

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS :: NOV. 13-19, 2005

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### LGBT RESOURCE CENTER NEWS

#### **1. Last Chance: SU Campus Climate Survey of the LGBT Community**

Be sure to make your voice heard by participating in the Syracuse University Campus Climate Survey of the LGBT Community. Your participation in this 20-minute online questionnaire will help us better understand the campus culture for LGBT people at SU. We want to know ways that will improve the learning, living, and working environment on campus.

All students, staff, and faculty who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer and are at least 18 years old are invited to voluntarily participate. You can take the survey from any internet-enabled computer by going to <https://web.survey.psu.edu/syracuse>.

For detailed information about the study's purpose and procedures, the known risks and benefits associated with participation, how your confidentiality will be protected, and how you can ask questions, please see <https://web.survey.psu.edu/syracuse>.

This survey is being conducted by Sue Rankin & Associates, national experts on campus climate issues for LGBT persons, in consultation with Adrea Jaehnig and Andrew S. London, co-chair of the University Senate Committee on LGBT Concerns. The survey is set to close on Nov. 15, 2005.

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## **2. Transgender Day of Remembrance**

As part of the Seventh Annual Transgender Day of Remembrance, the Syracuse University Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Resource Center will hold a remembrance ceremony in Hendricks Chapel on Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 6 pm to honor those people murdered due to violence against transgender people. Officiated by the Reverend Kelly Sprinkle, Interdenominational Protestant Campus Minister, the hour-long program will include shared poetry, personal reflections, and a reading of the names of the deceased. The event will conclude with a candlelight procession across the Quad leading to the Schine Student Center, where the blown-out candles will create a memorial representing each transgender person's extinguished life.

The program is co-sponsored by Outrage, Pride Union, Open Doors, Black Communications Society, Students Advancing Sexual Safety and Empowerment (SASSE), the Syracuse University R.A.P.E. Center, Substance Abuse Prevention and Health Enhancement (S.A.P.H.E.) Office, and the Slutzker Center for International Services.

Transgender Day of Remembrance began seven years ago to memorialize those who were killed due to transphobia. The event is held each November to honor Rita Hester, whose murder on Nov. 28, 1998, launched the Remembering Our Dead web project (<http://www.gender.org/remember/index.html>) and a San Francisco candlelight vigil in 1999.

This program is open to students, staff, faculty, and community members. Parking is free and available in the Irving Parking Garage.

The LGBT Resource Center will provide information and resources about transgender issues on Wednesday, November 16 from 11 am–2 pm in the Schine Student Center Atrium. That evening at 8 pm, the LGBT Resource Center, Pride Union, Open Doors, Outrage, and the Slutzker Center for International Services will show "Beautiful Boxer" in Hall of Languages, Room 107. The film chronicles the true story of Thailand's famed transgender kickboxer, Parinya Charoenphol, who fought in brutal Thai kickboxing to support herself and later afford sex-reassignment surgery.

The film is free and open to the public. Parking is available in the Irving Parking Garage.

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## **3. Meeting: Planet Orange**

How can someone be LGBT and also religious? Come and explore issues of faith, spirituality, and sexuality with the Reverend Kelly Sprinkle, Fr. Tim Mulligan, Rabbi Dave Levy, and Dean Tom Wolfe during this week's Planet Orange discussion group. The meeting will take place on Monday, Nov. 14 from 7-9 pm at the LGBT Resource Center.

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#### **4. Café Q**

Café Q returns on Thursday, Nov. 17 at 7 pm for more fun, coffee, and relaxation at the LGBT Resource Center. This will be the last Café Q of November, so be sure to stop in and see your friends before Thanksgiving!

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### **LGBT CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS**

#### **4. Meeting: Open Doors**

On Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 8 pm, Open Doors co-screens "Beautiful Boxer," a film that chronicles the true story of Thailand's famed transgender kickboxer, Parinya Charoenphol, who fought in brutal Thai kickboxing to support herself and later afford sex-reassignment surgery.

The movie will be shown in Hall of Languages, Room 107. All SU/SUNY-ESF graduate students are welcome.

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#### **5. Meeting: Pride Union**

On Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 8 pm, Pride Union co-screens "Beautiful Boxer," a film that chronicles the true story of Thailand's famed transgender kickboxer, Parinya Charoenphol, who fought in brutal Thai kickboxing to support herself and later afford sex-reassignment surgery.

The movie will be shown in Hall of Languages, Room 107. All SU/SUNY-ESF undergraduate students are welcome.

Questions? Contact:

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#### **6. Meeting: Outrage**

On Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 8 pm, Outrage holds its weekly meeting at the LGBT Resource Center. All SU/SUNY-ESF undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and staff members are welcome to attend.

