything was going to be alright.

A month after moving to Los Angeles, his mother died and his health took another major dive. He was put on meds and soon after cleaned up his act. He was then able to look at life through the eyes of someone who was living. He put his future, his family, and his health first and has built a life that is more than his wildest dreams. He now can say, "I am living on my own, undetectable and I have been sober for over two year. It was a very hard road that I have traveled to get where I am, and I am exactly where I want to be. I have my health and I can look in the mirror and know that, no matter where I am, it is exactly where I am supposed to be."

"I am a survivor."





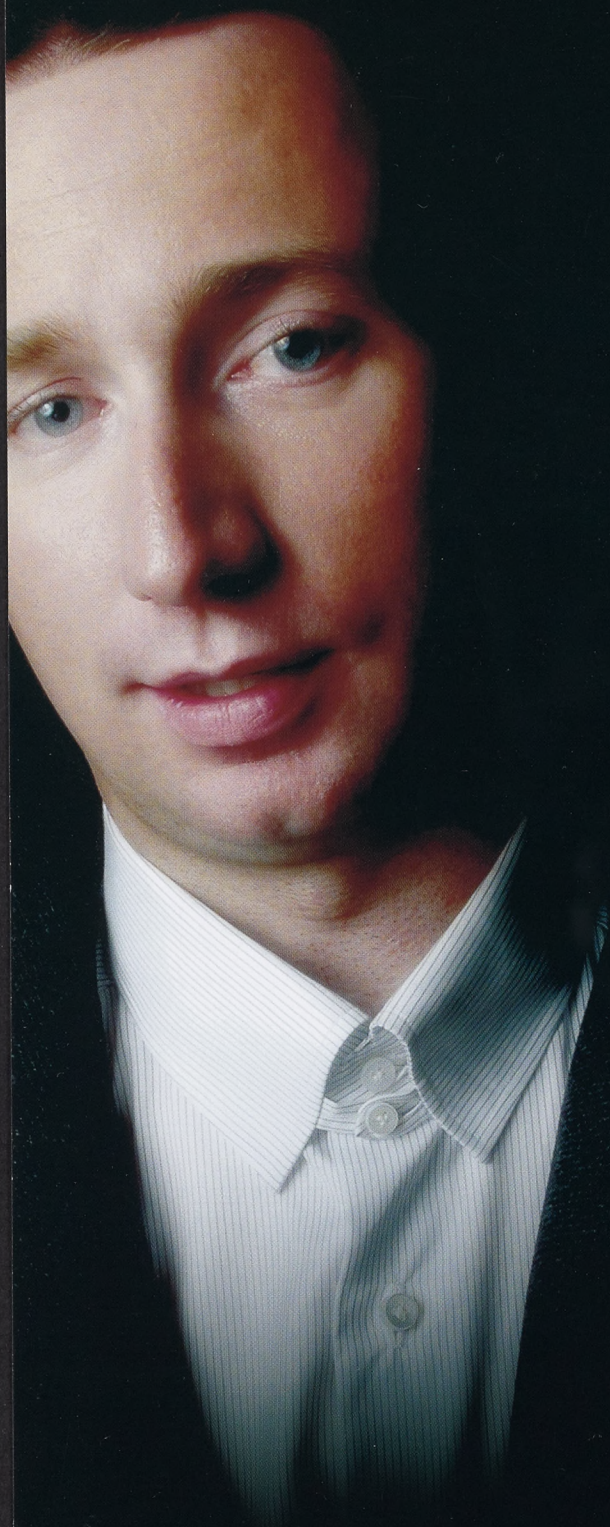
Jeremiah grew up in a dysfunctional home. His mother's constant drinking and fights between his parents left Jeremiah with very few rules to abide by while growing up. The challenges of his home life and his struggles with his sexuality overflowed and as a teenager, Jeremiah started to hang out with the wrong crowd and get into trouble with the law. The trouble included the use and selling of drugs. At the age of 21, Jeremiah was convicted of transporting drugs and was sentenced to spend the next four years of his life in a federal prison.

