

**“Homosexuality and Public Life”
Conference Briefing (1997)**

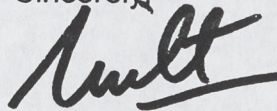
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Re: Background Information for Reception and Conference "Homosexuality and
Public Life"

Attached is background material for both the reception on Tuesday, November 11 and
the conference on Wednesday, November 12. Full profiles are included for all of the
conference panelists and moderators. Brief biographical sketches are included for the
reception invitees who are expected to attend. Please contact me if you have any
questions.

Sincerely,



Milton J. Phegley
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cc: Vice Chancellor Designate James Langley
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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO
HOMOSEXUALITY AND PUBLIC LIFE CONFERENCE

Wednesday, November 12, 1997

8:30 am - Welcome and Introductions

Chancellor Robert Dynes
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9:00 am - Military Panel

Moderator: Bridget Wilson, Attorney

Panelists:

- 1) Keith Meinhold, retired Navy
- 2) Allan Be'rube', Author, "Coming Out Under Fire"

10:15 am - Break

10:30 am - Politics Panel

Moderator: Prof. Harry Hirsch, Chair, UCSD Political Science Department

Panelists:

- 1) Christine Kehoe, San Diego City Council
- 2) Sheila James Kuehl, CA State Assembly, 41st District

12:00 noon - Lunch Break Begins (90 minutes)

Public food venues in Price Center

12:05 pm - Film: VINTAGE: Families of Value (72 minutes)

Assistant Professor Thomas Allen Harris, UCSD Visual Arts Department

Information Tables (Various Campus and Community Groups)

12:30 pm - Brown Bag Lunch: "AIDS Activism: Past, Present & Future"

Location - UCSD Women's Center

Assistant Professor Steven Epstein, UCSD Sociology Department

1:30 pm - Family Panel

Moderator: Rafael Hernandez, Dean, Thurgood Marshall College

Panelists:

- 1) Melinda Paras, Community Organizer and Former Executive Director NGLTF
- 2) Leslea Newman, Author, "Heather has Two Mommies"

2:45 pm - Break

3:00 pm - Community Panel

Moderator: Karen Marshall, Exec. Director, SD Lesbian & Gay Men's Comm. Center

Panelists:

- 1) Elias Farejaje-Jones, Queer Activist
- 2) Tony Valenzuela, Community Activist

4:15 pm - Break

4:30 pm - Keynote Address

Kerry Lobel, Executive Director, NGLTF

5:30 pm - Conference Ends

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"Military" Panel

Moderator

BRIDGET J. WILSON

Bridget J. Wilson is an attorney and partner in the San Diego firm of Rosenstein, Wilson & Dean. She graduated from Creighton University and the University of San Diego School of Law. Her legal practice includes personal injury, general civil litigation, military law and Social Security disability.

She is a frequent speaker and author on the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy and has written on that topic in the Clark Boardman Callaghan legal practice manual "Sexual Orientation and the Law." She has successfully represented and advised numerous clients in military cases, at administrative proceedings and courts-martial and before discharge and review corrections boards.

She is the co-president of the Tom Homann Law Association, San Diego's gay and lesbian bar association and is consulting counsel for the Servicemembers Defense Network.

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V. KEITH MEINHOLD

In April 1980, at the age of seventeen, Keith Meinhold enlisted in the U.S. Navy and began an exemplary career. During his years of service, Meinhold rose through the ranks to become, by the Navy's own admission, one of its very best. He was respected and praised by his superiors and subordinates alike. By 1992, Petty Officer Meinhold was rated in the top ten percent of all Navy instructors.

Then on May 19, 1992, Meinhold acknowledged his gay status on ABC's "World News Tonight." Immediately after the broadcast, the Navy initiated discharge proceedings on the basis of his sexual orientation status. Meinhold was discharged in August 1992. In October 1992, Meinhold filed a complaint in Federal court for an injunction to return him to active duty in the Navy. In November, the court ordered the Navy to reinstate Meinhold. He was the first openly gay man returned to active duty. In January 1993, the court granted a summary judgment, in favor of Meinhold. The Navy appealed to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. In August 1994, the Ninth Circuit held that the Navy was prohibited from discharging Meinhold. He continued to serve as an openly gay man from his reinstatement in November 1992 to his retirement March 27, 1996.