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### **SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY NEWS**

#### **7. Book Launch Party**

On Thursday, Nov. 17 from 5:30-8:30 pm, the Marriage and Family Therapy program celebrates the publication of two books: "Teens Who Hurt: Clinical Interventions to Break the Cycle of Adolescent Violence," co-authored by marriage and family therapy professor Kenneth Hardy and alumna Tracey Laszloffy; and "Nurturing Queer Youth:

Family Therapy Transformed," co-authored by marriage and family therapy professor Linda Stone Fish and doctoral student Rebecca Harvey. The authors will make presentations and answer questions. A light dinner will be served.

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### **8. Help Needed: Single Stall Bathroom Directory**

Help the LGBT Resource Center and Boundaries in Syracuse class establish a Single Stall Bathroom Directory by surveying buildings' bathrooms to ensure a complete assessment. Record your findings by completing the worksheet at the website: <http://assessment.syr.edu/x051014/BoundariesCensus.php>.

Please remember to:

- Sign up for a building by checking out the Bathroom Survey list posted at the LGBT Resource Center, outside the living room.
- Bring a friend of the opposite gender so that he/she can enter bathrooms you cannot.
- Only submit data for single stall bathrooms.
- Submit your findings to the website. After you submit one single stall bathroom you will be given the option to submit another.
- Still go to the website, even if you find that your building does not have any single stall bathrooms. Select the building name and select 0 single stall bathrooms and submit the form so that we know that building has been surveyed.

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### **9. Winter Break New Orleans Trip**

Kelly Sprinkle, Interdenominational Protestant Campus Minister, is planning a service trip to New Orleans from Jan. 7-15. The team will focus on the recovery, clean up, and repair of churches and homes. Conversations will also focus upon environmental racism and poverty.

Participants will be staying at the Good Shepherd United Church of Christ in Metairie, LA, which is less than 10 miles from the heart of New Orleans. All will be sleeping on the church floor and must provide their own sleeping bags. The church does have shower and kitchen facilities, but each person will be responsible for their own meals.

Early cost estimates are about \$600 per person, of which at least \$150 will come out of pocket. The rest (hopefully) will be made up by sponsorship from civic organizations and participants' local congregations. Regularly departments, organizations, and churches more than pay for their own students to go on such trips and some times send extra money so students who don't have resources can participate.

If you wish to participate, please pay a \$150 non-refundable deposit to confirm your space by Tuesday, Nov. 15. If cost is prohibitive, please make arrangements with Kelly.

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## **10. Spring 2006 Course Offerings**

Three courses that may be of interest to LGBTA students include:

WSP/ANT/SOC 400: Global Sexualities

Dr. Lorraine E. Herbst

TTh 12:30-1:50p

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At the turn of the 21st century, it is crucial to think about and explore issues concerning sexualities in global contexts. Global politics and economics, human rights, access to resources that include health and human services, and the crossing and policing of borders intersect with issues of global sexualities, as do religion, race, ethnicity, class, and other aspects of identity and culture. In addition, as people traverse borders and/or gather information and knowledge through new information technologies, identities and identity politics become increasingly complex. This course is primarily, but not entirely, dedicated to exploring LGBTQ issues in global, transnational, and Diaspora contexts. For example, debates abound on a global scale concerning same-sex marriage rights and laws: Spain, Canada, South Africa, and other nation-states. Laws about who can and can't cross borders based on sexual orientation and gender identity and expression are being enacted and contested. There are also millions of people who face the everyday threat and/or consequences of violence and death on the basis of sexuality and gender identity: In the United States, Iran, Tanzania, and elsewhere.

Further, international activism continues to grow by and on behalf of those marginalized in the context of global sexualities. Through an interdisciplinary focus, which includes feminist theory, queer theory, anthropology, sociology, and activism, students will be introduced to a number of intellectual debates, theories, and social justice movements. In cross-cultural and cross-national contexts, hegemonic Western definitions and naming practices for specific behaviors and identities related to sexualities will be challenged. Global and transnational flows of misogyny, homophobia, biphobia, and transphobia will be of interest as well.

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CRS 862: Seminar in Rhetoric: Critical Sexuality Studies

MW 2:15-3:35p

Dr. Bernadette Marie Calafell

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This course takes a critical approach to the study of gender, sexualities, race, ethnicity, and identities. We will explore contemporary issues within queer theory, critical race studies, identity politics, feminism, performance studies, and popular culture. Specifically, we will engage readings by John Sloop (Disciplining Gender: Rhetorics of Sex Identity in Contemporary U.S. Culture), E. Patrick Johnson and Mae G. Henderson (Black Queer Studies: A Critical Anthology), Patricia Hill Collins (Black Sexual Politics), Gloria Anzaldúa, Cherríe Moraga, Eve K. Sedgwick, Yvonne Yarbro Bejarano, Carla Trujillo, Jose Esteban Muñoz, David Bell and Jon Binnie (The Sexual Citizen: Queer Politics and Beyond), Frederick Corey and Thomas Nakayama, Laurent Berlant and Michael Warner, and many others.

