Welcome Back Picnic, Homecoming and More!

GLFSA FALL PICNIC

GLFSA members, families, friends, and allies are invited to attend the annual fall welcome picnic at Hawk Island Park in the Kestrel Shelter on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 from 5 - 8 p.m.

Please bring a dish to pass. Burgers, hot dogs, and vegetarian options will be provided by our event sponsor, Merrill Lynch.

Event is free. $3 vehicle fee for Ingham County residents and $5 for non-residents. Hardship passes can be requested.

RSVP online: http://glfsapicnic.eventbrite.com

Hawk Island Park is located at 1601 E. Cavanaugh St, and is located between Pennsylvania and Aurelius Roads in Lansing.

The 8th Annual MSU GLBT Homecoming Reception will be on Friday, September 26, 2014, following the MSU Homecoming Parade. This exciting party will take place from 6:30 to 9:30 PM in the spacious Red Cedar Room with fireplace at the Kellogg Center.

This fun event will include excellent food (do not eat dinner in advance), a cash bar including soda, free coffee, our beautiful green, white & purple décor, background music, and the opportunity to meet the 2014-2015 LGBT scholarship recipients.

This is also an opportunity to network with other grads and to meet many new friends – MSU grads, faculty & staff, students, Wyoming guests and especially all our friends of MSU. All alumni, faculty, staff, family and friends of MSU are welcome!

PARKING is available for free with validation in the Kellogg Center parking ramp.

TICKETS will be sold at the door for $20/person.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, contact Bill Beachler at beachlerb@sbcglobal.net.

We thank our sponsors the Greater Lansing Convention & Visitors Bureau and the MSU Federal Credit Union.

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Dee Hurlbert, Director of the MSU LGBT Resource Center met with nearly 30 LGBT alumni and friends at a reception in New York City in June. This caps an incredible year of LGBT alumni and donor engagement for MSU, with regional alumni events held in Chicago, Los Angeles, New York City, and Minneapolis and the most successful fundraising year ever for the LBGTRC.

Earlier this year, an anonymous gift of $1 million dollars was given to the MSU LGBT Resource Center. MSU announced that the gift comes from the estates of a Michigan State alumnus and his partner.

The gift will help expand the center’s services and programming through a fund that will directly serve LGBT students on the university’s campus. Michigan State said in a release that the center “leads and collaborates on university-wide initiatives that prepare all students to succeed through educational programs on sexuality and gender identity.”

Jessica Sun Wins 2014 MSU Pride Scholarship

Jessica Sun, an MSU junior who hails from West Bloomfield, Michigan is the 2014 recipient of the MSU Pride Scholarship.

The MSU Pride Scholarship was established in January of 2000 to aid LGBT students in attending MSU. Candidates must demonstrate involvement with and/or support for the LGBT community. They also must show commitment to academic success.

MSU alumnus Bill Beachler is the scholarship’s founder and was instrumental in working with MSU and MSU GLFSA (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Faculty, Staff, and Graduate Student Association) in setting up the scholarship. GLFSA’s scholarship committee makes a recommendation to MSU on who should be awarded the scholarship each year. With continued successful fundraising for this award, the dollar value grows annually. This year’s award is for $5000.

Jessica is majoring in Supply Chain Management in the Eli Broad College of Business at MSU, and is preparing for a future MBA after finishing her undergraduate degree. She has an exemplary 3.84 GPA in her MSU career thus far.

Jessica serves on the LIGHT (Living in Great Harmony Together) and RING (Respecting Individuals on Neutral Grounds) LGBT caucuses on campus. These groups hold weekly events, participate in the campus-wide Coalition alliance and offer a voice and space to students in these constituencies. She has also served as a member of the LGBT Speakers Bureau as a panelist, discussing her experiences as a member of the LGBT community and the intersections between that and race, gender, and area of study.

Jessica began advocating equality in middle school as an ethnically Chinese, Canadian-born American-raised student, because of her personal understanding of inequality and discrimination. During her high school years, she created online writing communities as support networks for questioning or LGBT-identified teens and young adults, many of who also faced racial, socioeconomic, size or disability issues as well.

For her dedication to LGBT issues as well as for her demonstrated academic excellence, MSU GLFSA is honored and pleased to announce Jessica Jie Sun is the recipient of the 2014 MSU Pride Scholarship.

More information about the MSU Pride Scholarship, as well as other scholarship opportunities, please go to: http://lbgrtc.msu.edu/scholarships
**MEET THE GLFSA BOARD**

The GLFSA Board meets monthly except during summer semester.

