

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS :: OCT. 30 – NOV. 5, 2005

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LGBT RESOURCE CENTER NEWS

1. SU Campus Climate Survey of the LGBT Community

Time is running out! Only two weeks 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.

Thanks to everyone who has already responded!

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2. Career Conversation Circle for LGBTQA Students

Do I come out at the workplace?

What do I put on my résumé?

Do (or how do) I say I was a member of an LGBTQA organization?

How do I find a LGBTQA-friendly employer?

Join this interactive conversation between LGBTQA students and employers/alumni to discuss questions around issues of sexual orientation and gender identity in the workplace, and learn the firsthand experiences of employers and alumni. An informal networking reception will follow. The event occurs on Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 7 pm in Schine 304ABC, and is sponsored by the Center for Career Services and the LGBT Resource Center.

Discussants range from various disciplines and fields, including business, higher education, law, social work, human resources, media, LGBT activism, and more. The first half hour will feature a roundtable discussion about the discussants' experiences and career reflections. The conversation will then open to the audience for a question and answer period to further explore issues about being LGBT in the workplace.

Discussants for this event include:

Julie Gedro

An Assistant Professor in the Department of Business/Management/Economics at SUNY Empire State College. In addition, she leads Quiet Tiger, Inc. - a Human Resources Consulting company that provides leadership development, organizational development, and strategic human resources planning to corporations, government agencies, and not-for-profit organizations.

Tabitha Moore, G'03, College of Human Services and Health Professions

The Mental Health Supervisor for the Violence Intervention Prevention Program, working with violent and gang affiliated youth. In her spare time, she volunteers as a Spanish tutor and offers presentations to local community agencies on everything from youth violence to awareness training around diversity issues.

Rob Pusch, G'03, School of Education

An instructional designer at Syracuse University Project Advance. While most people may think of Rob as glued to a computer, he has also participated in presentations on transgender issues in classes on campus and in the community.

Charles M. Sprock, Jr.

Teaches Sexual Orientation and the Law (fall semesters) and Planning for Non-Traditional Families (spring semesters). He also teaches Business Organizations for Syracuse University's Legal Assistant program. He is a partner with the firm Baldwin &

Sutphen, LLP. In his private practice Professor Sprock focuses on Real Estate Law, Estate Planning & Asset Protection, Trust & Estate Administration and Business Law.

Jeanne Steffes

The Associate Vice-President for Student Affairs at Syracuse University. Dr. Steffes is the current President-Elect of the American College Personnel Association (ACPA), having just been re-elected to that position after serving as president of the association from 2004-2005.

Glenda Testone, '98, College of Arts and Sciences and S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications

The Director of Communications and Media Programs at the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), where she fights for fair, accurate and inclusive media coverage of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people. On a daily basis, Testone works with reporters, editors, producers, and other activists to help shape national news, entertainment, regional media and the ethnic press coverage of LGBT people and issues.

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3. Book Launch and Reading: *Letters from Young Activists: Today's Rebels Speak Out*

What are young activists doing? Join a discussion on the newly released *Letters from Young Activists* Find and find out. The talk takes place on Friday, Nov. 4 at 7:30 pm at the Shemin Auditorium in the Shaffer Art Building.

Discussion and readings will be led by the New York State Black Gay Network and co-editor, Kenyon Farrow. This event is co-sponsored by the LGBT Resource Center and the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Questions? Contact:

Andrew Augeri, 443.3983, lgbt@syr.edu

4. Meeting: Fusion

The third meeting of Fusion will be held on Thursday, Nov. 3 from 6-8 pm at the LGBT Resource Center. Fusion, a place for LGBT students, faculty, and staff of color to gather and celebrate the diversity within the LGBT community, will host a discussion entitled "Dating and Relating" over a free family-style dinner. This month's cuisine is Thai food.

To assist in ordering the right amount of food, please RSVP to Amit Taneja by Wednesday, Nov. 2 at noon.