During Jeremiah's stay in prison he recognized the risks and decided that he needed to protect himself from HIV. After serving his prison term, Jeremiah returned to Colorado to serve the rest of his sentence at a halfway house. A few weeks after being released, Jeremiah reunited with his high school girlfriend and soon after found out he was going to be a father. He felt sure that he was on his way to the American dream. Unfortunately that was far from the case.

Jeremiah's daughter, Julia, came into the world and when she was born he understood for the first time what real love was. His life had come to a crossroad and in order to be honest with himself and his daughter he knew it was time to disclose his sexuality. He was committed to living his life to the fullest and practicing habits that would keep him safe. On a routine visit to the doctor he asked to have an HIV test and that afternoon Jeremiah found out a test result that would change his life forever. He was HIV positive.

Thoughts of Julia not having a father ran through Jeremiah's head. He committed his life to keeping himself healthy and strong. Soon Jeremiah found a doctor and started his routine lab appointments. Jeremiah was determined to be there every step of the way for his daughter. He promised her that he would see her graduate from high school, go to college and get married.

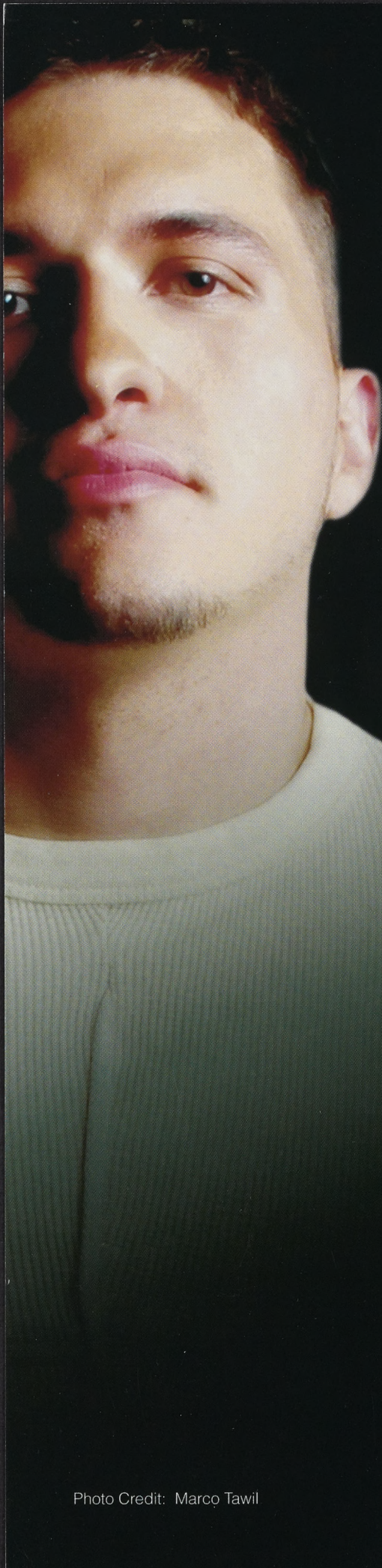
Today Jeremiah is a strong and confident gay man and the father of a beautiful daughter. Each day Jeremiah's experiences with disclosing his status becomes easier. Jeremiah has accepted the fact that those in his life that cannot accept him should not be in his life. His goal is to put a face and voice with HIV and AIDS to show that it does not discriminate. He is proud to know that his actions of speaking up today will help his daughter feel less stigmatized for having an HIV positive daddy tomorrow.



Duane grew up an honors student in a small town in Idaho. Less than two years after graduation he was diagnosed with HIV. This life-changing event caused him to quit his acting and modeling career and struggle with what living with HIV would mean for him. Duane began to see how sharing his story of living with HIV could be useful for other young people to hear. This is how he describes what happened next:

"It was at this point that I realized if I could get HIV, then there was more information that needed to be out there. People, especially youth, needed to be concerned and aware of HIV and AIDS. People need to know the truth and have the myths dispelled. I first started this by sharing my story with students in junior high and high schools, colleges, universities, Job Corps, detention centers, youth programs, and to anyone else who would listen. At first this was survival; I had to make my life valid again. I believe people who are HIV positive need to share their stories so people can realize it can happen to them and how many people are affected by HIV and AIDS."

