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Schedule of Events for

"Perspectives on Progress"

The 3rd Annual Symposium on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Issues

April 10 - 12, 1997

Galanti Lounge
University of Rhode Island Library, Kingston

Special Events

Keynote Speaker, Karen Marshall, Director of the San Diego Lesbian & Gay Men's Community Center
AIDS Memorial Quilt
Art Display by Leslie Bostrom
Poetry Reading by Peter Covino
Mini Film Festival
Reception

All Events are Free and Open to The Public
Thursday, April 10

9:00  Opening Remarks
President Robert Carothers, University of Rhode Island

9:30 - 10:45  Campus Climate
Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Curricular Integration at a Women's College, or Discussions in (and of) the Dating Parlor
Discussion of the integration of lesbian and gay studies at a small southern U.S. college. Andrea Cumpston

The Effectiveness of Lesbian & Gay Speaker Panel Presentations as an Intervention to Promote Attitudinal Change in Heterosexual Students
Examination of the effects of lesbian and gay speaker panel presentations. JoLee Webb

Attitudes Toward Gay Men and Lesbians: Homophobia or Heterosexism
An analysis of the concept of homophobia from a social psychological perspective as well as a discussion of a scale measuring the attitudes toward gay men and lesbians. Albert Lott

11:00 - 12:15  Bisexuality
Bisexuality in the Netherlands
Exploration of bisexual identity in Dutch culture. Rebecca McCrorie

The Science of Heterosexuality
A look at recent scientific attempts to discover, or rather invent, homosexual bodies, and to codify these pleasures through the Human Genome Project. Steven Angelides

12:15 - 1:30  Lunch

1:30 - 2:00  Music & Sexuality
Narcissizing the Saxophone: Constructing Our Sexual Repression Through Linguistic and Musical Discourse
Connecting jazz to human sexuality, the pertinence of society’s narcissism will be demonstrated. M. Amanda Materne

2:00 - 3:15  Health Care
Lesbian Health Care: An Oxymoron?
Exploration of obstacles to complete health for lesbians, including implicit gender bias that exists in medical culture, as well as unique aspects of lesbian sexual health and the efforts that are being made to provide better health care for lesbians. Francesca Mary Maresca

Creating a Lesbian Family
Discussion of the obstacles faced by lesbian parents including access to alternative insemination, lack of images of lesbians in childbirth and parenting education, literature, and media, and legal considerations defining and protecting “family” relationships. Laurie Friedman

Herbs, Holism & AIDS
Discussion of herbal therapies used to support the immune system and counteract negative effects of chemotherapies for people living with HIV/AIDS. Michael Ford

3:30 - 4:45  Creative Expressions
Fiction Reading
Reading of “queer” texts including discussion of race, sexuality, nationhood, class and language. Thomas Glave

Poetry Reading
A young artist, social worker and rising star on New York City’s poetry scene will read from his powerfully moving and finely crafted work. Peter Cavino

7:30  Keynote Speaker (in White Hall Auditorium) - Karen Marshall,
Director of the San Diego Lesbian & Gay Men’s Community Center
How Do We Organize a Diverse Group of Communities to Move Our Movement Forward?
Ms. Marshall will share with us her thoughts and experiences on what steps must be taken in order for the LGBT Community to attain equality in a way that is healthy for all of us, including our need to celebrate and utilize our diversity.

Friday, April 11

9:00 - 9:20  Media
Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Groups in the Media
A look at the absence of gays, lesbians, and bisexuals in the media, the motivation behind the lack of coverage, and alternate routes for visibility. Andrea Herrmann

9:30 - 10:50  Politics of S/M
Limits of Progress: The Endless Loop of the S/M Debates
Discussion focusing on the connections between healing from abuse and sexual exploration. Juliana Marie Kubala, Janet Jakobson, Sara Look

M-powerment
A radical rethinking of the forms of power involved in s/m from (but not limited to) the perspective of masochism. Karmen MacKendrick

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Disclosure of Sexual Orientation and Relational Outcomes
An examination of how one’s tendency to disclose information and other antecedent factors relate to the disclosure of sexual orientation and relational outcomes. Sandra M. Ketrow

12:00 - 1:00  Lunch

1:00 - 2:00  Aging
The Contemporary Experiences of Older Lesbians in Amsterdam
An exploration, through personal interviews, of the lives of older lesbians who are currently living in the Netherlands. Amy Black

Heterosexism & Sexism
"But I’m Not Homophobic!": Exploring Subtle Heterosexism and Sexism in the Workplace
Discussion and workshop on the ways in which heterosexism and sexism intersect and pervade interpersonal interactions and assumptions about others. Joy S. Whitman, Cyndy J. Boyd & Rob Ferguson

3:30 - 4:45  Race & Sexuality
Constrained Bodies: Racism in Queer Theory
An examination of how racist paradigms can and do limit the effectiveness of Queer Theory as a useful base for academic and activist thinking. Ellen M. Gil-Gomez

The Poetics of Essex Hemphill: Journey into Black Gay Male Subjectivity
A study of Essex Hemphill’s poetry as the site of an emergent form of radical black subjectivity: the black gay male. Guy Foster III

The Politics of AfroHomosexuality and James Baldwin’s Another Country
Through an “Afrocentric” reading of James Baldwin’s novel, Another Country, themes in the novel—love, desire, oppression of sexual identity—are connected with present day experiences of black gays in the age of AIDS. Charles E. Clifton

7:00  Mini Film Festival (in White Hall Auditorium)
An evening of short independent films by lesbian and gay directors followed by an Ellen surprise. Discussion to be led by Jean Walton.