LGBT Committee Meeting
November 27, 2012
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
Adelbert Hall, Room M2


Announcements:
The LGBT Committee fall semester Happy Hour gathering at Table 45 for university circle faculty and staff was held on November 8. 57 people attended, many from the Cleveland Clinic. Not as many people from CWRU attended, perhaps due to teaching schedules, the off-campus location, or not knowing that the event is also for allies. The committee decided to host another social hour on February 21, 2013, perhaps trying a new location. Ashley Dyer, Alumni Association, will look into having the event at the Alumni House.

-Spring semester meetings: The committee discussed and decided to hold meetings on the last Tuesday of every month for the spring semester, preferably in the Cleveland Room in Thwing Center.

LGBT Center Update, Liz Roccoforte
Liz Roccoforte, director, LGBT Center, gave an update on the events planned for the LGBT Center for spring semester (attached). The *Trembling Before G-D* film screening is about being gay in the Jewish Orthodox church, and Rabbi Steve Greenberg, featured in the film, will be attending.

-Ms. Roccoforte has been working with Student Health Services on transgender student health care coverage, and CWRU is now the first university in the state that has transgender student health care. Ms. Roccoforte will be meeting with Health Services and Aetna, the health insurance provider, to see what precisely is covered. Up to $50,000/year of care to help with transitioning is going to be covered. This does not cover employees, only students.

-There was some discussion on marketing CWRU’s LGBT-friendly policies. Suggestions given were an annual report and using metadata on the LGBT Center website so other websites “see” it.

-Ms. Roccoforte is putting together a group of transgendered students, staff, alumni, and faculty to discuss what other issues come about being transgendered on campus.

-Gay Games: Gay Games will be coming to Cleveland in summer 2014. CWRU wants to play a role in hosting and help with housing and facilities.

-Ms. Roccoforte will be presenting at the EEOC Conference regarding LGBT inclusion with Gia Adeen from the Office of Inclusion, Diversity, and Equal Opportunity. Ms. Adeen was in charge of Safe Zone at her previous position at Cuyahoga Community College.
Safe Zone: All Human Resources staff will be trained in Safe Zone in December and January, as well as satellite human resources people from the schools and college. Phi Kappa Si fraternity also had a Safe Zone training, 40 fraternity members attended.

Alumni Affairs update: Ms. Dyer announced the next meeting of the LGBT alumni network will be on December 6 at Touch Supper Club. They are discussing a “rebranding” of the LGBT alumni network to “CWRU Pride.” The group currently needs alumni leadership.

LGBT Research Group: Matthew Garrett, assistant professor in the music department, updated the committee on the research group he is working on forming. He spoke with the Academic Affairs Council regarding the formation of the group and Marilyn Mobley, vice president in the Office of Inclusion, Diversity, and Equal Opportunity, was very interested in supporting the group. They are currently discussing what the focus should be, LGBT issues or the broader issue of diversity. Dr. Garrett would like to start out small, and if there is a lot of interest, the group could widen to include other subsets. Eventually graduate students would be included so as to find mentors, etc.

-The committee agreed that in the new strategic plan the university is drafting, there needs to be support for diversity throughout the curriculum and research at the university.

-T. Kenny Fountain, assistant professor in English, will be offering a SAGES course this spring (attached) on Race, Gender, and Sexuality in Biomedicine.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.
Minutes by H. McGivern
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AGENDA

1. Announcements
   - Overview of LGBT Happy Hour
   - Meeting dates for spring semester

2. LGBT Center update

3. Alumni Affairs update
   - December 6 networking event

4. Marketing & communications of LGBT progress on campus

5. LGBT research group

6. LGBT course offerings

7. New business

Co-chairs
Liz Roccoforte
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Lynn Singer
Matthew Garrett
T. Kenny Fountain
LGBT Center Update—November 27th, 2012

1) Save the Date: March 21st, 2013 Rabbi Steve Greenberg “Trembling Before G-D” film screening and discussion. 7pm, in partnership with Lifelong Learning and Hillel

2) Save the Date: March 23rd, 2012 (tentative) CWRU LGBT Center will co-sponsor with MOCA a Sista Sinema Film and Discussion

3) Upcoming programs and events for remainder of Fall 2012:
   • In(queer)ies: Human Rights of LGBTQI People in El Salvador, Thursday, November 29 12-1pm, LGBT Center
   • World AIDS Day, Friday, November 30th, Free testing. Cookies, coffee & condoms, LGBT Center

4) Marketing & Communication of Transgender health benefits-Ideas?

5) Gay Games @ CWRU

6) Presenting about LGBT inclusion @ EEOC Conference 11/29/2012 with Gia Adeen from OIDEO

7) Safe Zone: Planned & Completed:
   • All Central HR staff, 2 sessions in December/January
   • All satellite HR staff will be trained in a January training
   • Phi Kappa Si Fraternity trained 11/26/2012 (over 90% of membership attended)
USEM Course Information
Spring 2013
T. Kenny Fountain
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Full Title
Race, Gender, & Sexuality in Biomedicine

Previously Taught as USNA 242 in Fall 2008

Course Description
This course will examine the roles language, culture, and scientific practices play in the biomedical formation of race, gender, and sexuality, particularly investigating how notions of ethnicity, gender, and sexuality have been influenced by the values, goals, and practices of scientific and non-scientific communities. Incorporating visual and verbal texts, this course will focus on the science of race, gender, and sexuality; DNA and eugenics; and the problematic nature/nurture debate.

Questions of interest include the following: (1) How does biomedical science “view” the body, ethnicity, gender, and sexuality? (2) How does biomedicine mediate the way we perceive and experience the body? (3) How has the historical construction of gender and sexuality as scientific categories overlapped with the construction of race & ethnicity as scientific categories? (4) How does the nature v/s nurture debate (the debates over genes and socialization) influence the way we experience our ethnicity, our gender, and our sexuality?

Required Books (To Purchase)

Required Texts (Available Online for Printing)


Film Texts


Miss Evers Boys. Director John Sargent, 1997.


Course Assignments

1. Class Discussion & Tasks: 15%
2. Reading Responses with Discussion Questions: 10% [5 @ 1.5 pg each]
3. Annotation Essay: 10% [4 pg]
4. Debate Essay: 15% [5 pg]
5. Research Paper: 50% [10-12 pages, not including the bibliography]
   - Proposal & 1st Sources: 5%
   - Outline of Argument: 5%
   - Draft: 5% (mandatory)
   - Final: 30%
   - Brief Presentation: 5%