Today Duane is the founder and Executive Director of Allies Linked for the Prevention of HIV and AIDS in downtown Boise, Idaho. The goal of the organization is to connect the general public to HIV and AIDS services as well as other sexual and reproductive health services. He produced an award-winning video with his family about their experience with HIV that has been approved by the Idaho Department of Education and Idaho STD/AIDS Program. Duane also developed a website, www.imjustmejustlikeyou.com, to provide support and resources to those affected by HIV and AIDS and other sexual health issues.



Todd grew up in a family with strong parents who were loving and supportive. From a very early age Todd knew he was adopted and felt proud to be loved and wanted. It was this knowledge that helped drive him to accomplish what he set his mind to. He was involved in church, school and community organizations, but he always felt “different” from the other kids. When high school started, he didn’t want to hide anymore. He was terrified to tell those close to him but knew he needed to be himself. Suspicions grew at school that he was gay. Taunts turned into daily emotional abuse and by his junior year he signed out of public school.

Angry that he had to give up his education for a lifestyle, he was determined to educate himself. He moved to Los Angeles, then New York City trying to get his life together. He worked in a dental office by day and he educated himself in accounting and economics at night.

In the city that never sleeps, Todd was sure that he had found the man of his dreams but he realized that he didn’t know how to talk to his partner about sex and protection. He wasn’t given the information in high school sex ed and hadn’t taken the time to find it on his own. He stopped using protection out of fear and considered it his ultimate expression of trust.

The relationship ended and Todd was ready to move on. He felt confident that he could find an accounting position, so he sent out resumes to companies across the country. He got a job in Salt Lake City with a contractor during the Winter Olympics. Todd moved into a home with gay men from around the world. They were friends who understood and supported him. On World AIDS Day 2001 his best friend asked him to go and get an HIV test with him. Assuming he would go for emotional support, Todd agreed. He wasn’t planning to get tested himself because he didn’t feel he was at risk, but the nurse persuaded Todd to have an HIV test. Leaving the clinic, he didn’t give the test a second thought.

Two weeks later Todd found out the news that would change his life forever—he was HIV positive. Devastation, confusion, anger, regret and isolation quickly filled Todd’s mind. He spent weeks in bed. He was living uneducated about HIV and AIDS and he was depressed. “I’m not sure what changed. Maybe I was tired of feeling sorry for myself and I certainly didn’t feel or look any different than I had before. Also, I had worked too hard to let this diagnosis stop me from accomplishing my goals. I wasn’t going to tolerate being stigmatized in my life,” said Todd. He got out of bed and started living his life again.

Todd read that half of new HIV infections were in young people under the age of 25, yet he still felt alone and isolated. He started to share his story of living with HIV with family, friends and strangers and found that his story had a great impact. He knew that peer-to-peer education would not only educate others, but also validate his own life.

Today Todd is the Executive Director and founder of Hope’s Voice. After being diagnosed with HIV at the age of 20, he decided to take an active role in the fight against HIV and AIDS. It was through his own experiences of living with HIV that Hope’s Voice was born. He motivates young adults to get out and make a social change in their community and in the world.

Todd believes that one person can truly make a difference.



November 05-November 11

Week 6

THIS WEEK AT

The

LGBT Resource Center



MON

TUE	10 AM – 1 PM	Thea's Office Hours	Common Room
	12 PM- 1 PM	UC SD LGBT SFA Lunch	Conference Room
WED	11 AM – 12 PM	Cat Thompson's Office Hours	Heritage Room
	9:30 AM –	Professional Staff Meeting	Conference Room
	10:30 AM		
	11:30 AM- 2:30	Sixth College Provost Search	Conference Room
	PM		
	7 PM – 8:30 PM	Men's Group	Heritage Room
THU	12:30 PM – 1:30	Transgender Intersex Alliance	Conference Room
	PM		
	7 PM – 9 PM	Queer People of Color (QPOC) meeting	Conference Room
FRI	10 AM – 12 PM	Thea's Office Hours	Common Room
	5 PM – 7 PM	Friday Night Movie	Conference Room


