

Volume 45 Issue 6 LGBT History Month

The LGBT Resource Center celebrates and recognizes LGBT History Month in October. LGBT History Month is a month-long annual observance of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender history, and the history of the gay rights and related civil rights movements. Our diverse community has provided many contributions to society and we illuminate these voices in our daily work as we build community. There are many



events occurring during the month of October, including National Coming Out Day on October 11<sup>th</sup>. In addition, the LGBT Resource Center wants to highlight October's programming including: Speakers Bureau Panelist Training, the Q league leadership retreat, discussions regarding gender identity and sexual orientation, Intersex Awareness Week, Volunteer Program training, and our UC San Diego Alumni Brunch. For more information regarding programming please visit: <u>http://lgbt.ucsd.edu/</u>.

### **Rainbow Postcards**

LGBT Resource Center Conference Room November 1 | 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



Are you interested in studying abroad but not sure where? Come to Rainbow Postcards where a panel of LGBTQ students who studied abroad share their knowledge, stories and experiences. Snacks will be provided! If you have any questions, please contact Noel at <a href="mailto:nmagtoto@ucsd.edu">nmagtoto@ucsd.edu</a>.

### Fall Quarter 2011 LGBT RC Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

### LGBT RC Visitors This Week

Students: 289 Staff: 17 Alumni: 7

### **Calling All Artists**

Interested in displaying your art throughout the LGBT Resource Center? Look no further! The LGBT RC is expanding its community art section and is looking for community members to submit art to be displayed within the library. We welcome all forms of art! If you are interested or want to find out more information, please email Alina at <u>asau@ucsd.edu</u>.



# **Employee Benefits**

As employees approach the time for the annual Open Enrollment for Benefits, there are a few things important things

1. UC does not require domestic partnership registry to receive benefits, only three of the following supporting documents:

### Guest: 3 Total: 316

# INTRODUCING... Vanidy Bailey



My Bio: Vanidy is a Masculine of Center Caribbean-American. Vanidy received their bachelor's degree from Denison University in Ohio and their graduate degree at The Ohio State University. Currently, Vanidy is a second year doctoral student at California State University- Northridge. Vanidy's research interests are focused on Black student leadership development. They have worked at California State University, Northridge as the Senior Community Director and Area Manager with Student Housing, and has worked extensively with the inclusive residential living learning communities for LGBT residents on CSUN's campus. Vanidy has a significant amount of experience and expertise in student leadership development, multicultural affairs, and mentoring.

- joint mortgage or joint tenancy on a residential lease
- joint bank account
- joint liabilities (for example, credit cards or car loans)
- joint ownership of significant property (for example, a car or a house)
- durable property or health care power of attorney
- wills, life insurance policies or retirement annuities naming each other as primary beneficiary
- written agreements or contracts showing mutual support obligations or joint ownership of assets
- copy of any declaration, affidavit or similar document filed with any other governmental entity
- Next year, UC will conduct "Verification of Dependents" audits for all employees that have dependents (including domestic partners) enrolled on their health plans. This requirement is part of an important initiative to ensure legal compliance and good governance, and is intended to aid in the University's continuing efforts to keep healthcare costs affordable to all eligible employees.
- Employees will need to provide proof of eligibility for dependents to satisfy verification requirements (i.e., birth certificates, adoption records, state registry documents for domestic partnerships or equivalent documentation, etc.)
- If you currently have dependents on your plans that do not meet eligibility, you are encouraged to de-enroll them during the Open Enrollment period.

Open Enrollment begins Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. More information is available at <u>http://blink.ucsd.edu/HR/benefits/managing/OE.html</u>. To ask specific questions, please contact your benefits representative at

http://blink.ucsd.edu/HR/benefits/managing/reps.html

### Women's Group

Heritage Room, LGBT Resource Center November 2 | 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



Women's Group is a space for female-identified members of the UCSD community to discuss general, specific, or personal issues in an informal and comfortable atmosphere. We meet in a respected space,

so all information and identities are kept confidential. If you identify as transgender, cisgender, lesbian, bisexual, queer, straight or are questioning your sexual orientation, stop by Women's Group to meet other like minded women and gain support from your peers. If you have any questions or would like more information, feel free to e-mail us at womensgroup.ucsd@gmail.com.