Meinhold was the first openly gay man to retire from active duty with full military honors. During his tenure after reinstatement, his flight crew was selected the "Most Combat Effective Aircrew in the Pacific Fleet". Meinhold was presented with a Navy Achievement Medal for his service in the Navy.

Since his retirement, Meinhold has traveled the United States on national speaking tours and has raised funds for the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network. Meinhold continues to speak on homosexual issues as well as the military policy that excludes gays and lesbians from military service.

In September 1997, the Ninth Circuit Court additionally ruled that the Navy was responsible for Meinhold's legal fees of \$420,000. District Court Judge Terrance Hatter indicated that the military's policy of excluding gays and lesbians had no reasonable basis in fact or law.

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ALLAN BE'RUBE'

Allan Bérubé is the author of the 1990 award-winning book "Coming Out Under Fire: The History of Gay Men and Women in World War II", and is one of the leading contemporary historians in the United States. His book earned critical acclaim in reviews ranging from the mainstream press (The New York Times, Washington Post, New Yorker), to academic journals, and the gay and lesbian press.

Bérubé attended the University of Chicago and worked with the American Friends Service Committee before moving to San Francisco in 1974 and four years participating in the formation of the San Francisco Lesbian and Gay History Project. An independent community based historian since 1979, he has created and produced four documentary presentations on lesbian and gay history, has written numerous articles, and has spoken at over one hundred universities, academic conferences, community groups, and labor union events in the United States and Canada.

Since 1991, he has taught courses on lesbian and gay history at the University of California, Santa Cruz, Stanford University, and Portland State University in Oregon. In 1994, he was awarded the Rockefeller Residency Fellowship in the Humanities by the Center For Lesbian and Gay Studies at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York for his work on a history of the Marine Cooks and Stewards Union from the Depression to the Cold War. The union represented the workers who cooked, cleaned, and served on passenger liners in the Pacific and was known for being an early pioneer of gay rights and one of the most racially integrated unions in the United States. He is currently writing a book on this union's history.

In June 1996, Bérubé was awarded a \$300,000 grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation to support his continuing research and education efforts. The recipients of the so-called "genius" grants are nominated and selected anonymously and are free to use the grant as they desire.

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Moderator

HARRY N. HIRSCH

Harry N. Hirsch is the Chair of the UCSD Political Science Department. As a Professor of Political Science and Pre-Law Advisor, he has primary interests in legal theory and constitutional law as well as gay politics. He is a Ph.D. graduate of Princeton University (1978). He is the author of two books, "The Enigma of Felix Frankfurter" and "A Theory of Liberty: The Constitution and Minorities". He is currently writing on first amendment issues and has recently developed a course on gay and lesbian politics.

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SHEILA JAMES KUEHL

Sheila James Kuehl, presently serving her second term in the California Assembly, is the first woman to be named Speaker pro Tempore of that body. She is also the first openly gay or lesbian person to be elected to the California Legislature. Formerly a pioneering civil rights attorney and law professor, Ms. Kuehl represents the 41st Assembly District in Los Angeles County and serves on the Appropriations, Higher Education, Human Services, Judiciary and Information Technology Committees as well as the Joint Committee on the Arts. She also chairs the State Commission on the Status of Women, the Domestic Violence Program Advisory Committee, and the Select Committee on Entertainment and the Arts.

During her first two-year term in the Assembly, Ms. Kuehl authored twenty-three bills that were signed into law to further protect domestic violence victims and their children, tighten child support enforcement, prohibit discrimination on the basis of gender and sexual orientation in the workplace and in education, increase the rights of crime victims, safeguard the environment, and fund after school programs for at-risk youth. At the invitation of President Clinton, she addressed the 1996 Democratic National Convention on the issue of family violence.

