

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS :: NOV. 6-12, 2005

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LGBT RESOURCE CENTER NEWS

1. SU Campus Climate Survey of the LGBT Community

Only one week left! 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. Meeting: Planet Orange

How do we define ourselves? Does our definition change over time? Does it depend on where we are and who we are with? Come and explore these issues with Adrea Jaehnig and Amit Taneja during this week's Planet Orange discussion group, entitled "Who am I? Defining Yourself." The meeting will take place on Monday, Nov. 7 from 7-9 pm at the LGBT Resource Center.

Questions? Contact:

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3. Cancelled: This Week's Café Q

Café Q is closed this Thursday, Nov. 10. Please attend the free Homecoming/University Lecture Series presentation by Anne Garrels of National Public Radio, who will share her impressions of the Iraq War and her experiences as one of the few female war correspondents in broadcast media. The event takes place in Hendricks Chapel at 7:30 pm.

Café Q will return on Thursday, Nov. 17 at 7:30 pm.

Questions? Contact:

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LGBT CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

4. Meeting: Open Doors

On Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 7:30 pm, Open Doors holds its meeting at the LGBT Resource Center. Please note that meetings alternate weekly between Tuesdays and Wednesdays. All SU/SUNY-ESF graduate students are welcome.

Questions? Contact:

John David Molesky, jdmolesk@syr.edu

5. Meeting: Pride Union

On Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 9 pm, Pride Union holds its weekly meeting at the LGBT Resource Center. All SU/SUNY-ESF undergraduate students are welcome.

Please remember to come to the Pride Union-sponsored Homecoming events. On Friday, Nov. 11, comedian Kathy Griffin does her stand-up routine in Goldstein Auditorium at 8 pm. Tickets are available at the Schine Box Office and cost \$4 with SU I.D., \$10 general admission.

On Sunday, Nov. 13, Pride Union, UEncounter, Perc Place, and the Committee on Women and Art bring Magdalen Hsu-Li to the Panasci Lounge for a free concert at 7 pm.

Questions? Contact:

Jennifer Spinner, spinout39@aol.com

6. Meeting: Outrage

Join Outrage and the LGBT Resource Center on Thursday, Nov. 10 from 12-5p in Schine 228A to create posters honoring the 25 reported victims of transgender violence in 2004-2005. The posters will be put on display as part of National Transgender Day of Remembrance the following week in the Schine Atrium. Encourage friends to stop-in and lend their creativity to this commemorative project.

Questions? Contact:

Brian Stout, outragesyracuse@yahoo.com

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY NEWS

7. Calling All Vaginas

The Fifth Annual Syracuse University production of *The Vagina Monologues* will be holding auditions on:

- Saturday, Nov. 5 from 3-5 pm in the School of Management, Room 013
- Sunday, Nov. 6 from 3-5 pm in the Nifkin Lounge in Marshall Hall at SUNY ESF
- Monday, Nov. 7 from 7-9 pm in the School of Management, Room 013

To get an audition time, add your name to the sign up sheet outside the Students Advancing Sexual Safety and Empowerment (SASSE) office (Office I) in 126 Schine (GLEL).

To prepare for the auditions, you can read anything you would like: A poem, monologue, passage from a book, it's your choice. Also, you don't need to memorize the piece.

If you want to help plan the *Monologues*, SASSE is holding a planning meeting on Monday, Nov. 14 at 7:30 pm in Hall of Languages, Room 205.

Questions? Contact:

Lizzy Morrison and Kelly Lash, vdaysyracuse@yahoo.com

8. Regulating Sexual Pleasure

On Thursday, Nov. 10 from 12-1 pm in Schine 228B, "Defining, Regulating, and Resisting NORMALCY: A Brown Bag Luncheon Series" brings together faculty and graduate students to discuss how society creates and maintains normalcy and what strategies exist to break such classifications.

The presenters (Linda Stone Fish from Marriage and Family Studies, Elizabeth Payne from Education, Wan-Yi Chen from Social Work, and Jackie Orr from Sociology) have identified five topic areas to explore the concept of normalcy in relation to class, race, disability, sexuality, and other identity constructs. A conversation will follow.

