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Brown University Queer Alliance Newsletter

This Week's QA Events

Monday, January 26

5:00pm – Dance Committee

LGBTQ Resource Center (321 Faunce)

The Dance Committee plans our twice-yearly dances, SexPowerGod and StarF*ck. Come get involved in planning and meet some cool people.

We are also working to organize an Safer Sex Dance with SSHEEC

If you want to model for the posters in the future, e-mail queer@brown.edu to be added to the new model listserv.

Contact(s): Kathryn_Lamb@brown.edu & Allison_Dziuba@brown.edu & Daniel_Oviedo@brown.edu & Aida_Manduley@brown.edu

7:00 pm – Queer Political Action Committee (QPAC)

LGBTQ Resource Center (321 Faunce)

A group dedicated to organizing political advocacy around queer issues including marriage, hate crime prevention and right to serve. All are welcome!

Contact(s): Daniel_Valmas@brown.edu & jamilya_ramos-chapman@brown.edu

8:00pm – Girl's Night Out

Sarah Doyle Women's Center (Corner of Brown St. and Benevolent St.)

A safe social space for women who kiss women, or want to...

Contact(s): Aida_Manduley@brown.edu & Leigh_Anna_Dwyer@brown.edu

Tuesday, January 27

5:00pm – Pride Month Committee

Blue Room (Faunce House)

This group works to plan and coordinate events for Pride Month at Brown (April)

Contact(s): Alex_Morse@brown.edu & Stephen_Chaisson@brown.edu

9:00pm – Queer Community Committee (QCC)

Third World Center (Corner of Waterman St. and Brown St. across from Faunce)

The Queer Community committee plans services and events for the benefit of the Brown queer community. Past events have included free, anonymous, oral swab HIV testing and a lecture and screening from a prominent LGBTQ filmmaker; future projects include a survey of queer history at Brown.

Contacts: charles_burnett@brown.edu (Joey) & Alexander_Unger@brown.edu (Alex)

Wednesday, January 28

7:00pm – GenderAction

LGBTQ Resource Center (321 Faunce)

An education, advocacy, and discussion group concerning transgender, transsexual, gender queer, polygender, two spirit, and gender variant issues. All are welcome!

Contact(s): Kathryn_Lamb@brown.edu & Cameron_Rementer@brown.edu

BiTE Not Meeting This Week - 8:00pm - Bisexuals Talk and Eat (BiTE)

LGBTQ Resource Center (321 Faunce)

BiTE is a biweekly safe and confidential discussion group and social space where bisexuals, pansexuals, their allies/friends/partners, or those who choose not to self-identify under any of these categories can chat and eat. We welcome persons of all genders and sexualities, so bring a friend!

Contact(s): Benjamin_Bonyhadi@brown.edu & Gypsy_Vidal@brown.edu

10:00pm – Hi-T

LGBTQ Resource Center (321 Faunce)

A biweekly study break for LGBTQ and Allied students, where we don't actually serve tea, but something much hotter... See old friends and make new ones! Feel free to drop by any time between 10 and midnight. All are welcome!

Contact(s): Zachary_Marcus@brown.edu

Thursday, January 29

6:00pm - The Agenda – Not meeting this week

LGBTQ Resource Center (321 Faunce)

Brown's only queer publication. We welcome any publishable contributions/submissions including, but not limited to, written material, photographs, and art. Stop by the LBGT Resource Center (Faunce 321) for free previous editions!!

Contact(s): [Robert Smith 1@brown.edu](mailto:Robert_Smith_1@brown.edu) & [David Leipzig@brown.edu](mailto:David_Leipzig@brown.edu)

8:00pm– LGBTQ Athlete Group – Not Meeting this Week

A confidential support/discussion group for LGBTQ and questioning athletes. They meet every other Thursday.

Contact(s): [Ashley Hart@brown.edu](mailto:Ashley_Hart@brown.edu) & [Henry Weintraub@brown.edu](mailto:Henry_Weintraub@brown.edu)

10:00pm – QUEST

Sarah Doyle Women's Center (Corner of Brown St. and Benevolent St.)

A confidential weekly support group for queer, questioning, and coming-out students coming to understand sexual and gender identity.