November 19-November 23
Week 8

THIS WEEK AT
The



LGBT Resource Center

MON	5PM-7PM	Condom-Rose Making Party	Conference Room
	7PM-9PM	LGBTQIA Meeting	Common Room
TUE	8AM-5PM	Transgender Day of Remembrance	Conference Room
	10 AM -1 PM	Thea's Office Hours	Common Room
	6PM	Candlelight March	Hillcrest
	6:30PM-7:30PM	Queer By Nature (QxN)	Common Room
	7PM-8PM	Women's Group	Conference Room
WED	9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Professional Staff Meeting	Conference Room
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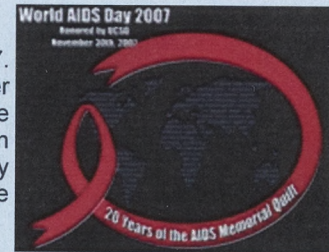
LGBT RESOURCE CENTER NEWSLETTER

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TOP STORY

World AIDS Day 2007 at UC San Diego

UC San Diego will honor World AIDS Day on Friday, November 30th, 2007. We again observe World AIDS Day one day earlier than most, as December 1st is a Saturday when most of our community is away from campus. Please plan to spend time on that day at the AIDS Memorial Quilt, which will be on display at the Price Center Ballroom, as well as other activities. This is a very important opportunity for all to challenge themselves to learn more about the realities of HIV/AIDS. Here is a breakdown of the day's events:



Library Walk Events

- Anonymous rapid HIV testing 9:00am- 3:00pm (look for the mobile unit)
- Explore the "Be the Change" timeline

Price Center Ballroom Events

- Candlelight vigil 7:00am- 9:00am
- AIDS Memorial Quilt Display 7:00am- 4:30pm
- Wall of Remembrance/Photo exhibit
- Visual arts & multimedia presentations
- Interactive self-learning stations
- Living with HIV: Panelists from 10:00am-11:00am
- Mother, Child and Adolescent HIV program
- Teen Produced Film and Panel: 3:00pm-4:00pm
- "It's Your Life, Live It Safe", a Native American Perspective on HIV/AIDS

Cross-Cultural Center

Make your own quilt : 10:00am- 2:00pm

UCSD Libraries

World AIDS Day displays And Bibliography

Visit <http://lgbt.ucsd.edu/aids> for more information about the events tomorrow.

LGBTRC Announcements

The Power of Language

Tuesday, December 4th at 5PM

FAG! DYKE! QUEER! Have you heard these words recently? When is it appropriate and inappropriate to use them? Have you used these words to describe yourself? What are their origins and meanings? If these questions resonate with you, come join me, Brianna Marquez, as I explore the power of language within the LGBT community. I intend to examine the origins of such words as faggot and dyke and how their connotations have changed throughout time. I also aim to take a critical look at how these words can or should be used in our everyday lives. Come with an open mind! It will take place on Tuesday, December 4, 2007 at 5 pm at the LGBT Resource Center Conference Room. Of course food will be provided! If you



Our Eye On...



Juan Vazquez

Howdy everyone! For the past nine weeks I have been continually challenged in learning about our communities within the everyday life of the Resource Center, or the "RC" as some have learned to call it. I'm a second year majoring in

have any questions feel free to email me at bmmarque@ucsd.edu. Thanks!

The Road to Resiliency

This Winter quarter, Rina Schul (a psychologist at Psychological and Counseling Services) will offer an experiential workshop where participants will learn how to tap into their natural resiliency, cope with the stresses of life and emerge from them stronger than before. To sign up and for more information, contact Rina directly at rschul@ucsd.edu



Poetry Jam!

Thursday, December 6, 2007 6-8pm

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Organizations

"Wear to Care"

November 30th from 11am to 3 pm at Warren Mall

Warren College Student Council will be hosting this event to commemorate World AIDS Day. We're going have tables on Warren Mall from 11 to 3 pm where students can decorate Worlds AIDS Day themed t-shirts and learn about the disease.