### Chat with Cat

LGBT Resource Center Wednesdays of Fall Quarter | 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Dr. Cat Thompson is the Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) liaison to the Campus Community Centers. She is housed at the Women's Center and spends five hours per week at each Community Center to facilitate seeing students and being in community. She will be at the Women's Center on Mondays from 10am to 1pm, the LGBT Resource Center on Wednesdays from 12pm to 5pm and the Cross-Cultural Center on Thursdays from 1pm to 6pm. Please speak to community center staff if



However, their most recent experience is working with the wonderful UC-San Diego, LGBT Resource Center as the Assistant Director for Education. Vanidy enjoys playing the drums, spending time with loved ones and quiet moments at local beaches.

#### What I'm Excited

About: I am SO excited about this year's Q league retreats! They will be the Saturday of Week 2 Fall, Winter and Spring Quarters. Q League's Winter Quarter Retreat is on January 21<sup>st</sup> at the Muir College-Mandeville Suite! I am also excited about connecting with student leaders and community members. I love story telling and think it's always powerful to hear peoples' unique and dynamic experiences!

"Re-examine all you have been told... dismiss whatever insults your own soul, and your very flesh shall be a great poem and have the richest fluency not only in its words but in the silent lines of its lips and face and between the lashes of your eyes and in every motion and joint of your body."

-- Walt Whitman

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you are interested in setting up an individual counseling appointment with her. Otherwise, feel free to stop by and say "hi" as she is here to be of service to our community and would love to connect with you. For more information about her training and areas of clinical interest, please see the staff section at http://caps.ucsd.edu.

### T-Camp: An InterCampus Retreat for Trans/Genderqueer & Gender Questioning Students

Camp de Benneville Pines January 6 - 8 Priority Deadline: November 1



T-camp is an intercampus retreat to explore gender identity and expression and to engage in dialogue with our peers. This event is specifically for students who are transgender, genderqueer, or gender questioning (TGQQ). Retreat facilitators include transgender and genderqueer community members, as well as campus LGBT resource professionals. We encourage you to apply for T-Camp if:

- You are a TGQQ-identified college student
- You wish to explore your own gender identity/expression and engage in dialogue with others
- You wish to build community with your peers across multiple campuses and experiences
- You wish to gain knowledge regarding trans issues, self-care and wellness, and accessing resources and support
- You wish to learn and share best practices to help improve TGQQ campus climate, policy, and programming on campuses throughout California

Please visit the following link for the online T-Camp application: <u>http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3S7L8VH.</u>

### **Graduate Diversity Dinner**

The Forum Room (4th Floor), Price Center East November 3 | 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. RVSP by October 30

Join us for dinner and dialogue as campus guest speakers discuss how we can make UCSD even better. Also, how new changes on the horizon will affect us and the campus. Seating is limited; RSVP required by 10/30/11 gradconnect@ucsd.edu. For more information contact: Virginia Elizabeth Bartz at vpdiversity@gsa.ucsd.edu.



# Education in Action: Mobilizing the next generation for social reform - *Call for Proposals*

Cross-Cultural Center January 26 Deadline for Proposals: November 17

> Higher Education has turned its attention to experiential learning and is seeking to better understand and tap into its transformative effects on today's students. This conference will explore the ways in which experiential

If you would like to submit an item to the newsletter, please send it by Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. to <u>rainbow@ucsd.edu</u> and type "For Newsletter" in the subject line. News items should be UCSD & LGBT focused.



learning can better prepare citizens for an increasingly complex global community. We invite individual and

panel submissions from faculty, staff, students, alumni, employers, and community members who are engaged in experiential learning initiatives to share the transformative elements and best practices of experiential learning. Key goals of the conference are to: develop strategies for building experiential learning initiatives in higher education; increase collaboration; discussion of service as research; explore the role of experiential learning in leadership development, career goals, and civic engagement. For more information, please visit <a href="http://sixth.ucsd.edu/experiential-learning-conference/">http://sixth.ucsd.edu/experiential-learning-conference/</a>.

**Outside the Box Forum** Tranquility Room, Cross Cultural Center Thursdays | 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Outside the box forum is an open dialogue and safe space for people of multiracial/multiethnic, mixed race, and other non-dominant identities to share personal experiences and be heard.