Beverages and desserts will be provided. Computer Assisted Real-Time Transcription (CART) will be provided.

Questions? Contact:

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9. 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>.

10. Newhouse Study

Todd Harper and Zachary Williams, graduate students in the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, are working on a course project for Carol Liebler's COM 646 (Media and Diversity) class, conducting one-on-one interviews with collegiate gay men about relationships between identity and the media.

They are seeking 45 minutes to an hour of your time in November (or possibly the first few days of December) to conduct an interview. Meetings can occur wherever you would like. Names will be kept anonymous unless you specifically state otherwise.

If you'd like to participate, please email Todd (tlharper@syr.edu) or Zachary (zmwillia@syr.edu).

Questions? Contact:

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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:

Mark Stern, 443.2574, mastern@syr.edu

12. SU Homecoming Week

Homecoming Week begins with a residence hall decoration competition that runs all day Sunday, Nov. 6. That evening, University Union Speakers presents *The Daily Show's* Rob Corddry at 7 pm in Goldstein Auditorium. Tickets are available for \$3 with SU I.D., \$5 general admission at the Schine Box Office.

On Tuesday, Nov. 8, Syracuse Symposium presents "Imposed Borders: Haudenosaunee Perspectives," a provocative discussion about historically imposed borders and current land claims, in Grant Auditorium at 7:30 pm

Wednesday, Nov. 9, is Slice of Orange Day. From 11 a.m.–2 pm, visitors will enjoy food, beverages, games and prizes in the Schine Student Center Atrium. Homecoming T-shirts, designed by SU student William Huang '08, will be given to trivia game winners. Happening simultaneously is Orange Pride, an exhibit of SU memorabilia and

presentations by SU historians from Archives and Records Management, in the Schine Student Center Atrium.

On Thursday, Nov. 10, National Public Radio foreign correspondent Anne Garrels will speak at Hendricks Chapel at 7:30 pm as part of the University Lectures Series. She will discuss her assignment covering the conflict in Iraq, her impressions of the conflict and her experiences as one of the few female war correspondents in broadcast media.

Homecoming Weekend kicks off with an awards reception and ceremony Friday, Nov. 11, at 4:30 pm in the Panasci Lounge in the Schine Student Center. The Homecoming awards honor outstanding alumni, young alumni, alumni clubs and faculty. The awards will be presented by Chancellor Nancy Cantor and Neil Gold '70, president of the SU Alumni Association. New among the Homecoming awards this year is the Orange Spirit Award, given to a student who has demonstrated a genuine respect for University traditions and traditional programs as well as attempts to solidify and enhance University traditions.

The Homecoming parade and pep rally also take place on Nov. 11. The parade begins at 6 pm in front of the Schine Student Center and proceeds down Comstock Avenue to Vielbig Outdoor Track (behind Manley fieldhouse), where the pep rally starts at 7 pm, and concludes with fireworks at 7:20 pm.

At 8 pm, Pride Union presents comedian Kathy Griffin in Goldstein Auditorium. Tickets are available at the Schine Box Office and cost \$4 with SU I.D., \$10 general admission.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, the Orange Friendly Pre-Game Party will have food and beverages for purchase on the Quad, three hours before the SU vs. South Florida football game.

The official groundbreaking for the Newhouse III building is also slated for Homecoming Weekend, two hours prior to the football game. Chancellor Cantor, Dean Rubin and Donald Newhouse will participate in the groundbreaking.

Saturday's main event is the Homecoming football game, in which SU takes on South Florida at the Carrier Dome. In honor of Heisman Trophy winner Ernie Davis '62, Jim Brown '57 and Floyd Little '67, the famed No. 44 will be retired in a special ceremony during halftime of the game. Kickoff time is to be announced.

After the game, the 20th anniversary of the Schine Student Center will be celebrated with the Homecoming Showcase, which will feature 15 dance and vocal groups at Goldstein Auditorium at 8 pm. Tickets are available at the Schine Student Box Office and cost \$3 students, \$5 general admission.