Our 2014-2015 officers are:

- **President** - Nick Bourland
- **Vice President** - Daniel Mathis
- **Secretary** - vacant
- **Treasurer** - Val Meyers
- **Faculty Liaison** - Karen Sedatole
- **Staff Liaison** - Brian Doyle
- **Program Chair** - Dee Hurlbert
- **Members At Large**
  - Andreas Stolz
  - Shelley Wells
- **Past President** - Val Meyers
- **Newsletter Editor** - Brian Mavis
- **Graduate Student Liaisons**
  - Allegra Smith
  - Erich Pitcher
- **Student Affairs Liaison**
  - Dee Hurlbert

**LBGT Resource Center Announces the Pougnet and Green Endowed Scholarship Award Winner**

Aaron Kuhn of Rochester Hills, Michigan has been selected as the 2014 recipient of the Steven P. Pougnet and Christopher J. Green Endowed Scholarship. Each recipient will receive approximately $5000. Mr. Pougnet and his husband Christopher Green established the Pougnet and Green Scholarship to be awarded annually to MSU juniors or seniors who demonstrate academic excellence and involvement with or contributions to the LGBT community.

Aaron Kuhn will be beginning his junior year in James Madison College as a Social Relations and Policy major. His own journey of self-acceptance has paralleled the recent national trend towards public acknowledgement of the existence and rights of LGBT citizens and families. Aaron has aspirations of continuing his studies and leadership on campus. After completing his degree, he hopes to continue on to a career of civic engagement to advance social justice and equality for ordinary Americans.

Steven Pougnet is a graduate of Michigan State University. He is a former Vice President of the Colorado School of Mines and held the position of Associate Director, National Corporate Leadership Program for the United Way of America in Alexandria, Virginia. Steven has served as the Mayor of Palm Springs California since 2007. Steven Pougnet is married to Christopher Green and they are the parents of twins.

For information on contributing to scholarship programs, contact Jennifer Bertram, Associate Vice President for University Development, (517) 432-7330, bertram9@msu.edu.

For more information on how you may be able to support the programs and services of the LBGT Resource Center, contact Ann Marie Lindley, (517) 355-7535, alindley@msu.edu

**New GLFSA Board Member**: Andreas Stolz is an associate professor at the National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory at MSU. As the Department Head for Operations he is responsible for the efficient operation of the Coupled Cyclotron Facility and the delivery of rare isotope beams to facility users. Originally from Germany, he earned his undergraduate degree and PhD in Physics from the Technical University in Munich. He joined MSU in 2001 as a postdoctoral researcher. His primary research interest is centered on the production of rare isotope beams with fragment separators and the study of the structure of nuclei at the limits of existence. Andreas lives with his partner in East Lansing. In his spare time he loves to travel, to cook multi-course dinners, and to enjoy good food and wine.
The National Symposium on LGBTQ Research in Higher Education aims to highlight, advance, and invite dialogue on the “doing of” research on LGBTQ issues in higher education. The day will feature opportunities to hear from leading scholars, to present competed research and works in progress, and to discuss challenges and opportunities in LGBTQ research.

We are interested in the full range of LGBTQ topics, including but not limited to scholarly inquiry about students, faculty, administrators, and staff; leadership, organizational theory, administration; policy; campus climate; teaching, learning, pedagogy, and outcomes; and curriculum studies, queer theory, and LGBTQ/gender studies. We are also interested in the findings and implications of LGBTQ research in higher education, but the primary focus is on the process, challenges, and opportunities in the area. We specifically invite submissions for presentations on scholarship that is not yet complete or ready for submission, but may take the form of “work in progress.” Our goal for this symposium is to have contributors put forward concepts that they find significant in advancing the dialogue about conducting LGBTQ research in higher education.

For more information: http://www.lgbtqsuccess.net/2014symposium/

Holiday Party at the Lansing Art Gallery
Thursday December 4th
7 – 9 pm
Co-hosted with the MSU GLBT Alumni Association, with the support of Merrill Lynch

SAVE THE DATE

How to Contact GLFSA

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Deanna Hurlbert was appointed Director of the LBGT Resource Center in October 2013 and Alex Lange joined as the Assistant Director in July 2014. Rob Hill joined our team as our Graduate Assistant in August. Rob is a HALE PhD student joining us from New York state. We are pleased that Zoe Steinfield will be our Volunteer Programs Coordinator and Media Assistant. Laura Holdeman keeps us moving as the Program Secretary. Rob Biddle with the Office of Cultural and Academic Transitions collaborates closely with the LBGTRC to advise the Queer People of Color Coalition.

With defined leadership and doubling of full-time professional staff, the ability of the Center to lead and collaborate on university-wide initiatives and enhance the campus climate and support services will be enhanced in the coming years.

The LBGT Resource Center and the campus community is continuing to foster a sense of belongingness and connectivity among LBGT first year students, queer students of color, international students, and transgender students. Connectivity is important to student success. There will be an increased focus on first-person student engagement; we need your help. How can staff, faculty, graduate students or retirees help?

We are seeking LBGT Faculty for a special event with our New2U: LBGTQA First Year Experience program in September. Contact Rob Hill for information at hillrob7@msu.edu.