Ms. Kuehl graduated from Harvard Law School in 1978 where she distinguished herself as the second woman in the school's history to win the Moot Court competition.

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CHRISTINE KEHOE

Christine Kehoe was first elected to the San Diego City Council to represent the Third District in November 1993 and re-elected in 1996. She is the first openly gay member of the City Council. Councilmember Kehoe has been active in San Diego politics and community affairs since 1978. She served as one of the early directors of the AIDS Assistance Fund, was the executive director of the Hillcrest Business Association, and co-chaired San Diego Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade from 1989-1992. She also served as staff member to former Councilmember John Hartley. She is a graduate of the State University of New York and has been a San Diego resident since 1977.

Since being in elected office, she has provided key leadership to fight crime and revitalize neighborhoods. In her second year in office, she introduced and won support for domestic partner health coverage benefits for city employees.

Councilmember Kehoe serves as the City's representative to the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), the Small Business Advisory Board, and the League of California Cities. In 1997, she was appointed to the San Diego County elected official representative to the California Coastal Commission.

Kehoe's City Council district includes the neighborhoods of Balboa Park, North and South Park, Golden Hill, Hillcrest, Uptown, Bankers Hill, Normal Heights, Burlingame, City Heights, Lexington Park, Mid-City, Kensington, Talmadge, and University Heights.

Within the last month, she has announced her candidacy as a Democratic challenger for the 49th District Congressional seat presently held by Brian Bilbray (R-Imperial Beach). The 49th District includes many of the communities that she presently represents, as well as Coronado, Imperial Beach, Pacific Beach, Point Loma, La Jolla, Clairemont, Linda Vista, Mission Valley, Ocean and Mission Beaches, University City, and Linda Vista. If elected she would be the first openly lesbian member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

THOMAS ALLEN HARRIS

Thomas Allen Harris is an Assistant Professor in the UCSD Visual Arts Department. His film, "**VINTAGE: Families of Value**" is a feature-length documentary film that explores three African-American families through the eyes of lesbian and gay siblings. Since its world premier at the Toronto International Film Festival, "VINTAGE: Families of Value" has garnered numerous awards including "Best Documentary" at the Atlanta International Film Festival and a Golden Gate Award at the San Francisco International Film Festival.

Harris is a film/video/performance artist and writer who joined the department as a new faculty member in 1994. He graduated from Harvard College in 1984 with a degree in biology and was a Rubinstein Fellow at the Whitney Museum of American Art - Independent Study Program in 1991-92.

Harris began his career producing documentaries and public affairs shows for WNET and WNYC, New York's public television stations. His documentaries "Crises: Who Will Do Science?" and "Urban Education" aired nationally on public television in 1989. In 1990, he was twice nominated for Emmy Awards for his work as a staff producer on the public affairs show "The Eleventh Hour."

Harris' experimental works "Splash" (1991), "Black Body" (1992), "Heaven, Earth & Hell" (1993) and "VINTAGE: Families of Value" have shown in international festivals. Harris is a recipient of numerous awards including the New York Foundation for the Arts, Artist Fellowship, the Jerome Foundation Award, Creative Time Citywide Project, Art Matters award, New York State Council of the Arts' distribution award and the Paul Robeson Fund award. Most recently, he received the National Endowment for the Arts Independent Film and Videomaker Award to complete "VINTAGE: Families of Value."

Harris has just completed production in Brazil, Burkina Faso and Paris for "That's My Face/ E Minha Cara", a mythopoetic film that explores the influence of African belief systems and Western construction of sex and race on contemporary African diasporic identities.

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Brown Bag Lunch

Speaker

STEVEN EPSTEIN

Steven Epstein is an Assistant Professor in the UCSD Sociology Department. He received his B.A. from Harvard College (Social Studies) and his Ph.D. from U.C. Berkeley (Sociology). He spent a year as a postdoctoral fellow in the Science Studies Program at UCSD before joining the Sociology Department faculty.