The week concludes on Sunday, Nov. 13 when Pride Union, UEncounter, and the Committee on Women and Art bring Magdalean Hsu-Li to the Panasci Lounge for a free show at 7 pm.

For a complete listing of Homecoming Week events, visit: <http://alumni.syr.edu/Homecoming05/StudentSchedule.htm>

Questions? Contact:
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REGIONAL NEWS

13. 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.

Questions? Contact:
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14. 2005 Pride and Joy Families Weekend Conference

Join the Lesbian and Gay Family Building Project during its annual Pride and Joy Families Weekend Conference in Binghamton on Nov. 11-13. This year's keynote of "community building" will be addressed by Cade and Ry Russo-Young, adult daughters of two lesbian mothers whose family has been featured in the *New York Times Magazine* and documentary, *Our House* by filmmaker Meema Spadola.

The Lesbian and Gay Family Building Project was established in 2000 to help LGBT parents and prospective parents in Upstate New York build and strengthen their families. They provide educational programs, information and referral services, Pride and Joy Families support groups, and the Directory of Family Building Services for LGBT People.

Children of lesbian and gay families are also invited to attend. Together, they will produce a play, attend workshops and activities geared to different age groups (from six months and up), and share their experiences in their families. Both acting and technical aspects of theater are on the agenda, as the kids take center stage in an original play with a space adventure theme. Proud parents will get to enjoy the play after a full day of adult educational workshops on Saturday. Additional activities include a puppet theatre on Friday night, a keynote address, resource fair, family dance and a choice of activities on Sunday, including the highly acclaimed Discovery Center and a tour of a nearby alpaca farm.

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NATIONAL NEWS

15. George Takei Steps Out of Closet

George Takei, who played Captain Sulu on the original *Star Trek*, admitted that he is a gay man in the current issue of *Frontiers*, a biweekly L.A. magazine for the gay and lesbian community, and confirmed it with the Associated Press.

Takei told the AP that his new onstage role in "Equus" helped inspire him to publicly discuss his sexuality. The current social and political climate also motivated his disclosure.

"The world has changed from when I was a young teen feeling ashamed for being gay," Takei said. "The issue of gay marriage is now a political issue. That would have been unthinkable when I was young."

The 68-year-old actor revealed that he and his partner, Brad Altman, have been together for 18 years. Altman also serves as his business manager.

Takei, a Japanese-American who lived in a U.S. internment camp from age 4 to 8, said he grew up feeling ashamed of his ethnicity and sexuality. He likened prejudice against gays to racial segregation.

"It's against basic decency and what American values stand for," he said. "We talk about diversity, ethnic diversity, but there's another kind of diversity [sexual orientation] that we haven't really come to grips with as a society. And the segregationist mentality is so strong, but it's as destructive as racial segregation was in the South, or incarceration on the basis of looking like the enemy, as in the case of Japanese-Americans during the second World War — you know, it's that same mentality, and in order to be vocal on those issues, I think I need to address those issues as who I am," he stated.

16. Call for Papers: Queer Matters

Queer Matters! Raising the Visibility of Queer Students in the Undergraduate Curriculum, an undergraduate/graduate conference at the University of Michigan from March 24-26 2006, is seeking papers that explore curricular or political issues, personal narratives, theoretical engagements or sociological studies.

Submissions are welcome from undergraduate and graduate students in all fields relevant to queer studies. Please submit 250 word abstracts, titles, and university affiliation by Jan. 10, 2006 to queer.matters@umich.edu.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, Nov. 6

Homecoming: Residence Hall Decoration Competition
All day
Campus-wide

Homecoming: Phi Hoops
11:30 am-6 pm
Archbold Gymnasium
Sponsored by Alpha Epsilon Phi
Registration is \$3.

Auditions: *The Vagina Monologues*

3-5 pm

Nifkin Lounge in Marshall Hall at SUNY ESF

Sponsored by SASSE

Sign up for an audition time outside the SASSE office in GLEL.

