

## Gay/Lesbian/Bi-Sexual/Transgender (GLBT) History Month 2008

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ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

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### Wednesdays

**Saluki Rainbow Network Weekly Meeting**  
**Student Center 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Troy/Corinth Room**  
**6:00 p.m.**

Saluki Rainbow Network is a student run GLBTQA activist group and social network. Our meetings plan and coordinate events on campus for students to get involved in GLBTQ rights as well as workshops to help our members with GLBTQA issues. **Everyone is welcome!** For more information contact Virginia Dicken at [VDicken@siu.edu](mailto:VDicken@siu.edu).

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### Wednesday, October 1 – Friday October 24

**Expression Wall**  
**Trueblood Hall Dining, Lentz Hall Dining and University Hall Dining**  
**Available during open hours**

Students – share and gain from anonymous, raw, honest and uncensored statements about the GLBT environment at SIUC. For more information, contact Alfred Jackson at [ajackson@housing.siu.edu](mailto:ajackson@housing.siu.edu).

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### Thursday, October 2

**Safe Zone – Ally Training**  
**Student Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Mississippi Room**  
**5:00 p.m.**

*Safe Zone* is a program at Southern Illinois University Carbondale which identifies faculty and staff who can provide support and resources for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (GLBTQ) students, faculty, and staff. Participation as a GLBTQ ally helps to create a campus that is inclusive and affirming. Participants are committed to social justice and understand the importance of campus diversity. Upon completion of the workshop, participants have the option of becoming a Safe Zone member. Both the workshop and membership are free. For additional information visit the website [http://www.siu.edu/~glbtrc/safe\\_zone/index.htm](http://www.siu.edu/~glbtrc/safe_zone/index.htm) or contact Virginia Dicken [VDicken@siu.edu](mailto:VDicken@siu.edu).

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### Friday, October 3

**Lavender Lattes with Margaret Cooper:**  
**Stigma and the Negotiation of Identity for Rural Lesbians**  
**Student Center 2nd Floor, Illinois Room**  
**12:00 p.m.**

Okay, so we won't actually have lattes, but we will have free coffee with optional whipped cream and sprinkles! Margaret Cooper is a Ph.d student in the Department of Sociology at SIUC. Her work on gender identity in lesbians has been internationally published in various journals, textbooks and collections. Her new book on GLBT identity and online media, published by Routledge Press, will be out in 2009. Come to hear about her research with lesbians who live in rural areas of this country. Women interviewed discuss aspects of their daily lives and their attempts to manage stigmatized identities in areas often conservative and dominated by traditional gender norms and fundamentalist Christianity.

**Friday Film - Dangerous Living: Coming Out in the Developing World \***  
**Student Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Missouri Room**  
**6:00 p.m.**

Documentary presenting the realities of coming out in developing countries. Narrator Janeane Garofalo. For more information please contact Virginia Dicken at [VDicken@siu.edu](mailto:VDicken@siu.edu).

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**Tuesday, October 7 \***  
**Everything You Want to Know But Were Afraid to Ask: Defining and Understanding GLBTQQIA**  
**Student Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Mississippi Room**  
**7:00 p.m.**

This panel will feature members of the local GLBTQQIA community. Panelists will describe their own sexual and gender identities, as well as accept questions from audience members about their experiences. Audience members should leave with a basic understanding of various terms that fall under the queer umbrella: gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, genderqueer, intersex, transsexual, questioning, ally, etc. For more information please contact Stacia Creek at [staciacr@siu.edu](mailto:staciacr@siu.edu).