Questions? Contact:

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5. Planet Orange: Drag Bingo

Meet Adrea Jaehnig and Amit Taneja on Halloween, Monday, Oct. 31 from 7-9 pm at the LGBT Resource Center for the spookiest Planet Orange ever: Playing "Drag Bingo!"

Come in drag, come in a costume, or come as you are – there will be prizes for bingo and the best costume/drag.

Questions? Contact:

Amit Taneja, 443.3983, ajtaneja@syr.edu

6. Café Q (Later Start Time)

Dive into November with the first-ever 'we don't have a theme' edition of Café Q. Join the festivities for coffee combos that don't make sense, a lighting design that's all over the place, and hot chocolate – because it's that time of year. This week's Café Q is on Thursday, Nov. 3 from 8-10:30 pm at the LGBT Resource Center.

Questions? Contact:

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LGBT CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

7. Meeting: Outrage

Outrage will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 8 pm at the LGBT Resource Center. All SU/SUNY-ESF undergraduate and graduate students, staff, and faculty members are welcome.

Questions? Contact:

Brian Stout, outragesyracuse@yahoo.com

8. Meeting: Open Doors

On Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 7:30 pm, Open Doors holds its meeting at the Inn Complete. 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

9. Meeting: Pride Union

On Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 9 pm, Pride Union holds its weekly meeting at the LGBT Resource Center. All SU/SUNY-ESF undergraduate students are welcome.

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SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY NEWS

10. Remembrance Week Activities

The terrorist bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, on Dec. 21, 1988 took 270 lives, including 35 Syracuse University students returning from a semester of study abroad. Each year, the Remembrance Scholars plan a wide range of activities aimed at educating the University community and the community at large about the legacy of Pam Am Flight 103 and the lessons learned.

This year's Remembrance Week activities include:

Oct. 29 – A short video presentation and moment of silence will take place prior to the SU vs. Cincinnati football game at noon in the Carrier Dome. Scholars will be at the game to raise funds for a paver in the Orange Grove in memory of Andrew McClune, a Lockerbie Scholar who died in 2002.

Oct. 30 – Scholars will begin building a memorial cairn out of sandbags on the Quad at 8 pm, and will keep a 24-hour presence on the Quad until 8 pm on Monday, Oct. 31.

Nov. 1 – A candlelight vigil will be held on the steps of Hendricks Chapel at 7 pm. The event is open to the public and parking is available in the Irving Garage.

Nov. 1 – A panel discussion entitled "Terrorism: Memory, Politics and Action" will begin at 8 pm in Kittredge Auditorium in Huntington Beard Crouse Hall. Panelists will include Mehrzad Boroujerdi, director of SU's Middle Eastern Studies Program; Joan Deppa, associate professor in the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications and author of "The Media and Disasters: Lessons Learned from Pan Am 103;" Jessica Maxwell of the Syracuse Peace Council; and Anthony Nocella, co-editor of "Terrorists or Freedom Fighters?" A free-will donation will be accepted for the Andrew McClune Scholarship Fund.

Nov. 2 – Members of the University community will be asked to wear blue and white to remember the victims of Pan Am 103.

Nov. 2-3 – Carnations will be distributed at various locations around campus.

Nov. 4 – A rose-laying ceremony will take place at the Wall of Remembrance in front of the Hall of Languages at 2:03 pm, the time of the bombing in 1988. The convocation honoring the 2005-06 Remembrance Scholars will begin at 3:30 pm in Hendricks Chapel.

Nov. 4 – A presentation of "A Remarkable Story: The Voices of Pan Am 103" will be held at 8 pm in Grant Auditorium. Written by Joan Hart Willard, assistant professor in the Drama Department in the College of Visual and Performing Arts, the script was created from the actual letters, journals and poetry of the SU students who died in the tragedy, as well as interviews with their families and the residents of Lockerbie. The event is open to the public and parking is available in the University's West lots.