Homecoming: Rob Corrdry of *The Daily Show*

7 pm

Goldstein Auditorium

Sponsored by UU Speakers

Tickets are \$3 with SU I.D., \$5 for public.

Monday, Nov. 7

Auditions: *The Vagina Monologues*

7-9 pm

School of Management, Room 013

Sponsored by SASSE

Sign up for an audition time outside the SASSE office in GLEL.

Meeting: Planet Orange

7-9 pm

LGBT Resource Center

Sponsored by the LGBT Resource Center

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Tuesday, Nov. 8

Meeting: Open Doors

7:30 pm

LGBT Resource Center

All SU/SUNY-ESF graduate students are welcome to attend.

Homecoming: "Imposed Borders: Haudenosaunee Perspectives"

7:30 pm

Grant Auditorium

Sponsored by The Syracuse Symposium

Homecoming: Brazilian Music Ensemble

8 pm

Setnor Auditorium

Wednesday, Nov. 9

Homecoming: Slice of Orange Day

11 am-2pm

Schine Atrium

Stop by for games, prizes, a look at the SU Archives, good, and beverages. Play traditions trivia and win a free Homecoming T-shirt.

Meeting: Pride Union

9 pm

LGBT Resource Center

All SU/SUNY-ESF undergraduate students are welcome to attend.

Thursday, Nov. 10

Homecoming: Greek House Decoration

All day

Campus-wide

Homecoming: Slice of Orange Day

11 am-2pm

Schine Atrium

Stop by for games, prizes, good, and beverages. Play traditions trivia and win a free Homecoming T-shirt.

Regulating Sexual Pleasure

12-1 pm

Schine 228B

Sponsored by the Cultural Foundations of Education department

Join your friends for "Defining, Regulating, and Resisting NORMALCY: A Brown Bag Luncheon Series," which brings together faculty and graduate students to discuss how society creates and maintains normalcy and what strategies exist to break such classifications.

Homecoming: Anne Garrels Lecture

7:30 pm

Hendricks Chapel

Sponsored by University Lectures

Friday, Nov. 11

Homecoming: Awards Ceremony and Reception

4:30 pm

Panasci Lounge

Chancellor Cantor unveils the new Orange Spirit Award.

Homecoming: Parade

6 pm

Begins in front of Schine Student Center.

Homecoming: Pep Rally

7 pm

Vielbig Outdoor Track (behind Manley Field House)

Fireworks
7:20 pm
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Homecoming: Poetry Slam
7:30 pm
Jabberwocky Café
Sponsored by African American Studies

Homecoming: Reunion Classes Welcome Back Party
7:30 pm
Schine 304ABC

Homecoming: Kathy Griffin
8 pm
Goldstein Auditorium
Sponsored by Pride Union
Tickets are available at the Schine Box Office and cost \$4 with SU I.D., \$10 general admission.

Homecoming: Chandni Raatein
8 pm
Schine Underground
Sponsored by MASTI: South Asian Dance and Cultural Organization

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All day
Binghamton
Sponsored by the Lesbian and Gay Family Building Project

Saturday, Nov. 12

Homecoming: SU v. South Florida
Time: TBA
Carrier Dome

Homecoming: Schine 20th Anniversary and Homecoming Showcase
8 pm
Goldstein Auditorium

Homecoming: The Woo Hoo Comedy Hour
8 pm
Jabberwocky Café

2005 Pride and Joy Families Weekend Conference
All day
Binghamton
Sponsored by the Lesbian and Gay Family Building Project

(special inclusion) Sunday, Nov. 13

Homecoming: Magdalen Hsu-Li

7 pm

Panasci Lounge

Sponsored by Pride Union, UEncounter, Committee on Women and Art, Perc Place

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TO SUBMIT A NEWS OR CALENDAR ITEM

Send articles, messages, or links to the *Weekly Announcements* editor at jmtifone@syr.edu. Please include in the subject line "Weekly Announcement." All submissions must be received by Friday at 11 am to be included in the following week's edition and are subject to review by our editor.

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