1st Annual LGBT Symposium Calendar of Events

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'SETTING OUT'

The University of Rhode Island's
First Annual
Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Studies Symposium

March 30 - 31, 1995

Galanti Lounge, URI Library

Featuring Keynote Speaker Denis Sweet
Professor, Bates College
"Post-Communism, Post-Modernism, and Queer Folk: Who Am I?"

Co-sponsored by the Committee to Eliminate Homophobia and Heterosexism and the URI Student Entertainment Committee.

Special acknowledgments to: Donna Bickford, Gary Burkholder, Mary Cappello, Kelly Kochis, Norman Osprna, and Wally Silanpoa.
Thursday, March 30, 1995  Galanti Lounge, URI Library

9:15  Opening Remarks from URI President Robert Carothers and Bill Bartels, URI Chaplain

9:30  An End to Labeling: Perspectives on Human Sexuality
      Discussion of the difficulties in researching sexuality on college campuses.
      Deborah Kane

         Promoting Community on College Campuses for Gays and Lesbians
      Focus on creating a diverse and accepting community using systems theory
      Kelly Kcchis

         Issues on Sexual Orientation: Using Panels to Facilitate Awareness
      A discussion of the experiences and results of panel discussions held in
      classrooms during the 1993-1994 year. Gary Burkholder and Anne Dineen

11:00 Panel Two - Analyzing Discourses of Homophobia

         Is It Homophobia, Heterosexism, Sexism or Can I Pass?
      Reading of personal essay on sexuality in academic contexts.
      Sandra Ketrow

         Homophobia, Beckett and a Body Without Organs
      An exploration of the interconnections between Beckett, Deleuze and
      Guattari and the relationship between these texts and homophobia. Lola Ellis

         The Gay Man as Other: A Reconsideration
      A discussion of Jean-Paul Sarte's gaze concept, its resulting
      objectification, and how it helps further our understanding of homophobia.
      Allen Anderson

12:30 - 1:45 LUNCH

2:00 Panel Three - Censorship and Visual/Popular Culture

         Robert Mapplethorpe and the NEA Debate
      John Leo

         Homosexuality In/and Madonna's Sex: A Slide Show and Discussion
      A critique of the discourse of homoeroticism in Madonna's Sex Book.
      Elaine Craghead

3:30 Presentation - Homophobia in Sport: Changing the Rules
      A video and facilitated discussion addressing homophobia in sports
      participation and some proactive alternatives. Greta Cohen

5:00 Dinner Break  7:30 Keynote Speaker - Denis Sweet
      Professor, Bates College

Friday, March 31, 1995  Galanti Lounge, URI Library

9:00  Coffee and Refreshments

9:30  Panel One - Sexuality and Community:

         The Kiss: Lesbian Alternatives and Some Contemporary Writers
      Discussion of the works of Margaret Lawrence, Margaret Atwood, and
      Daphne Marlett with regard to lesbian/heterosexual relationships as
      subversive possibilities. Karen Stein

         Separatist Utopias and Re-Creations of Lesbian Community
      A discussion of women's communities during the mid-to-late 70's in the
      midst of radical feminism and separatist lesbianism. An analysis of those
      contradictions and explanation of how separatist utopian novels reconfigure
      these paradoxes. Dana Shugar

11:00 Plenary Session: Racism and Homophobia

         Milton Fortune!, Gitahi Gititi, Norman Ospina, Rosie Pegueros, Dana Shugar
         and Michelle Torres

12:15 - 1:00 LUNCH

1:00  Presentation: Hemingway's 'Gender Anxiety' and his story
      "The Mother of a Queen" Music, fiction reading, and analysis of
      etymological difficulties in the use of gay lingo as instructor, particularly
      with regard to the word 'queen'. Ralph Tutt

1:30  Presentation: "Nothing to Confess: A Lesbian in Italian America"
      Reading of essay combining poetry, literary criticism, memoir, and oral
      history to explore confessional discourse and the intersection of ethnicity
      and sexuality. Mary Cappello

3:00 Panel Two - Student Life II
      Members of the URI Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Association will
      present coming out stories and discuss their experiences making
      classroom visits to educate the campus community.

      Participants: Dana Johnson, Melissa Lovering, Brent Reinhard, and
      Carolina Tejera