Women's Group

7:00pm

Wednesdays at the LGBT Resource Center Conference Room

If you are interested in attending Women's Group, meetings have now resumed.

Women's Group is an opportunity to discuss issues, problems, and life in an informal and comfortable atmosphere. We meet in a respected space, so all information and identities are kept confidential. If you are woman-identified and also identify as bisexual, lesbian, queer, or are questioning your sexual orientation, stop by Women's Group to meet other like-minded women and gain support from your peers.

For questions, please contact Jan Estrellado (jeestrellado@ucsd.edu).

Campus Community Centers

Continue the Legacy!

CUDLI 2.0, Tues-Thurs.

Winter Qtr. 3:30-4:50pm

The campus community centers are accepting applications for a new 10-week



Literature: Cultural Studies. I was born in Mexico, but raised in the Antelope Valley- brownie points for you if you know where that is. My first year I spent a lot of time at the RC studying, getting distracted, napping, talking, learning. I love this space. I now spend at least 10 hours a week here, whether sitting at the front desk or working on the Newsletter (sometimes both!). Being an intern is an exciting opportunity to really learn about the complexities and dynamics that make up our LGBT community. Please don't be afraid to say hello some time!

Friday Night Movie

Tomorrow Friday at 5 PM

Come by the Resource Center this Friday to see what Mike, our Library and Collections Intern, will be showing that night!

In Our Library



The Gender Politics of HIV/AIDS in Women Edited by Nancy Goldstein

Women now account for the majority of all new HIV/AIDS cases diagnosed in the United States. Yet, the resources allotted to women for research, health services, education, and outreach remain woefully inadequate. The Gender Politics of HIV/AIDS in Women fills crucial gaps in understanding the specific effects of HIV and AIDS on women's lives. The first comprehensive, interdisciplinary volume on this topic, The Gender Politics of HIV/AIDS in Women emphasizes marginalized populations such as the homeless, sexworkers, youth, the elderly, intravenous drug users, transgendered people, lesbians, bisexuals, incarcerated women, and victims of sexual abuse and domestic violence. Ideal both for course use and practical application in the medical and helping professions, and offering an unprecedented breadth and depth, this book is indispensable

social justice institute. The Chancellor's Undergraduate Diversity Learning Initiative is an experiential gathering of learners framed by a commitment to personal growth regarding issues of social justice.

Applications and information are available at <http://community.ucsd.edu> and are due by 5:00 p.m. December 7. Hard copies of applications are also available at the Women's Center, Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Resource Center and Cross Cultural Center. For questions email: diversity-institute@ucsd.edu

Outside the Box

Every Thursday from 4:30-6pm at the Cross-Cultural Center

Outside the Box is an open dialogue and safe space for people of multiracial/multiethnic and other non-dominant identities to share personal experiences and to be heard. Open to students, faculty and staff.

For more information, contact Cat Thompson, Ph.D., UCSD Psychological and Counseling Services, at (858) 534-3987 or cathompson@ucsd.edu

Campus Community Centers to be OPEN 24 Hours!

Sunday, December 9-Wednesday, December 12, 2007

That's right folks, for your study pleasure the Campus Community Centers have combined forces to provide a space for students to study 24/7 in preparation for finals. On each night starting Sunday, December 9th through the morning of Wednesday, December 12th, 2007 one of the community centers will be open around the clock. There will be study space, free food, study group rooms, and plenty of coffee!

The schedule is as follows:

- Sunday night / Monday morning go to the LGBT Resource Center.
- Monday night / Tuesday morning go to the Cross-Cultural Center.
- Tuesday night / Wednesday morning go to the Women's Center.

reading for all those interested in the study of HIV in women.

Q-Quote of the Week

"Why should society feel responsible only for the education of children, and not for the education of all adults of every age?"

-Erich Fromm

Weekly Statistics

Spring 2006 Week #8

Students	148
Staff	7
Faculty	2
Alumni	0
Guest	9
Total visitors	166

Opportunities

Make a Difference, Vote!