Hosted by Stacia Creek  
Featuring: Caleb Porter, Laura Sullivan, Andrea Krueger, Maggie Lacheta, and Derrick Williams

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**Thursday, October 9**  
**Progressive Partnerships: The Real Rainbow Coalition**  
**Student Health Center**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Join the **Progressive Masculinities Mentors** as they explore how all men can become supportive allies in the struggle to end homophobia. As part of the organization's Take 10 campaign which consist of 10 active steps that men can take to reduce violence and become better citizens will be on display. 1 of 10 principles deals with opposing the vicious hatred towards the GLBT community. In this presentation/discussion come hear the voices of concerned men who are actively taking steps against homophobic practices within the context of masculinity. The subjects that will be addressed are: (1) Towards a politics of gay rights, (2) Coming out of the locker room closet, (3) Wrestling exposed: Smear the queer, and (4) Hip Hop, Homies, and Homophobia. These topics will be facilitated by four of the PMM members. The purpose of the presentation is designed to create a dialogue about the issue of homophobia along with creating tangible steps of how all men can be allies in this important fight. For more information please contact Derrick Williams at [dwilliams@yahoo.com](mailto:dwilliams@yahoo.com).

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**Friday, October 10**  
**Shirts and Sharpies**  
**All Day Throughout the SIUC Campus**

GLBTQ people wear plain white shirts labeled with the words "I'm Out" or "Ally." Show your support by writing words of encouragement on your shirt.

**Lavender Lattes Ryan Cheperka:**  
**Exploring Attitudes and Stereotypes about Bisexual Women**  
**Student Center 2nd Floor, Illinois Room**  
**12:00 p.m.**

Okay, so we won't actually have lattes, but we will have free coffee with optional whipped cream and sprinkles! Ryan Cheperka is a graduate student in the Department of Psychology at SIUC. She has actively

supported issues for LGBTQ populations within her personal life, research on sexual orientation, gender identity and the integration with other identities, volunteer work with LGBTQ youth, and involvement with professional organizations. Come to hear about her research on attitudes about bisexual women. A common stereotype about bisexual people is that they may leave a relationship because of desiring those of another gender. If one values monogamy in a relationship, and believes that bisexual people are not able to be monogamous, does this influence attitudes? For more information please contact Virginia Dicken at [VDicken@siu.edu](mailto:VDicken@siu.edu).

**Friday Film – *For the Bible Tells Me So* \***  
**Sponsored by University Christian Ministries RSO**  
**Student Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Kaskaskia Room**  
**6:00 p.m.**

*For the Bible Tells Me So* is a compassionate and insightful documentary about the contemporary face of an old conflict between Christian fundamentalists and gay and lesbian people. The film looks deep into the hearts of several families--a few of them quite famous--that have struggled with making sense of having a homosexual son or daughter in the fold. At the same time, *For the Bible Tells Me So* is a deconstruction of thin arguments that the Bible actually condemns homosexuality in a few passages and through the story of Sodom and Gomorrah's destruction. A number of clerics and scholars explain the cultural and historical context for Old Testament quotes routinely referenced as arguments against homosexuality and point out translation confusion about the real meaning of the Sodom story. Unquestionably, the most compelling part of the film is its focus on various families, including that of former U.S. presidential candidate Dick Gephardt who has a lesbian daughter for whose safety he worries. Also among the interviewees is Gene Robinson, a gay man who became bishop of New Hampshire's Episcopal Church in 2004, and his parents, as well as a gay teen whose folks joined him on the front line in protest of their church's negative stance on gays. Not every story is affirmative: there are tragedies within these tales, too, as well as an indictment of so-called cures that supposedly banish the gay drive from homosexual men and women. For more information please contact Virginia Dicken at [VDicken@siu.edu](mailto:VDicken@siu.edu).

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**Saturday, October 11**  
**National Coming-Out Day**

National Coming-Out Day is observed on October 11 by members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) communities and their allies. The day commemorates October 11, 1987 when 500,000 people marched on Washington, D.C. for gay and lesbian equality. National Coming-Out Day events are aimed at raising awareness of the LGBT community among the general populace in an effort to give a familiar face to the LGBT rights movement. For additional information contact the Saluki Rainbow Network at (618) 453-5151.

**SIUC Homecoming Parade – GLBT Participation**  
**Parade Starts, 8:00 AM**

Join the GLBT community and allies as the Saluki Rainbow Network and friends participate in the Homecoming Parade. For additional information contact the Saluki Rainbow Network at (618) 453-5151.