Nov. 5 – Presentations of "A Remarkable Story: The Voices of Pan Am 103" will be held at 2 and 8 pm in Grant Auditorium. The events are free and open to the public. Parking is available in the University's West lots. A talk-back panel featuring the cast, who are graduates and current students of SU's acting program, will be held immediately after the 2 pm show in Grant Auditorium. Free-will donations for the Andrew McClune Scholarship Fund will be accepted.

Questions? Contact:

Mark Rogers, 398-2904, mwrogerssu@hotmail.com

11. Research Study: Safe and Sober Spaces

Will Liberi, a graduate student in social work, is conducting a focus group on the wants and needs of LGBT students in search of safe and sober spaces. He is looking for an hour's commitment on either Monday, Nov 7 at 10 am or Thursday, Nov 10 at 12:30 pm, depending on responses, so please indicate the day(s) you could attend.

Participating in the focus group does not commit you to joining any group formed by suggestions gathered.

Questions? Contact:

Will Liberi, wliberi@syr.edu

12. Last Call: Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges

Applications for the 2005-06 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* are now available. Application forms can be picked-up at the following locations:

- 306 Steele Hall - Office of the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs
- All School and College Dean's Offices
- 105 Schine Student Center - Office of Multicultural Affairs
- Schine and Goldstein Student Center Information Desks
- Online at <http://students.syr.edu/osvp/whos.html>

Syracuse University juniors, seniors, and graduate students matriculated in an undergraduate or graduate program are eligible for the *Who's Who* nomination. Criteria used in determining qualifications for applicants include: scholarship, academic honors, student organization involvement, campus service, and community service. An official Syracuse University transcript is required for all applicants.

Applications must be received in 306 Steele Hall no later than Friday, Nov. 4, 2005 at 5 pm.

Questions? Contact:

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REGIONAL NEWS

13. Community Forum: HIV/AIDS in Central New York

As part of this fall's grassroots Campaign to End AIDS (C2EA), the Central New York HIV CARE Network will host a community forum on Tuesday, Nov. 1 to raise awareness of the impact of HIV/AIDS in Central New York, the services responding to the epidemic, and threatened reductions in funding that could result from the Ryan White re-authorization process.

The forum will take place from 4-6 pm in Syracuse University's Grant Auditorium. A news media briefing will occur in the Faculty Lounge at 3 pm and an information reception will run at 6 pm in the Grant Auditorium Foyer.

The forum will welcome participants in the C2EA led by persons living with HIV/AIDS. C2EA is mobilizing caravans to converge on Washington, DC in November, in support of a stronger Congressional response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. C2EA's Northeastern Caravan will stop in Syracuse to attend the Network's forum. Both the Network forum and C2EA share an interest in expanding community awareness of the critical importance of Ryan White funding in responding to HIV/AIDS.

Questions? Contact:

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14. Report from the Frontlines: Violence in Schools

Join this public forum sponsored by the New York State Black Gay Network on violence and school safety. State-wide leaders will be present to listen to your concerns. The discussion runs from 7:30-9 pm at the Quality Inn North, 1308 Buckley Road.

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15. 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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16. 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

17. Swoopes Says She Is Gay, and Exhales

(*NYT*) Sheryl Swoopes, the three-time most valuable player of the WNBA, announced on Oct. 26 that she is gay. Encouraged by an endorsement she received from a cruise line that caters to lesbians, she said she felt as if a burden had been lifted.

"I was at a point in my life where I am just tired of having to pretend to be somebody I am not," Swoopes said in a telephone interview. "I was basically living a lie. For the last seven, eight years, I was waiting to exhale."

Swoopes, 34, a forward for the Houston Comets, was one of the original marquee players in the Women's National Basketball Association and the first woman to have a Nike shoe named for her. She is the first high-profile African-American basketball player to come out as gay.

"My purpose for doing it has nothing to do with throwing it in anybody's face," Swoopes said. "I'm not trying to make a big deal of it."

Although empowered by expressing her sexuality, Swoopes admitted to her off-court vulnerabilities and candidly discussed a potential ethical breach: She had a secret relationship with Alisa Scott, an assistant coach for the Comets from 1998 to 2004.