Some topics we will explore in the class include, but are not limited to:

Memory and sexualities  
Feminist epistemologies  
Sexual harassment and sexual violence  
Gender trouble in contemporary popular culture  
Chicana and Latina sexualities  
Queer theory  
Quare theory  
Sexual Citizenship  
Performative writing and queerness  
Black sexual politics and the new racism

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SOC 200 & WSP 200: Intergroup Dialogue  
Section 1: Intergroup Dialogue on Race and Ethnicity  
Tuesday & Thursday - 2-3:20 pm  
Section 2: Intergroup Dialogue on Gender  
Monday & Wednesday - 2:15-3:35 pm

Students will learn about, participate in, and critically reflect on intergroup dialogue. Intergroup dialogue is an educational model that brings together students from different social identity groups in a cooperative, small group, learning environment. Intergroup dialogue often involves members of groups with a history of conflict or limited opportunities to engage in deep and meaningful discussion of controversial, challenging, or divisive issues. The goals include understanding social identities, social structures, and inequality; developing intergroup and other communication skills; and planning and enacting collaboration. The course is organized around multi-disciplinary readings (e.g., historical, sociological, psychological, and personal narratives), experiential learning activities, small group projects, weekly writing and summative reflections. Students will analyze and learn about issues facing groups on campus, in higher education, and in broader society. The overall goal is to create a setting for students to engage in open and constructive dialogue concerning issues of intergroup relations, conflict, and community.

For more information and to complete an online form for permission of instructor to register, go to <http://intergroupdialogue.syr.edu>.

### **11. Edible Schoolyard Project**

Mark Stern, a graduate student in the School of Education, is beginning a composting and 'Edible Schoolyard' project at Ed Smith Elementary School. The project will incorporate in-class presentations about composting, gardening, and environmental issues surrounding food and waste, with each class also composting their lunchtime and snacktime excess.

The students will use the composted material in their gardening plot at the Morningside Community Gardens (adjacent to the school) while they till the soil and prepare a garden with seedlings donated from local farms. The motivation for the project includes

developing students' understanding of where food comes from, debunking the myths of waste, and drawing connections to local politics and the environment.

If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Mark. He is looking for people who have experience composting or gardening, or who wish to donate old shovels, hoes, pitch forks, chicken wire or other fencing, gloves, manure, peat moss, gardening books (for a little library in the school's library). Additionally, if you are a carpenter and/or have power tools, he needs help building a large compost bin. Or if you simply want to learn more and have some interest in spending time with young folks outdoors, he would love your support.

Questions? Contact:

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## **REGIONAL NEWS**

### **12. Marriage Training Workshop**

On Saturday, Nov. 19 the Empire State Pride Agenda, Lambda Legal, and NYACLU will hold a workshop to train a corps of Syracuse area activists as lead organizers in a statewide public education campaign to promote equal access to marriage. The training occurs from 10 am-5:30 pm at the Genesee Grand Hotel.

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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Monday, Nov. 14**

Meeting: Planet Orange

7-9 pm

LGBT Resource Center

Sponsored by the LGBT Resource Center

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### **Tuesday, Nov. 15**

Remembrance Ceremony

6-7 pm

Hendricks Chapel

Sponsored by the LGBT Resource Center, Hendricks Chapel, Outrage, Pride Union, Open Doors, Black Communications Society, Students Advancing Sexual Safety and Empowerment (SASSE), the R.A.P.E. Center, and the Slutzker Center for International Students Services

Join Syracuse University in a remembrance ceremony as we honor those who have been killed due to transgender violence and hatred.

## **Wednesday, Nov. 16**

Transgender Information Table

11 am-2 pm

Schine Student Center Atrium

Sponsored by the LGBT Resource Center

The LGBT Resource Center will provide information and resources about transgender issues, and have staff members present to answer community members' questions about how to get involved in ending transphobia.

Film: "Beautiful Boxer"

8-10 pm

Hall of Languages, Room 107

Sponsored by the LGBT Resource Center, Pride Union, Open Doors, Outrage, and the Slutzker Center for International Services

Linking International Education Week and Transgender Day of Remembrance, "Beautiful Boxer" chronicles the true story of Thailand's famed transgender kickboxer, Parinya Charoenphol, who fought in brutal Thai kickboxing to support herself and later afford sex-reassignment surgery.

## **Thursday, Nov. 17**

Café Q

7-10 pm

LGBT Resource Center

Sponsored by the LGBT Resource Center

Join your friends for a fun-filled night of music, quirky lighting, and delicious coffee blends as the LGBT Resource Center morphs into a chill coffeehouse.

## **Sunday, Nov. 20**

National Transgender Day of Remembrance – Observed

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### **TO SUBMIT A NEWS OR CALENDAR ITEM**

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