We are looking for faculty or staff who are persons of color and/or transgender who would like to have greater connectivity with students with whom they share identities. Contact Alex Lange at langeal3@msu.edu.

Family Room Hosts/Greeters to serve as receptionists and provide social and emotional support, resource and referrals for anyone who comes into the LBGT Resource center. TRAINING PROVIDED. Hang-out and talk with folks who come in, play games, host discussions, answer phones, and work with Alex and Shay with lunchtime and Friday afternoon events in the LBGTRC. For more information or to apply, go to: http://lbgtrc.msu.edu/work-and-volunteer-opportunities

Consider joining the Speakers Bureau. Share your story, experience, and perspective and educate others in public campus forums on issues of sexuality and gender identity. Allies are welcome. We are in particular need of voices of LBGT parents, persons who are HIV+, persons with health struggles, children of LBGT parents, persons with disabilities, people of color, transgender or gender questioning, and asexual persons. Email Zoe Steinfield if interested at steinfi4@msu.edu.

Attend the What’s Up: LBGT Policy Update. A run-down on what happened, what’s in motion, and what might be coming in regards to international, national, state, local, and campus policy. Tentatively - Tuesday September 9th from 5:15-6:15. Email Zoe Steinfield if interested at steinfi4@msu.edu.

Take the Know Us Project Training (how to educate and share your perspectives on sexuality and gender in one-on-one conversations anywhere—on campus and off (Sunday September 21). Email Zoe Steinfield if you are interested at steinfi4@msu.edu.

Learn how to better support students or others who are struggling with difficult emotions by participating in Being There: Supportive Communication Skills for Non-Counselors from 3:30 pm-5pm on either September 8 or September 9. RSVP to Zoe Steinfield at steinfi4@msu.edu.

AND...this year...the LBGT Resource Center is coordinating a Spartan Pride entry in the Homecoming Parade. All faculty, staff, and graduate students are encouraged to walk with the Spartan Pride contingent in the homecoming parade. Bring your families and pets! We are hoping to have GLFSA as well as GLBT Alumni Association and Student Organizations represented. Email Laura Holdeman holdema1@msu.edu to get on the interest list. After the parade – see you at the GLBT Alumni Association reception at the Kellogg Center.
Faculty Advisory Committee Members

This past year, Karen Sedatole sought interested faculty members to create an advisory committee to provide feedback and ideas in her role as GLFSA Faculty Liaison. Below are the members of the Faculty Advisory Committee.

Joseba Gabilondo is an associate professor in the Department of Romance and Classical Studies at Michigan State University. His research focuses on Basque and Spanish nationalisms, Atlantic studies, intellectual discourse, post-nationalism, masculinity, feminism, queer theory, globalization, and Hispanic and Hollywood cinema.

Joseba holds a Licenciate Degree with Honors in Basque Philology from Universidad del País Vasco, Spain, and an MA and PhD in Comparative Literature from the University of California, San Diego.

Mitchell Robinson is associate professor and chair of music education at Michigan State University. Prior to his current position, Dr. Robinson taught music for 10 years in the Fulton (NY) City School District, and held collegiate appointments at the University of Connecticut and the Eastman School of Music. His research is focused on education policy and the mentoring and induction of new music teachers.

Mitchell received B.F.A. degrees in music education and trumpet performance from the State University of New York at Buffalo, the M.M.Ed. from Hartt School of Music, a Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Administration from the State University of New York-Oswego, a Ph.D. in music education from the Eastman School of Music, and pursued post-graduate studies in music education and conducting at Northwestern University. Mitch lives in Okemos with his wife and two children, a freshman in high school and a sixth grader. He is committed to working for equity for all of his students and colleagues in the schools.

Andreas Stolz is an Associate Professor at the National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory at MSU. As the Department Head for Operations he is responsible for the efficient operation of the Coupled Cyclotron Facility and the delivery of rare isotope beams to facility users. He earned his undergraduate degree and PhD in Physics from the Technical University in Munich. He joined MSU in 2001 as a postdoctoral researcher. His primary research interest is centered on the production of rare isotope beams with fragment separators and the structure of nuclei at the limits of existence.

Andreas lives with his partner in East Lansing. In his spare time he loves to travel, to cook multi-course dinners, and to enjoy good food and wine. He joined GLFSA to help faculty and staff at MSU with understanding how to create a welcoming and accepting environment for all members of the LGBTQ community.

David Rayl is professor of music, director of choral programs, and associate dean for graduate studies and research at the Michigan State University College of Music. Under his baton the University Chorale has appeared at the national convention of the American Choral Directors Association (2007), the Central Division convention of ACDA (2006), and the national meeting of the College Music Society (2002). He has also prepared the Chorale for performances with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

David holds a B.M. in voice from Illinois Wesleyan University; a M.M. from the University of Oklahoma; and a DMA in choral conducting from the University of Iowa. David lives in Okemos with his partner, Joel Maurer, who is the Assistant Dean for Admissions at the College of Human Medicine.