Contact(s): [Alex Morse@brown.edu](mailto:Alex_Morse@brown.edu) & [Evan Rolfe@brown.edu](mailto:Evan_Rolfe@brown.edu) & [Colette DeJong@brown.edu](mailto:Colette_DeJong@brown.edu)

Sunday, February 1

6:00pm – Queer Alliance Coordinating Committee (CC)

LGBTQ Resource Center (321 Faunce)

This is the administrative body of the Queer Alliance that deals primarily with scheduling, funding, and programming outside of the subgroups. Everyone welcome. E-mail cc@queer.brown.edu if you would like to add an item to the CC agenda by noon on the Saturday preceding the meeting.

Not Currently Meeting

Students for Sexuality Studies

LGBTQ Resource Center (321 Faunce)

Come learn how you can help increase the number of gender and sexuality courses at Brown. You don't need to be a concentrator to expand your academic options.

Contact(s):

RUQUS

A discussion/action group of radical queers dedicated to anti-racist, anti-classist, anti-war, pro-feminist, pro-labor, pro-trans, pro-queer organizing and politics. All are welcome. Potluck encouraged.

Contact(s):

If you are interested in reviving these groups, please contact: queer@brown.edu

Other Events

Out for Lunch

Friday, January 30th noon – LGBTQ Resource Center – 321 Faunce

Ken Morales - internet and LGBTQ youth

Out for Lunch is Brown University's midday brown-bag discussion series at the LGBTQ Resource Center, providing a safe space for discussion and learning, about matters that concern all aspects of LGBTQ life. All events, unless otherwise noted, take place in the LGBTQ Resource Center, 321 Faunce House, from 12:00-1:00 p.m. Please bring your lunch, drinks and snacks provided.

Contact: kathryn_lamb@brown.edu

Students for Sexual Health Education and Empowerment Council

Wednesday, January 28th 8pm

Sarah Doyle Women's Center

LGBTQ Film Festival 2009

Sponsored by RISD's Straight and Gay Alliance

This year you'll find a little bit of everything, with documentary, drama, and a combination of both. Come and enjoy good film, snacks, and friends in the Tap Room each night from 7-10PM. Discussions lead by faculty members following each screening.

"The Conformist"

Trailer: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t2WkKSS6ETO>

Sunday, Feb 1

7:00 PM, TAP ROOM

Discussion lead by John Chamberlin

Contact: saga@gmail.com

Queer Alliance General Body Meeting

Thursday, February 5th at 7pm

Location and Content TBA

Hair Dye Extravaganza!

February 7th 9pm-1am at Zeta Delta Xi (by the Ratty with the big blue swings)

co-sponsors: GenderAction (a sub-group of the Queer Alliance, Zeta and the Late Night Fund)

Stop in to get your hair dyed or just to watch! First come first serve! Wear clothes which can get messy.

Any questions? E-mail kathryn_lamb@brown.edu

Andrea Gibson

February 12th 2009

8pm-10pm

The Hourglass Cafe (basement of Faunce)

co-sponsors: GenderAction (a sub-group of the Queer Alliance), Department of Theater Speech and Dance, Office of Institutional Diversity, Campus Life and Student Services, LGBTQ Resource Center, Department of American Civilization, Word!

Andrea Gibson is a spoken word artist and activist, living in Colorado. Her poetry focuses on gender norms, politics, and the struggles facing queer people today. A four-time Denver Grand Slam Champion, Gibson

finished fourth at the 2004 National Poetry Slam, and she finished third at both the 2006 and 2007 Individual World Poetry Slam. In 2008, Gibson became the first poet ever to win the Women of the World Poetry Slam (WOWps) in Detroit, MI.

In June 2008, Write Bloody Press published *Pole Dancing To Gospel Hymns*, Gibson's first nationally distributed collection of poetry. She has three self-released CDs: *When the Bough Breaks* (2006), *Swarm* (2004), and *Bullets and Windchimes* (2003) and self-published three books: *Trees that Grow in Cemeteries*, *Yellow Bird*, and *What the Yarn Knows of Sweaters*.

Andrea's poetry has a significant on all those who experience it. Her performance at Brown will be monumental for all those who attend.