His 1996 book, "Impure Science: AIDS, Activism, and the Politics of Knowledge" is a study of the politicized production of knowledge in the AIDS epidemic in the United States. This work reflects his interest in the construction of expertise, the democratization of science, and the resolution of medical controversies.

He has also published articles on the sociology of sexuality and gay identity. His areas of interest include social theory (classical and contemporary), sociology of medicine, sociology of science, social movements, sexuality, and lesbian/gay studies.

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Moderator

RAFAEL HERNANDEZ

Rafael Hernandez is the Dean of Student Affairs for Thurgood Marshall College at the University of California, San Diego. As Dean, he is responsible for a variety of nonacademic student development services including coordination of educational and social programs, residential life activities, and other student services and programs.

A native of Michoacan, Mexico, Hernandez received his B.A. from San Jose State University in 1980 and a M.A. for the University of San Francisco in 1985. He has k-12 educational, counseling and administrative credentials and maintains affiliations with the UCSD Teacher Education Program as a Lecturer/Supervisor since 1991. In addition to serving as the college dean, he is also the Director of Public Service Programs for Thurgood Marshall College.

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MELINDA PARAS

Melinda Paras is a Health Policy Coordinator for the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), the largest health care workers union in the United States. She is the past Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), the oldest national advocacy organization for gay and lesbian rights. She left NGLTF in December 1996.

While at NGLTF, Paras worked to build partnerships with local gay and lesbian groups through NGLTF's Cooperating Organizing program and the Creating Change conference. Paras also spearheaded NGLTF's participation in LGBT VOICES '96 at the 1996 Republican National Convention in San Diego.

Before coming to NGLTF in Washington, Paras was a health commissioner for the City and County of San Francisco, chairing the budget committee's oversight of the \$650 million funding of San Francisco General Hospital, Laguna Honda Hospital, city health clinics, and the response effort to the AIDS epidemic. Paras is formerly the Director of Multicultural Affairs and Deputy Director of the Shanti Project, a large AIDS service provider in San Francisco, where she directed efforts to make AIDS services accessible to the poor, injection drug users, women and children, and transgendered people. In addition, she headed the electoral campaign among San Francisco voters to defend the city's pioneer domestic partners legislation.

Paras has a long history in progressive organizing work dating back to her participation in the underground movement against the Marcos government in the Philippines, which caused her arrest and imprisonment under martial law. She helped to found the Union of Democratic Filipinos (KDP), a national progressive organization of Filipinos with 14 chapters across the United States. KDP coordinated community organizing against the Marcos government and against discrimination, working with Filipino students and youth, cannery workers, office workers, and hospital workers. Paras was also a leader of the national movement to overturn the Bakke decision the first major Supreme Court case on affirmative action.

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LESLEA NEWMAN

Lesléa Newman is a Jewish lesbian author, poet, and teacher whose numerous works include "Heather Has Two Mommies", "A Letter to Harvey Milk", "The Femme Mystique", "Out of the Closet and Nothing to Wear", and "Still Life with Buddy: An AIDS Reading". In 1997, she received a Poetry Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts. She has lectured at dozens of colleges and universities including Yale University, Harvard University, Swarthmore College, Smith College, Lewis and Clark College, The University of Judaism, Portland State University and Amherst College.

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"Community" Panel

Moderator

KAREN MARSHALL

Karen Marshall is the Executive Director of the San Diego Lesbian and Gay Men's Community Center. She has worked at The Center for the past ten years, serving as Executive Director for the past four years. She has a Master's Degree in Social Work and is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. In addition to her primary administrative and leadership duties, she is involved in community building with the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and straight communities. She works on a daily basis with the media, law enforcement, community organizations and politicians. Ms. Marshall is a co-chair of the local host committee for the 1997 National Gay and Lesbian Task Force "Creating Change" conference.