**GLBT Resource Center Homecoming Tailgate**  
**Saluki Row**  
**11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Relax with friends at the second GLBTailgate. Enjoy a food and a slushy. Commemorative cups to the first 500 guests. For additional information contact the Saluki Rainbow Network at (618) 453-5151.

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**Monday, October 13 \***

**Monday Movie - *Latino Beginnings***

**Student Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Missouri Room**

**6:00 p.m.**

To be Latino in America is one thing, but to be a gay Latino is another. Norman Green's documentary delves into this minority within a minority. Gay Latinos have to break through the added layer of religion and masculinity embedded in the Hispanic culture. Jesse, an openly gay college student; Marisol, a woman who's nervous about coming out to her mother; and Gustavo, a drag performer, all share their thoughts and experiences. Discussion to follow. For more information please contact Virginia Dicken at [VDicken@siu.edu](mailto:VDicken@siu.edu).

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**Wednesday, October 15**

**Candle Light Vigil**

**Free Forum**

**7:00 p.m.**

An evening in honor of those who have experienced lost due to violence against people because of their gender or sexuality. For additional information contact the Saluki Rainbow Network at (618) 453-5151.

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**Thursday, October 16 \***

**Marriage and the Fight for Gay Equality: A History**

**Student Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Saline Room**

**7:00 p.m.**

A lecture and discussion on why marriage has emerged as a demand among gay men and lesbians in the last two decades. For more information please contact Natasha Zaretsky at [zaretsky@siu.edu](mailto:zaretsky@siu.edu).

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**Friday, October 17**

**Lavender Lattes with John Warren:**

**Performatively Bi: Identity and Pedagogy**

**Student Center 2nd Floor, Illinois Room**

**12:00 p.m.**

Okay, so we won't actually have lattes, but we will have free coffee with optional whipped cream and sprinkles! John T. Warren is Associate Professor of Communication Pedagogy in the Department of Speech Communication at SIUC. His current research concerns the intersections of performance, identity/difference, and the classroom. In this paper he will, through a collage of narratives, argue that bisexual identity is constituted in and through our communicative acts, tracing his own experiences as a bi-text. For more information please contact Virginia Dicken at [VDicken@siu.edu](mailto:VDicken@siu.edu).

**Kimberly Dark**  
**Marion Kleinau Theater**  
**8:00 p.m.**

For this performance, she'll be doing a sampler of new work (including spoken-word poetry, fiction, and personal narrative) from a queer and feminist perspective. Her work considers themes of body image, sexuality, and relational violence in powerful ways that underscore the importance of cultural diversity. For more information contact Craig Gingrich-Philbrook at [craiggp@siu.edu](mailto:craiggp@siu.edu).

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**Monday, October 20 \***  
**Movie Monday - *But I'm a Cheerleader***  
**Student Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Missouri Room**  
**6:00 p.m.**

In this hilarious satire, Megan Bloomfield (Natasha Lyonne) lives a “normal” teen life as a cheerleader dating the captain of the football team. But her parents and friends suspect Megan is gay because of “clues” such as her distaste for kissing her boyfriend. Shipped off to True Directions -- a camp designed to shove her back in the closet – Megan meets tomboy Graham Eaton (Clea DuVall), who helps her recognize her sexual orientation. Discussion to follow. For more information please contact Virginia Dicken at [VDicken@siu.edu](mailto:VDicken@siu.edu).

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**Wednesday, October 22 \***  
**Keynote Speaker – Robyn Ochs: *Crossing Lines: Identity and the Sexuality Spectrum***  
**Lawson 141**  
**8:00 p.m.**

Robyn Ochs is a long-time activist, and the editor of the *Bisexual Resource Guide* and the anthology *Getting Bi: Voices of Bisexuals Around the World*. She is current editor of *Bi Women*, a quarterly publication. She has taught courses on topics including GLBT history & politics in the United States, the politics of sexual orientation, and the experiences of those of us who transgress the binary categories of gay/straight, masculine/feminine, black/white and/or male/female. Her writings have been published in numerous bisexual, women's studies, multicultural, and GLBT anthologies. For more information contact Saluki Rainbow Network at (618) 453-5151.