Announcements:

Volunteer Opportunity Brown LGBTQ Resource Center Volunteer for the LGBTQ Resource Center at Brown! Located in 321 Faunce, it's a great and comfortable space - the perfect volunteer opportunity. Starting anywhere from one hour a week to more, we appreciate any and all help. We're looking to fill all hours (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm) for this semester. Please contact kathryn_lamb@brown.edu for more information. Staffing duty simply involves being available to answer phone calls and walk-in questions at the center (it also makes a really great quiet place/time to study).

Obama!

http://www.whitehouse.gov/agenda/civil_rights/

Wall St. LGBTQ Info

Faunce 201 4:30 – 5:15

Barclay's is hosting an event on Monday January 26th for first years, sophomores and juniors interested in careers on Wall St. There will be a panel featuring Barclay's analysts who will answer questions regarding a day in the life of an analyst.

While the event is particularly aimed at groups that are historically underrepresented on Wall St, all are invited and encouraged to attend. Please read the attached flier for more information about the event. If you could forward this to your group's listserv or any interested students, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your time.

MSEX INFOSESSIONS

MSEX is a closed, confidential discussion space dedicated to the exploration of masculinity and male sexualities. Participants engage in self-exploration and are encouraged to communicate honestly, recognize and validate their own experiences and the experiences of others in the group, to explore the options available to them, and to make educated and self-aware choices.

Tuesday the 27th: 7-9pm in Wilson 102

Wednesday the 28th: 8-9pm in Wilson 102

Friday the 30th: 4-6pm in Wilson 101

Wilson is at the bottom of the main green - its the 2nd closest building to the intersection of Brown and George St. E-mail cameronremitter@gmail.com if you don't know where it is.

FEMSEX

The Female Sexuality Workshop

FemSex is a semester-long workshop open to individuals of all genders and sexualities. It provides a safe environment for people to learn about their bodies and explore their sexuality. The course topics include: anatomy and physiology, orgasms, masturbation, partner sex, fantasies, sexual diversity, cultural influences, health issues, communication, violence against women, and community building. Set in the context of self-love, exploration and the spectrum of sexual identities, the objective -- empowerment -- will be achieved through analytical readings, assignments, guest speakers and class discussions.

Information and Application Sessions

WEDNESDAY January 28th at 6 pm **Upper Blue Room**

THURSDAY January 29th at 6:30 pm **Upper Blue Room**

You must be present at one of these info sessions to apply for the workshop!

Questions? Send us an email at

FEMSEX@GMAIL.COM

Check us out <http://www.brownfemsex.org>

Gay Marriage Rally!

MERI will be hosting a Rally at the Rhode Island State House on Thursday, Feb. 12th in the afternoon.

Come meet your rep or senator, tell your story, and raise your voice for Marriage Equality in Rhode Island

Schedule

3pm: Press Conference

4-5pm: Sign an Equality Valentine to your Rep & Senator

5pm: Rally Begins

In honor of Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday, please bring a \$5 to donate to MERI.

Contact: daniel.valmas@gmail.com

LOOKING TO INTERVIEW AFRICAN AMERICAN/BLACK MEN WHO HAVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER MEN

PhD candidate in Sociology completing dissertation research on African American/Black men who have relationships with other men is seeking participants for a 2 hour 1-1 confidential interview concerning the following topics:

- The participant's basic information (age, occupation, education, etc.)
- How they define themselves
- Coming out to family and friends
- Experiences with racism and homophobia
- Experiences with religion/church
- Romantic relationships

Participants must be 18 or older. Interviews are conducted by phone or in person (if you are, or will be in the

Boston/Providence area) and are tape recorded. Participants have full discretion to refuse participation and every effort will be made to ensure confidentiality. Financial compensation is not available.

For more information contact:

Christopher Chambers, M.A.
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Cell: (212) 203-3429

This project has been approved by the Texas A&M University research board.

QA Coordinating Committee Minutes for Sunday, January 25

Sub-group check-in

Getting food

Meeting times

Pride Month

Marriage Rally

Andrea Gibson and Word!

Mid-Year Activities Fair

Ivy LGBTQ Conference

E-mails

This is the official weekly newsletter of the Queer Alliance Coordinating Committee prepared for the greater queer and allied community of Brown University.

Any anonymous comments or suggestions regarding the Queer Alliance or our programs are welcomed and can be dropped off in the Queer Alliance mailbox in the Student Activities Office (SAO) on the first floor of Faunce.

If you would like something to be added to our newsletter, please contact Kathryn_Lamb@brown.edu

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