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ELIAS FARAJAJE-JONES

Elias Farajaje-Jones is a Spanish-speaking Afrikan Native-American and a self-described anarchist guerrilla theologian / AIDS terrorist / writer / cultural critic / performance artist / ritual technician. A two-spirit / queer-identified bisexual man, his research includes "queers" in traditional cultures. He seeks new understandings of the construction of gender and sexualities. He is the author of "Zion: A Study of the Significance of Afrika for Three Black Religious Movements" and co-editor of "African Creative Expressions of the Divine: African Religions in Diaspora."

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TONY VALENZUELA

Tony Valenzuela is a graduate of the University of California, San Diego. As a student, he was president of the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual (student) Association. After graduation, he was the Administrative Director of the San Diego Lesbian and Gay Men's Community Center. While at the Center, he led efforts to organize the Hillcrest community in response to a rash of hate crimes that included the killing of 17-year-old John Wear. These efforts resulted in the formation of a Hillcrest Citizens Patrol.

In 1995, in a column which he regularly wrote for the San Diego Gay and Lesbian Times, Valenzuela announced his status as HIV-positive. This announcement initiated an important community dialogue around the challenging prevention issues facing young gay men.

Valenzuela was Co-Chair for LGBT VOICES '96 (Voters Organized in Coalition for the Elections), an effort organized around the Republican Convention. VOICES held workshops and demonstrations before, during, and after the Convention in an effort to bring both local and national attention and education to issues which were either ignored or not adequately addressed. This year he is a local host committee co-chair for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force "Creating Change" conference.

In conjunction with the "Creating Change" conference, he is also organizing a "National Sex Panic Summit" designed to bring exposure and discussion to topics of changing sexual ethics in the gay and lesbian communities, especially among people of color. Valenzuela is also currently involved in the production of "Positively Yours," the first gay pornographic film to directly address the issue of an HIV-positive actor.

Keynote Address

KERRY LOBEL

Kerry Lobel currently serves as Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF). Appointed by the NGLTF board of directors in September 1996, she previously served as the organization's deputy director. Ms. Lobel is the former lead organizer of the Women's Project in Little Rock, Arkansas (1985 - 1994). While at the Women's Project, her programmatic work focused on bias violence, women and AIDS, women in prison and domestic violence. She was also responsible for fundraising and financial planning for the organization.

Lobel has served as an organizational consultant to 200 groups around the country to help them clarify purposes and goals and strengthen internal structures. Prior to moving to Arkansas, Ms. Lobel served as executive director of the Southern California Coalition on Battered Women from 1979 to 1984. She was the founding chair of the Commission on the Status of Women in Santa Monica and the chair of the Ocean Park Community Organization.

Ms. Lobel is editor of "Naming the Violence: Speaking Out About Lesbian Battering"; co-author of "Lesbian Teens in Abusive Relationships" in "Dating Violence: Young Women in Danger"; and co-author of "HIV, AIDS, and Reproductive Health: A Peer Trainers Manual" (1992). She has served as chair of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence; is a board member of National Network on Women in Prison; and was a board member of the Ryan White Center, a direct service agency for people with AIDS in Arkansas.

Ms. Lobel attended the University of California, Los Angeles, where she edited the women's newspaper, "Together," and was active in the Women's Resource Center on campus.

**Homosexuality and Public Life
University House Reception
Tuesday, November 11, 1997**

Brief Biographical Sketches for Expected Attendees (other than panelists and moderators)

COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Susan Atkins is the president of the board of directors of the Diversionary Theatre. Supported by private donations, City of San Diego arts and cultural funds, and California Arts Commission grants, the Diversionary produces five to six shows per year (in a total of over 90 performances). The theatre highlights lesbian and gay drama, comedy and musicals. [attendance not confirmed]

James Barker is an assistant professor at San Diego City College where he works with their Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Student Union and directs the Honors and World Cultures Program.

William (Bill) Beck is the owner of Will Copy and Print. He is a former board member of the Greater San Diego Business Association. He has been active in the leadership of several political campaigns and presently serves as the finance chairman for Christine Kehoe's Congressional candidacy.

Benita Berkson is the immediate past president of the San Diego chapter of PFLAG (see next item).

