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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 Ospina, and Wally Sitanpoa.

Thursday, March 30, 1995 Galanti Lounge, URI Library

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

9:30 **Panel One - Student Life I**

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 Kochis

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 Sartre'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

Structure and Attitudes toward Gay Males and Lesbians :

From 1991 - 1994, the presenters have been developing new scales to assess heterosexual attitudes toward gay men and lesbians. Gary Burkholder and Al Lott

Bisexuality: Diversity or Perversity?

Tricia Henley

11:00 **Plenary Session: Racism and Homophobia**

Milton Fortunet, 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

2:00 **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 Lovring, Brent Reinhard, and Carolina Tejera