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# 12th Annual Symposium on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Issues Brochure

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**The University of Rhode Island  
12<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium on Gay,  
Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender  
and Questioning Issues**

**Pathways to Equality,  
Facets of Freedom**



**Schedule at a Glance**

**April 19-22, 2006**

For information on the Symposium call  
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the website: [www.uri.edu/glbtsymposium.htm](http://www.uri.edu/glbtsymposium.htm)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 7:30PM,  
HARDGE FORUM,  
MULTICULTURAL CENTER

“The Case of Professor Martha Deane: Sexuality and Power at Cold War UCLA”

In 1952, Martha Deane, a tenured UCLA professor of physical education, was forced into early retirement: she was accused by a neighbor of having sexual relations with another woman in her own home. Professor Deane’s expulsion from the University of California at Los Angeles illustrates the intertwining of Cold War hysteria, sexual anxieties, and homophobia that characterized life in the United States in the early 1950s. This talk will examine Martha Deane’s story in a past period of political repression as a way of thinking about our own time.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 10:00AM  
TO 3:30PM, GALANTI LOUNGE,  
UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

10:00-11:30 “Locating the Marriage Movement in a Wider Queer Context”  
Jenn Steinfeld, Marriage Equality RI

11:30-12:30 “Understanding Down Low Phenomena” Curtis Ferguson, II

12:30-1:30 “Breaking the Boxes: An Open Spirituality” Mary Latela, author: Latela@cox.net

1:30-2:30 “Battling Bisexual Erasure: A Personal Struggle Against Invisibility”  
Ron Suresha, writer/ editor

2:30-3:30 “Beyond the Pathos of One-dimensional Relating: Re-conceptualizing Enmeshment in Lesbian Couples”  
A. Cassandra Golding

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 7:30PM,  
HARDGE FORUM,  
MULTICULTURAL CENTER

Reading from “The Legend of Bushistotle: History’s Greatest Philosopher-Warrior-King,” a satirical parody of the Bush Administration by author Steven Hanley, who will also discuss obstacles he has faced as a gay writer trying to publish a book critical of Bush and the Catholic Church. For further information about Steven Hanley and his upcoming book visit:  
<http://www.stevenhanley.com>

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 10:00AM-  
4:00PM, GALANTI LOUNGE,  
UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

10:00-11:00 “Pride and Punishment: Why Prisons are a Queer Issue”  
Daniel Bassichis, Vanessa Huang, Justice Now

11:00-12:00 “Evaluation of a Safe Spaces Program for LGBTQ College Students” R. Steven Schiavo

12:00-1:30 Discussion of the Gay? Fine By Me Project with founder Lucas Schaefer :  
[www.finebyme.org](http://www.finebyme.org)

1:30-3:00 “Lifelines: Critical Benefits of Harm Reduction Clinics and Transition Resources for Transgender and Transsexual Youth” Gavriel Ansara

3:00-4:00 “Is it Time to End ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell?’” Peter Cassels, Edge Publications  
[www.edgeprovidence.com](http://www.edgeprovidence.com)

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 7:30PM,  
ROBERT E. WILL THEATRE  
FINE ARTS CENTER

The URI Theatre Department presents Tony Kushner’s Pulitzer Prize, Tony-Award winning play, “Angels in America (Part I, Millennium Approaches).” This performance is dedicated to the Rhode Island Project AIDS Benefit and the Annual URI GLBT Symposium. Tickets for this performance will be \$16 general, \$12 seniors, URI Faculty and Staff and \$10 for students. Two dollars from each ticket will be donated to RI Project AIDS. A post-performance panel discussion will relate play themes to AIDS issues in Rhode Island.

Saturday, April 22, 12:00pm-4:30pm,  
Galanti Lounge, University Library

“Queer Youth Issues.” Workshops and discussions presented by Youth Pride, Inc. (YPI) and the Providence Youth Student Movement (PrYSM).

5:00pm Rainbow Diversity House

Dinner discussion and evening social activities