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**Thursday, October 23 \***  
**Racial & Gay Comedy: The Impact?**  
**Student Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Kaskaskia/Missouri Room**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Video clips of comedians using the topics of race and sexual orientation will be shown and discussed. See how these comedians lead us to laugh, cry, cringe, and think. For more information please contact Craig Gingrich-Philbrook at [craiggp@siu.edu](mailto:craiggp@siu.edu).

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**Friday, October 24**  
**Lavender Lattes with Andrew Stanton:**  
**LGBTQ Topics Taught in Rehabilitation Counseling Grad Programs**  
**Student Center 2nd Floor, Illinois Room**  
**12:00 p.m.**

Okay, so we won't actually have lattes, but we will have free coffee with optional whipped cream and sprinkles! Andrew Stanton is a master's student in Rehabilitation Counseling at SIUC. His research interests include disability studies and queer identities. His research aims to find (1) If LGBTQ topics are being

taught within CORE accredited counseling programs (2) How much time is spent covering these topics and how they are covered and (3) What creative and progressive techniques are employed to incorporate aspects of Queer theory into teaching LGBTQ topics. For more information please contact Virginia Dicken at [VDicken@siu.edu](mailto:VDicken@siu.edu).

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**Monday, October 27**  
**Town Hall Meeting: GLBT Saluki Health**  
**Student Health Center Auditorium**  
**11:30 a.m.**

A dialogue between Student Health Center providers and SIU students about the health of GLBT people. Bring your thoughts, questions, and concerns about the issues. Anonymous comment cards will be provided! Donna LaBarge (Wellness Center) and Virginia Dicken (GLBT Resource Center) will facilitate this joint effort to learn about the healthcare needs of ALL of us here at SIUC. For more information contact either Virginia Dicken at [VDicken@siu.edu](mailto:VDicken@siu.edu) or Donna LaBarge at [dcl2005@siu.edu](mailto:dcl2005@siu.edu).

**Monday Movie – *Freeheld* \***  
Student Center 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Missouri Room  
6:00 p.m.

Detective Lieutenant Laurel Hester spent 25 years investigating tough cases in Ocean County, New Jersey, protecting the rights of victims and putting her life on the line. She had no reason to expect that in the last year of her life, after she was diagnosed with terminal cancer, that her final battle for justice would be for the woman she loved. Discussion to follow. For more information please contact Virginia Dicken at [VDicken@siu.edu](mailto:VDicken@siu.edu).

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**Tuesday, October 28 \***  
**Charlie Brown**  
**Lawson 151**  
**7:30 p.m.**

A staged reading of the award-winning New York satire, *Dog Sees God*, a biting dark comedy inspired by the Charles Schulz cartoon "Peanuts". Promiscuity, coming-out, therapy and suicide are just some of the issues these happy kids are dealing with. Controversial theme, language, and content, for mature audiences. For more information contact David Rush at [darush@siu.edu](mailto:darush@siu.edu).

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**Wednesday, October 29**  
**Strength in Numbers**  
**Student Health Center, Auditorium**  
**5:00 pm**

Allies uniting for discussion. This interactive talk will present information on what being an advocate/ally means, how to become involved on the SIUC campus, and the benefits you may receive from assisting others. For more information please contact Donna LaBarge at [dcl2005@siu.edu](mailto:dcl2005@siu.edu) or 536-4441.

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For more information contact Student Development at 618-453-5714 or [www.stddev.siu.edu](http://www.stddev.siu.edu)

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#### OPPORTUNITIES TO STAY INVOLVED

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**GLBT History Month** at SIUC is a Student Development – Multicultural Programs and Services initiative. MPS also hosts Latino Heritage Month, Native American Heritage Month, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Recognition Week, Women’s History Month, and Asian American Heritage Month.

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\* Denotes U-card approved event