Linda Bessemer is the San Diego chapter president of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). PFLAG provides support services for gays, lesbians, their families, and friends through social events, counseling and discussion groups, and the distribution of informational materials.

Barbara Blake is the executive director of AIDS WALK San Diego. The walk is the largest single fundraising event for AIDS related causes in San Diego County. In the 1997 walk, over 15,000 persons participated with over \$600,000 being raised. [attendance not confirmed]

Chris Boortz is a San Diego board member of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Educators Network (GLSEN). She is a straight elementary school teacher. GLSEN is a national organization which deals with gay and lesbian issues in schools and classrooms through programming, outreach, and advocacy.

Frank Buttino is a former special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. His lawsuit against the FBI established the employment rights of gay and lesbians. In addition to his interests in employment discrimination, he is active in Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) and is a former board member of the Lesbian and Gay Men's Community Center. [attendance not confirmed]

Doug Case is local co-chair of The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD). GLAAD conducts regular media watches to identify and counter negative and homophobic portrayal of gay and lesbians in the media. The group also promotes greater visibility and positive images of lesbians and gays in the mass media, advertising and in radio and television programming. Case is also the coordinator of fraternities and sororities at San Diego State University.

Ben Dillingham III is the chief financial officer of Patient Care, Inc. He holds a master's degree in business from Harvard University and previously served as Mayor Maureen O'Connor's chief of staff. In late 1996, he served as the chair of the AIDS Foundation San Diego in an attempt to prevent the organization's ultimate bankruptcy. Recently, he was named by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors as the chairman of the new AIDS Services Advisory Panel. Also serving on the committee will be Sumiyo Kastelic from the UCSD Medical Center.

Rev. Tony Freeman is the pastor of the San Diego Metropolitan Community Church (MCC). MCC is the largest gay and lesbian Christian church in the world.

Jan Garbosky is a San Diego board member of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Educators Network (GLSEN). She is a testing administrator for the San Diego City Schools. GLSEN is a national organization which deals with gay and lesbian issues in schools and classrooms through programming, outreach, and advocacy.

Robert Grinchuk is chairman of Uptown Planners, the community planning group for the Uptown, Hillcrest and Mission Hills neighborhoods. He is also president of the Hillcrest Association, business improvement and promotional district. He is the co-owner of Bobolink Properties, a real estate ownership and management firm.

John Guinn is the executive director of Karibu, a community outreach facility sponsored and funded by a number of organizations, including San Diego Foundation for Change, AIDS Walk San Diego and Creative Response for the Arts. Karibu provides social support and education, primarily for HIV and AIDS patients of color.

Clarence Holeman is a guest of John Guinn

Ashanti Houston is the student activities coordinator at Thurgood Marshall College. Major funding for the Community panel at the HAPL Conference was provided by the Thurgood Marshall College Hewlett Diversity and Unity Fund.

Jerome Hunter is the President of San Diego City College. City College is presently strengthening and expanding its Honors and World Cultures Program to better address gay and lesbian issues.

Sue Hyde is the staff member from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force responsible for organizing and coordinating the "Creating Change" conference. [attendance not confirmed]

Kelly Lyndon is the San Diego area coordinator for PROGRESS, a non-profit, volunteer-driven organization to provide programs, resources, and support to employees, employers and concerned individuals in workplace issues related to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people. Lyndon is an engineer at Qualcomm. [attendance not confirmed]

Carolyn McFarlane is the executive director of Mama's Kitchen. The group, with a 15-member working board of directors and over 400 volunteers, prepares and delivers meals to over 350 clients, five days each week. Over 185,000 meals will be delivered in 1997. The group recently completed a major fund raising event. [attendance not confirmed]

Cheli Mohammed is the coordinator for the North County Gay and Lesbian Community Center in San Marcos. The North County center is supported by Hillcrest's Lesbian and Gay Men's Community Center in addition to its own support and programming activities.