One of the most powerfully effective ways of making your voice heard and being an agent of much needed global change is your Vote! Both State and National elections are quickly approaching, and the future of a great number of issues and concerns are at stake. We'd like to take some time to encourage you to get educated on the issues being dealt by politicians seeking office, as well as issues some may be overlooking. Many factors may impact how you vote, so be sure to look into different sources of information to avoid biased information! Shape your own opinion, register to vote, and make an impact!

Visit www.sdvote.com to learn more about upcoming elections and what you need to do to contribute!

Women of Color Caucus Scholarships

The Women of Color Caucus of the National Women's Studies Association (NWSA) is proud to announce the availability of the 2008 NWSA Women of Color Caucus Sponsored and Co-Sponsored Student Essay Awards.

For Questions about the Essay Awards contact



Pat Washington at
PatWashingtonPhD@aol.com. Phone: (619) 582-5383.

UCSD Visual Arts Dept. Visiting Artist Lecture Series presents Jack Water and Peter Cramer

**Thurs, Nov 29th, 7pm, Free
Pepper Canyon Hall, Room 122**

New York based performance and film artists Jack Waters and Peter Cramer will be visiting UCSD this week. Jack and Peter will be discussing their extensive 25-year collaboration. Political activism, community art and public intervention, queer politics, technology and mediated experience, audience interactivity, critical pedagogy and performative academics are all facets of their reflexive critical practice. Don't miss this rare opportunity! For more information contact Peter Harkawik at pharkawik@ucsd.edu.

Ricardo Bracho: Mexican Psychotic

**TODAY Thursday, November 29, 2007 3:00 p.m.
Cross-Cultural Center Lecture Hall**

Chicano playwright Ricardo Bracho discusses his recent work, "Mexican Psychotic," and presents a showing of the projected text of the play that depicts the life of artist Martin Ramirez, a Mexican who immigrated to the United States in the early 1900s and subsequently spent 30 years in a psychotic ward of a Northern California mental hospital. Diagnosed as paranoid schizophrenic and psychotic, Ramirez passed the time producing a collection of pen and pencil drawings of intense detail and stunning beauty.

For more information on any of the above, please contact the LGBT Resource Center at (858) 822-3493 or rainbow@ucsd.edu. This is a regular compilation of news, tidbits, and information from the UCSD LGBT Resource Center to keep everyone in the know. It will be published weekly. If you have things to submit, please forward them by Friday at 5pm to rainbow@ucsd.edu and type "Rainbow Newsletter" in the subject line. They should be UCSD & LGBT focused! Newsletters are archived at <http://lgbt.ucsd.edu/newsletter>. Problems with the listserv? Did you get this multiple times? Please let us know.

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Still Reading...

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The POWER of Language

FAG



DYKE



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An exploration of how language has affected the LGBT community.

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FREE FOOD!

when: Tuesday, December 4, 2007 @ 5 pm

where: LGBT Resource Center Conference Room

THURSDAY DECEMBER 6, 2007

TIME: 6:00PM

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Location: LGBT Resource Center

Contact: rainbow@ucsd.edu

HISTORICAL BROUHAHA

You are invited...

To help put together a historical timeline of the LGBT community at UCSD. The giant historical collection will be out and you can decide what gets to be in our beautiful timeline. You will also be able to add what you see in store for the resource center.

FREE SNACKS!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

2:30-3:30PM

LGBT CONFERENCE ROOM


PAJAMA PARTY

Come dressed in your best sleepwear
for an evening of fun!