Public Education Coalition Meeting to Fight the Budget Cuts Social Sciences Building 101 Mondays | 7:00 p.m.



Every Monday, the Public Education Coalition meets at SSB 101 at 7pm. Please contact Chad at <u>chad.valasek@gmail.com</u> for more information.

"We're Not That Scary!" Halloween Party Bamboo Room (under the LGBT Resource Center) October 31 | 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Come meet the Students with Disabilities Coalition! SDC is throwing a Halloween party with lots of free candy, great music, funny hats, and activist education! Get to know us better over free candy and great music! Bring your friends! Everyone is welcome. For more info, email sdcucsd@gmail.com.



# Global Experiences LGBT Internship Program



The Global Experiences LGBT Internship Program offers an unparalleled opportunity to gain valuable work experience in a career area that also has considerable resonance and personal meaning to lesbian, gay, bisexual

and transgendered students around the globe.

Global Experiences offers LGBT international internships in Dublin, London, Paris and Sydney every season of the year. We also offer domestic internship opportunities in New York City and Washington, D.C. While these internships are a natural fit for those with graduate school interest in Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies, they can also be a transformative experience for those LGBT students with more general interest in communications & marketing, website design/hosting, public relations, radio/TV, event planning, non-profit management or political campaign organization. For more information, please visit:

http://www.globalexperiences.com/careers/lgbt\_internships.php

### Victory Congressional Internship: Accepting Applications Deadline: November 7

The Gay & Lesbian Leadership Institute will bring outstanding LGBTQ college students to Washington, D.C., for an intensive leadership program, including a Congressional internship with an LGBT-friendly member of Congress.



The program includes a generous stipend, placement in a congressional internship and travel to/from Washington, D.C., as well as travel and registration to the International Gay & Lesbian Leadership Conference in Long Beach, California, in December 2012.

Applications for Spring 2012 are due Monday, November 7 - find out more and apply now at <u>www.glli.org/vci</u> (applications for Summer 2012 will be due February 6).

Western Regional Feminist Campus Leadership Conference California State University, Northridge November 5 - 6



The Feminist Majority Foundation would like to cordially invite students to the Western Regional Feminist Campus Leadership Conference, November 5-6, 2011, at California State University, Northridge in the greater Los Angeles area.

Activists and campus leaders from 10 Western States will converge to strategize, share ideas about feminist activism, and formulate a plan of action. We will be tackling issues that affect us on a local, national, and global level. From the upcoming elections, to reproductive health and rights, violence against women, anti-choice extremism, education access, and campus activism, this is weekend that is not to be missed!

Stay tuned to our website for more details about hotel information, confirmed speakers and programs. Don't forget to RSVP at <a href="https://www.feministcampus.org/leadership/western/2011">www.feministcampus.org/leadership/western/2011</a>.

# Cute or Creepy "Where's the L.I.N.E.?" Video Contest Campus

Deadline: November 14 | 4:00 p.m.

The UCSD Sexual Assault & Violence Prevention Resource Center (SARC) has launched Cute or Creepy "Where's the L.I.N.E.?" Video Contest sponsored by the AVON Foundation for Women. Cute or Creepy campaign promotes healthy dating relationships and violence prevention. Violent behavior on college campuses, including dating violence, is a serious and



widespread problem.

Any registered UCSD student has a chance to compete to win money and have their video featured throughout the UCSD community! Get together with a few of your friends and create a video that promotes healthy dating relationships! Visit <u>UCSD SARC</u> <u>Cute or Creepy Video Contest</u> or call (858-534-5793) for more details.

# Law, Public Policy, and Advocacy Mentorship Program *Deadline: November 18 | 4:00 p.m.*



Are you passionate about making a positive impact in your community? Are you interested in meeting professionals in the legal or policy field? The UC San Diego Community Law Project is developing its first Law, Public Policy, and Advocacy Mentorship Program (LPPA), providing students with guidance to and through their pursuit of legal education and advocacy work. Applications are due the end of 8th week, Friday, November 18th at 4pm. Email completed electronic

applications to <u>clpmentorship@gmail.com</u> or drop off physical copies at the Community Law Project Office located in Price Center, 3rd floor. Questions: call 858-822-4972.