Nicole Ramirez Murray is a social columnist for the Gay and Lesbian Times. A professional female impersonator, he operates an event management and production business. He is a long-time gay and lesbian community leader and active in many groups and organizations, including the Imperial Court and the Lesbian and Gay Men's Community Center. He is co-chair of the local host committee for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force "Creating Change" conference. [attendance not confirmed]

Reul Olin is the chairman of the board of directors of the San Diego Lesbian and Gay Men's Community Center. He is the former president of the Greater San Diego Business Association. He is the co-owner of Bobolink Properties, a real estate ownership and management firm.

Rick Osborne and JB Bergeron are the operators of David's Place, a non-profit coffee house that supports the local AIDS/HIV community.

Karleen Pendleton-Jimenez is a guest of Cheli Mohammed.

Joe Raguso is the executive director of the San Diego Regional Technology Alliance (RTA). He is a former staff member for Senator Al Gore, in the U.S. Commerce Department and in the UCSD Office of Science and Technology Policy and Projects.

Paula Rosenstein (UCSD 1982; Muir) is the president of the San Diego Democratic Club. The club is a political information and action forum for gay and lesbian Democrats. It is the largest and most active Democratic club in San Diego County. She is an attorney in private practice in San Diego.

Russell Royball is a San Diego resident and a board member of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Richard Sager is the owner of Finest City Properties, a commercial and residential real estate brokerage and management firm. He also owns avocado groves and undeveloped property in San Diego County. He is co-owner of Sager Scott art gallery. He is an alumnus of and major donor to Swarthmore College, where he also supports an annual gay and lesbian education and outreach conference. He holds a master's degree in business from Stanford University.

Ronald Schmidt is a guest of James Barker.

Mandy Schultz is the executive director of San Diego Lesbian and Gay Pride. Pride is the organizer and producer of the annual Lesbian and Gay Pride Rally, Parade and Festival.

Brenda Schumacher is co-chair of the local host committee for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force "Creating Change" Conference.

Edward Seebol is the executive director of Being Alive. At five locations in San Diego County, Being Alive provides a wide range of support and social services to the AIDS/HIV community. Activities include a drop-in center, newsletter, library, consumer services, peer counseling and advocacy, benefits counseling, support groups, emergency respite and relocation services, and a center for women, children and families. [attendance not confirmed]

Maureen Steiner is local co-chair of The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD). GLAAD conducts regular media watches to identify and counter negative and homophobic portrayal of gay and lesbians in the media. The group also promotes greater visibility and positive images of lesbians and gays in the mass media, advertising and in radio and television programming. She is also the chairman of the San Diego County Democratic Party.

Paul Stravinsky is a program assistant at Thurgood Marshall College.

Kevin Tilden is a guest of William Beck.

David Tocki is the San Diego chapter president of the Log Cabin Republican Club, a national organization of gay and lesbian Republicans. [attendance not confirmed]

Ted Weathers is the program chair of the San Diego Democratic Club. The club is a political information and action forum for gay and lesbian Democrats. It is the largest and most active Democratic club in San Diego County. Ted is also a Deputy Public Defender for San Diego County. He serves as an adjunct professor at California Western School of Law and is a Judge Pro Tem of the San Diego Municipal Court.

Jonathan Winters is the co-chair of the statewide University of California Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Association. He is a staff member at UC-Berkeley. His co-chair is Sarah Archibald (UCSD).

ELECTED OFFICIALS AND STAFF

Nick Aguilar (UCSD 1972; Revelle) is a member of the San Diego County Board of Education. An attorney, he is also the UCSD director of student policies and judicial affairs.

Toni Atkins is a Council Representative on the staff of Council Member Christine Kehoe.

Scott Engelman is a staff member for Assemblyman Howard Wayne (D-78th District).

David Johnson is a Council Representative and the press liaison for San Diego City Council Member and Deputy Mayor Barbara Warden (Fifth District). He is a board member of AIDS Walk San Diego and has previously been a media relations staff person for the County of San Diego and a news writer for WGN-TV in Chicago.
[attendance not confirmed]

Jeffery Tom (UCSD 1985; Revelle) is a Council Representative for San Diego City Council Member Christine Kehoe (Third District).