Campus Community Centers Retreat
January 11th @ Cross-Cultural Center
5pm-12am Interns
5pm-7pm Staff





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TOP STORY



The Road to Resiliency

This Winter quarter, Rina Schul (a psychologist at Psychological and Counseling Services) will offer a special opportunity for UCSD's LGBT student communities. The Road to Resiliency is an experiential workshop where participants will learn how to tap into their natural resiliency, cope with the stresses of life and emerge from them stronger than before. To sign up and for more information, contact Rina directly at rschul@ucsd.edu

Join CUDLI Today! <http://community.ucsd.edu/cudli.asp>

LGBTRC Announcements

Winter Q Camp

Wednesday, January 9
5:00pm-7:00pm

LGBT Resource Center

Please join us for the first Winter version of Q Camp! Q Camp is our orientation to the UCSD Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender community for students who want to find out how to be involved and to get connected. If you are new to UCSD and/or new to the LGBT community, Winter Q Camp 2008 is for you! Refreshments will be provided. Please contact Jan Estrellado (jeestrellado@ucsd.edu) for more information.



Campus Community Centers to be OPEN 24 Hours!

That's right folks, for your study pleasure the Campus Community Centers have combined forces to provide a space for students to study 24/7 in preparation for finals. On each night starting Sunday, December 9th through the morning of Wednesday, December 12th, 2007 one of the community centers will be open around the clock. There will be study space, free food, study group rooms, and plenty of coffee!

The schedule is as follows:

- Sunday night / Monday morning go to the LGBT Resource Center.
- Monday night / Tuesday morning go to the Cross-Cultural Center.
- Tuesday night / Wednesday morning go to the Women's Center.

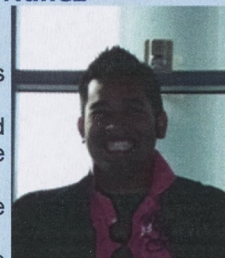
Volunteer Opportunities at the LGBT RC

From Teresa, our Resource and Events Planning intern...The LGBT Resource Center is in the process of starting a volunteer program and we need your input! If you are interested in volunteering at the LGBT Resource Center, please take a few minutes to complete this

Our Eye On...

Anthony Nuñez

Hi everyone!
My name is Anthony Nuñez and I'm the Assistant to the Director here at the



LGBT Resource Center. My journey to get here today has been long and hard, but simultaneously joyful. As the Anti-Racism intern in 2006 and 2007 I learned a lot about my strengths as well as my weaknesses. I was also able to experience first hand the various ways in which racism (along with all the other isms that run rampant in U.S. society) affect not only individuals in the LGBT community, but the community as a whole.

Now as the Assistant to the Director I take all of those lessons and attempt to use them in ways that allow me to serve the LGBT community here at UCSD. The past few months have been invigorating and I am looking forward to the next quarter to tackle new adventures and challenges!

short survey. In order to build the foundation for a successful volunteer program, we need to know what kinds of volunteer opportunities you are interested in. Your response is greatly appreciated!

Click [here](#) to take the survey!

For any other questions, please email Teresa, at ttrout@ucsd.edu ! Thank you for your time and we look forward to working with some of you as volunteers!

Did you study abroad?

Let us know! Are you part of the LGBT community? Let us know, we want to hear about your experiences! E-mail Jan at jeestrellado@ucsd.edu

Organizations

SPACES Internships

The Student Promoted Access Center for Education and Service is now accepting applications for the 20 available positions for the new center in the Price Center Expansion. Applicants should submit a printed copy of their resume and a cover letter indicating which position they are interested in applying for and why they are interested in working with SPACES. Applications will be due Friday, January 11th (Week 1 of Winter Quarter). For a listing of each of the internship descriptions or for more information, e-mail spaces@ucsd.edu

Campus Community Centers

Grad Student Coffee Breaks

Hey grads! Please join me next Monday and Tuesday at our campus community centers for a well-deserved break! Bring your friends!

Grad Student Coffee Break @
the Women's Center: Monday 12/10, 1pm-2:30pm
the LGBT Resource Center Tuesday 12/11, 1pm-2:30pm

Take a break from grading and writing papers and have some fun!
Free coffee and snacks!

Thea Quiray Tagle
Graduate Community Coordinator
grad-community@ucsd.edu

Opportunities

Research Study

One of our own UCSD Alumni, Josh K., is working with Dr. Joanne Cacciatore of Arizona State University in conducting a research study on the experiences of gay or lesbian parents whom have lost a child through death. The purpose of this study is to develop compassionate care intervention models.