# APSA High School Conference: Volunteers Needed November 5

The UCSD Asian and Pacific-Islander Student Association's High School Conference is an event where we promote access to higher education by inviting high school



students from the Greater San Diego area to visit the UCSD campus for a day of fun and empowerment. The conference is designed for students from under-resourced and under-served areas, and we hope that the conference will provide the tools necessary for students to feel more confident in their pursuit for higher education. The event will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2011.

All help is much appreciated. Please e-mail <u>ucsdapsahsc11@gmail.com</u> if you are interested in leading a workshop, being a Funcilitator, or a day-of volunteer.

### SD County Young Gay and Bisexual and Other Men Who Have Sex with Men (YMSM) Community Readiness Assessment Deadline: October 31



Are you a gay, bi or same-gender-loving man under 25? We want your opinion! We are all aware that substance use increases the risk for the acquisition and transmission of HIV. We want to know what you all are ready to do about it. Please take the survey at <u>http://bit.ly/ProjectMOCHA</u>. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Peter Pronsati at <u>peter.pronsati@sdcounty.ca.gov</u>.

LGBT Student Leaders Patterns of Accessing Help and Support

You are invited to participate in a study that seeks to better understand how and when LGBT student leaders on college campuses access support. We hope that through gaining a better understanding of how LGBT student leaders access support, campuses become more hospitable and welcoming environments for LGBT students.



#### Access the survey at

http://studentvoice.com/vand/lgbtqistudentleadershipresearchproj.

### Sexual Orientation Survey



An LGBQ individual's thoughts about their sexual orientation may help researchers understand ways in which a sexual minority conceptualizes and processes their identity. This study seeks to develop a way for researchers to reliably interpret differences in how a person views their sexual orientation. The online survey takes about 20 minutes to complete and asks you

to rate how often you think about certain things. Please follow the link below to complete the survey!

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SexualOrientationSurvey.

# Explanatory Style as a Protective Factor for Victimized LGBTQ Adolescents Survey

With the permission of The University of Montana Institutional Review Board, I am conducting a study on protective factors for sexual minority individuals. Specifically, my project examines whether or not the way people explain negative events that happen to them protects them from developing depressive symptoms. I am specifically interested in understanding how this may



happen amongst 18-22 year olds who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning. Additionally, it includes those who engage in sexual behaviors with, or have attractions to, members of the same sex. There will be a drawing for one of four \$25 iTunes gift cards at the completion of the study.

If you would like to participate, please click on the following link to learn more about the survey: <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LGBTQ\_attributions.</u>

#### Discount for Dead From New York: It's Pepper & Sam! Diversionary Theatre October 28 - 30



Looking to change-up your Halloween routine? Hoping to escape the macabre and the ridiculous? Diversionary Theatre has the antidote or the answer for whatever you crave-Dead From New York: It's Pepper & Sam! Smart, hip and hilarious, *Pepper & Sam* will bring their downtown New York act to Diversionary.

Virtuosic, rock n' roll-vaudevillians Pepper Mills & Play It Again Sam were touted in cities from Wichita to Schenectady before their tragic demise in a blazing theater fire. Stuck playing the purgatory circuit for over 80 years, these two lost souls have toured Heaven and tempted Hell, and now they're back from the grave with brand new bodies and decades of new material. Pepper & Sam will resuscitate classics by Screamin' Jay Hawkins, Cab Calloway, Harold Arlen and Johnny Mercer and breath new life into songs by R. Kelly, Green Day, No Doubt, The Smashing Pumpkins, Weezer and of course, Queen!

This publication is a regular compilation of news and information from the UCSD LGBT Resource Center to help keep you informed about news and events relevant to the UCSD LGBT community. For more information about the Rainbow Newsletter or to offer your comments or suggestions, please contact the LGBT Resource Center at (858) 822-3493 or rainbow@ucsd.edu. Newsletters are archived at <a href="http://lgbt.ucsd.edu/newsletter.asp">http://lgbt.ucsd.edu/newsletter.asp</a>.

The UC San Diego LGBT Resource Center is committed to being accessible to all who frequent our space, participate in our programs, and attend our events. Our physical location is accessible to anyone who utilizes assisted mobility. If you require specific accommodations to fully access any of our programs or events, please contact Vanidy Bailey at <u>vbailey@ucsd.edu</u> or (858) 822-3493.

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