MEDIA

George Biagi is the associate publisher of the Gay and Lesbian Times, one of two local weekly newspapers for the gay and lesbian community. He is formerly a staff member for San Diego City Council Member Christine Kehoe. He is also the chairman of the City's Human Relations Commission. [attendance not confirmed]

Roman Jimenez is the editor of Update.

Michael Portantino is the publisher of the Gay and Lesbian Times and Uptown News.
[attendance not confirmed]

UCSD FRIENDS

Gene Burkard is the founder of International Male, a sports and casual wear clothing company. The company was sold to Hanover House, a major mail order firm, several years ago with company offices remaining in San Diego. In addition to the mail order business, there are three retail stores. Mr. Burkard is a UCSD Planned Giving client. [attendance not confirmed]

Charles (Chuck) Cotton and Bud Metzger are Rancho Bernardo residents and previous contributors to the Marx and Marshall Scholarship. Both are active members of SAGE (Seniors Active in A Gay Environment) and the North County Gay and Lesbian Association.

Michael Marx and Donald Marshall are the founders of the Marx/Marshall Scholarship for Gay and Lesbian Students. They are residents of Blackhorse Farms. Marx is an alumnus of the University of Georgia and Marshall graduated from Columbia University.

David McWhirter and Drew Mattison are both long-time supporters of UCSD, as well as being faculty members of the School of Medicine. Dr. McWhirter is a psychiatrist and Dr. Mattison is a psychologist. They are the authors of numerous journal articles and the co-authors of the pioneering and award-winning book "The Male Couple" examining the structure and dimensions of gay male relationships.

Ted McGinnis and Todd Dempsey are previous contributors to the Marx and Marshall Scholarship.

UCSD CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS / COORDINATORS

Sarah Archibald (UCSD 1981; Revelle) is a research associate in the brain imaging laboratory of the UCSD psychiatry department. She is the former co-chair of the UCSD Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues (CACLGBTI). She presently is the co-chair of the statewide University of California Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Association. For the Homosexuality and Public Life (HAPL) Conference, she is the Family panel coordinator.

Rich Belmontez is the assistant safety officer at the UCSD Medical Center in Hillcrest. He is the current leader of the UCSD Medical Center Diversity Team. He is the former co-chair of CACLGBTI. He is the HAPL Conference coordinator for the Military panel.

Francesco Carusi is an administrative coordinator in UCSD Housing and Dining Services. He is the current co-chair of CACLGBTI.

Paula Doss is the director of equal opportunity and staff affirmative action at UCSD. She is a consultant to CACLGBTI. She is also the HAPL Conference coordinator for the Community panel.

Scott Heath is an undergraduate Visual Arts major. He is the current co-chair of CACLGBTI. He is also the Webmaster for the CACLGBTI web site.

Nancy Loevinger is the executive director of the UCSD Women's Center. She serves as a consultant to CACLGBTI.

Milton Phegley is the UCSD Campus Community Planner and a member of CACLGBTI. He is the HAPL Conference media coordinator and also the opening reception coordinator.

Jenny Pournelle is the Publications Coordinator and Editor for the Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation. She is the former co-chair of CACLGBTI. She is the publicity coordinator for the HAPL Conference.

Edwina Welch is the Director of the UCSD Cross Cultural Center. She serves as a consultant to CACLGBTI.

Jon Welch is the UCSD academic affirmative action coordinator. He is the current co-chair of CACLGBTI. He is also the HAPL Conference logistics coordinator.

John White (UCSD 1983; Warren) is the associate director of facilities and financial analysis for UCSD academic affairs. He is a previous co-chair of CACLGBTI. Most importantly, he is the Conference Coordinator for the "Homosexuality and Public Life" Conference.

Gail Wise is a lecturer in the UCSD Literature Department. She is a member of CACLGBTI and also is the HAPL Conference Politics panel coordinator.