If you would like to share your experience, or know someone who may be able to share their, please contact Joanne Cacciatore, PhD at 602-543-6659 or email Joanne.Cacciatore@asu.edu.

Friday Night Movie



Def Poetry Jam 5 PM in the Conference Room

Def Poetry Jam is video a series that showcases poetry slams and performances by well known actors and musicians. Join us this Friday to relax and be inspired by the words of a diverse and powerful group of performers!

In Our Library



Does HIV Look Like Me?

Last week, World AIDS Day allowed us an opportunity to learn more about HIV/AIDS. Continuing with this learning, we'd like to share this DVD that follows a campaign that highlights the many different faces affected by HIV/AIDS. The campaign aims to end misconception, stigma and inequality faced by many youth across the world living with HIV and AIDS.

Our Video/DVD Media Library is located next to our book collections. You may view a video on the TV located inside our Heritage Room; or you also have the option of checking out a video for one night.

Q-Quote of the Week

"Many persons have a wrong idea of what constitutes true happiness. It is not attained through self-gratification but through fidelity to a worthy purpose."

-Helen Keller

Weekly Statistics

Spring 2006 Week

Students	176
Staff	11

LGBTIQQ Youth Survey Entries Needed

Are you between the ages of 13 and 21 and identify with the queer community? Do you use LGBTIQQ-oriented forums, chatrooms, mailing lists, blog rings, networking / dating sites, or other LGBTIQQ-oriented online communities for youth, including Facebook and MySpace?

Help to provide information about the needs of LGBTIQQ youth of the technological generation by taking the following quick, anonymous and secure survey:

Click here, and forward to all your LGBTIQQ-identified friends!

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=cqB_2bsqIvVpwBnIQf_2bUzT4A_3d_3d)

[sm=cqB_2bsqIvVpwBnIQf_2bUzT4A_3d_3d](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=cqB_2bsqIvVpwBnIQf_2bUzT4A_3d_3d)

San Diego Foundation Scholarships

The San Diego Foundation is the largest non university grantor of scholarships for local students in San Diego and presently has over \$2,000,000 in scholarship funds available.

Applications for the funds are being accepted now! Visit www.sdfoundation.org and click on scholarships.

Faculty	4
Alumni	4
Guest	3
Total visitors	198

For more information on any of the above, please contact the LGBT Resource Center at (858) 822-3493 or rainbow@ucsd.edu. This is a regular compilation of news, tidbits, and information from the UCSD LGBT Resource Center to keep everyone in the know. It will be published weekly. If you have things to submit, please forward them by Friday at 5pm to rainbow@ucsd.edu and type "Rainbow Newsletter" in the subject line. They should be UCSD & LGBT focused! Newsletters are archived at <http://lgbt.ucsd.edu/newsletter>. Problems with the listserv? Did you get this multiple times? Please let us know.

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Still Reading...

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November 26-November 30

Week 9

THIS WEEK AT

The

LGBT Resource Center



MON	7PM-9PM	LGBTQIA Meeting	Common Room
TUE	5PM-7PM	Mine, Yours and Ours in Politics	Conference Room
	6:30PM-7:30PM	Queer By Nature (QxN)	Common Room
	7PM-8PM	Women's Group	Conference Room
WED	9:30AM – 10:30AM	Professional Staff Meeting	Conference Room
	1PM-2PM	Final World AIDS Day Meeting	Conference Room
	5PM-8PM	Speaker's Bureau Facilitator Training	Conference Room
	7PM – 8:30PM	Men's Group	Conference Room
THU	12:30PM- 1:30PM	Transgender, Intersex Alliance	Heritage Room
	5PM-7PM	Queer Womyn's Collective	Heritage Room
	7PM-9PM	Queer People Of Color	Common Room
FRI	8AM-4:30PM	World AIDS Day	Price Center

December 3-December 7

Week 10

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The

LGBT Resource Center



MON	7PM-9PM	LGBTQIA Meeting	Common Room
TUE	8AM-9AM	LGBT RC Staff Meeting	Conference Room
	11AM-12:30	Seminar	Conference Room
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