Swoopes, who is divorced from the father of her 8-year-old son, Jordan, said she had struggled with debt that forced her to file for bankruptcy in 2004 because she mismanaged her money. Swoopes's announcement coincided with her contract with Olivia Cruises and Resorts; it is worth about six figures, said Amy Errett, the company's chief executive. The Nike deal is Swoopes's only other endorsement.

"Hopefully, this will not have a negative effect on the WNBA," Swoopes said. "Me coming out does not change what the WNBA stands for as a basketball league. I don't think there's any secret that the huge support we get comes from the gay and lesbian community. It's unfortunate that people, and those not only in the WNBA, are not able to feel like they can be who they are. They lose endorsements; they lose friends and family."

No plans to market Swoopes will change.

Swoopes, a three-time Olympian, won a national title with Texas Tech in 1993, scoring a record 47 points in the championship game. She gave birth to Jordan just before the WNBA's first season and returned six weeks later to contribute to the Comets' first championship.

Two other WNBA players have said they were gay and have come out - Michele Van Gorp, who came out in 2004 when she played with the Minnesota Lynx, and Sue Wicks, who did so when she was a player for the Liberty.

"I'm happy for Sheryl," Wicks, now an assistant coach at Rutgers, said in a statement yesterday. "I think all people deserve to be able to live their lives openly and honestly, and I applaud Sheryl for her courage."

Swoopes said she would be angry if people used her announcement to make generalities about a women's league.

"First of all, that shouldn't even be an issue," she said. "It's great talent, the competition is good, we play hard, we work hard. When you bring up any other sports league, you don't talk about how many gays and lesbians there are. The focus is on the wrong thing. It should be: Are we good and do we entertain people."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, Oct. 30

Memorial Cairn Building

8 pm (runs until Monday at 8 pm)

SU Quad

Sponsored by the Remembrance Scholars

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Monday, Oct. 31 – Halloween

Planet Orange

7-9 pm

LGBT Resource Center

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Candlelight Vigil

7 pm

Hendricks Chapel steps

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Kittredge Auditorium, Huntington Beard Crouse Hall

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A free-will donation will be accepted for the Andrew McClune Scholarship Fund.

Wednesday, Nov. 2

Wear White and Blue

All day

Campus-wide

Sponsored by the Remembrance Scholars

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Career Conversation Circle for LGBTQA Students

7 pm

Schine 304ABC

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Meeting: Open Doors

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Inn Complete

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Report from the Frontlines: Violence in Schools

7:30-9 pm

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LGBT Resource Center

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Thursday, Nov. 3

Fusion

6-8 pm

LGBT Resource Center

Sponsored by the LGBT Resource Center

Enjoy a dinner of Thai food and a discussion on dating and relating.

Café Q

8-10:30 pm

LGBT Resource Center

Sponsored by the LGBT Resource Center

Join your friends for a night of nonsense at SU's wackiest coffeehouse.

Friday, Nov. 4 – Eid al-Fitr (No classes)

Letters from Young Activists

7:30 pm-9 pm

Shemin Auditorium, Shaffer Art Building

Sponsored by the New York State Black Gay Network, LGBT Resource Center, Office of Multicultural Affairs

Join a discussion and book-signing about the newly released *Letters from Young Activists*.

Rose-laying Ceremony

2:03 pm

Wall of Remembrance, front of Hall of Languages

Sponsored by the Remembrance Scholars

A rose will be laid for each victim of the terrorist attack on Pan Am Flight 103.

2005-06 Remembrance Scholars Convocation

3:30 pm

Hendricks Chapel

Sponsored by the Remembrance Scholars

This year's Remembrance Scholars will be formally inducted.

"A Remarkable Story: The Voices of Pan Am 103"

8 pm

Grant Auditorium

Sponsored by the Remembrance Scholars

This showing is free and open to the public. Parking is available in the University's West lots.

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"A Remarkable Story: The Voices of Pan Am 103"

2 and 8 pm

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