

Out and About

news for everyone from Colgate's LGBTQ Community

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Another Colgate Milestone

Emily Blake's position as LGBTQ Program Assistant -- until now a year-to-year position -- has just officially become a fully-funded, permanent, full-time position. Emily's new title, effective June 1st, is **Assistant Director for Student and Academic LGBTQ Initiatives**.

For those of you who don't know, Emily came to Colgate in July 2006 from Iowa State University, where she had been a program specialist for Multicultural Student Affairs. She received her BA in Sociology from SUNY Potsdam and a Masters of Education in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies from Iowa State University. Her background includes work with race and ethnicity, lgbtq programming and outreach, the empowerment of women, advisement, and administrative management.

The LGBTQ Community at Colgate sends enormous thanks to Ken Valente (Associate Professor of Mathematics and University Studies CORE), Raj Bellani (Special Assistant to the Vice President and Dean of the College), and Charlotte Johnson (Dean of the College) for their efforts in making this key position a permanent part of the LGBTQ landscape at Colgate. The continuity and cohesion afforded by a permanent position will have a tremendous impact on the work being done by the Supporters, Advocates, and Rainbow.

New LGBTQ Student Interns

Dom Ruggerio - Hailing from Long Island, currently living in South Carolina, Dom '08 is a pre-med student concentrating in sociology and anthropology and biology. His interests include race relations, activism, graphic design, and playing the guitar. "Being LGBTQ on campus can be stressful at times, but there are many resources and people at Colgate that can help one through those struggles."

Myra Guevara - An American with Salvadorian heritage, Myra lives in Westchester, NY, with her mom and younger siblings. She is the eldest of four and the first in her family to go to college. Myra is involved in LASO (Latin American Student Organization), SORT (Sisters of the Round Table), Kumba, and the Women's Club Rugby team. "I am excited to be working with Emily at LGBTQ Initiatives. As a freshman, and one who identifies as LGBTQ, I am not sure what to expect from people on campus. I am ready to face the challenges and know that I will have support

through LGBTQ Initiatives and the other support groups on campus."

Chris Nickels - A member of the class of 2008, Chris is an English and Political Science double major, a news writer for the *Colgate Maroon-News*, and an editor of the literary magazine. He hails from Rapid City, South Dakota. Chris's interests include politics, LGBTQ issues, and creative writing.

Spring 2007 LGBTQ Activities

Safe Zone Training Sessions

- January 10: Support Staff for Human Resources Professional Development and College Bookstore
- January 12: Career Services
- January 26: Faculty
- February 4: Train the Trainer
- February 9: General
- March 20: General
- April 26: SafeZone participant mix and mingle - ALANA

Free HIV Testing - LGBTQ Initiatives is working to bring the Syracuse Department of Health to campus for free confidential HIV testing. Check with Emily Blake to sign up.

Sexuality/Masculinity in the Caribbean - February 22 (ALANA) Co-sponsored by ALST

March 4, 7 PM - What is my Gender? WRCU 90.1 FM with Doc Miller. Guest speakers included Jack Skelton '06 and LGBTQ Program Assistant Emily Blake.

March 6 - "Women for Sale and Trade: Feminine Bodies in the Crying Game and Trans America" - Women's Studies/LGBTQ Brown bag featuring Jack Skelton '06

March 10 - Women's AIDS Awareness Day

March 29 - Kenji Yoshino, Professor of Law and Deputy Director of Intellectual Life at the Yale Law School, was on campus to give a public lecture on his book *Covering: The Hidden Assault on our Civil Rights* and participate in a reading group discussion at the downtown bookstore.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April 26 - Day of Silence

May 1 - Equality and Justice Day - Albany, NY

This day is critical to advancing priority issues that we all care about, including marriage equality, transgender non-discrimination protections, safe schools for LGBT youth, and funding for our community's health and human services needs. Contact Emily Blake for details.

May 2 - LavGrad Ceremony - details to be announced

Film Series 2007

All films shown in 209 Lathrop at 7:00 PM

February 15 - *Imagine Me and You* - In this delightful romantic comedy that gives new meaning to the term cold feet, bride-to-be Rachel (Piper Perabo) is love-struck ... but not with her groom. Instead, as she's marching down the aisle with her longtime sweetheart, Heck (Matthew Goode), Rachel is immediately bewitched by a beautiful guest (Lena Headey). Now, the newlywed must choose between the safety of a familiar relationship and her heart's true desire.

March 1 - *Family Stone* - Although their relationship works in the city, things begin to fall apart for young Manhattanites Everett (Dermot Mulroney) and Meredith (Sarah Jessica Parker) when they visit the 'burbs' for the holidays. In fact, Sarah's first meeting with Everett's bohemian parents (Diane Keaton and Craig T. Nelson) proves so traumatic that she has to call in her sister (Claire Danes) for reinforcements -- a move that only makes Christmas more complicated.

March 22 - *Fire* - Deepa Mehta's *Fire*, the first Indian film about lesbians, follows two Hindu women struggling with loveless, arranged marriages. When Sita (Nandita Das) discovers that her husband, Jatin (Javed Jaffrey), has a mistress, she shares her unhappiness with her sister-in-law, Radha (Shabana Azmi), who cannot give birth. As the lukewarm coals of their long-term relationships fade, they ignite passion in their lives by finding comfort in each other.

March 29 - *If These Walls Could Talk II* - Following the same premise as the first movie -- focusing on three women from three generations who've occupied the same house -- this Emmy-winning follow-up trains its lens on three lesbian couples. In 1961, Edith (Vanessa Redgrave) loses her long-time companion. In the 1970s, collegiate Linda (Michelle Williams) falls for townie Amy (Chloë Sevigny). And in 2000, the house's inhabitants (Ellen DeGeneres, Sharon Stone) want to become parents.

April 12 - *Beautiful Boxer* - Asanee Suwan portrays kickboxer Parinya Charoenphol, who's harboring an unusual secret: He's a transvestite. Inspired by a famous Thai pugilist who lived two drastically different lives, this moving film written and directed by Ekachai Uekrongtham recounts Parinya's painful attempts to exist in paradoxical worlds. To fund the sex change he longs for, Parinya earns money in the ring, participating day after day in the ultimate male sport.

April 19 - *Lan Yu* - Thriving businessman Chen Handong is the head of a Beijing trading company. When he's introduced to architecture student Lan Yu, Handong is interested in him sexually but doesn't want a long-term relationship. Hoping to deflect Lan Yu's feelings, Handong buys him lavish gifts, then gets involved with another man. After going their separate ways, the two meet up again by chance, and it's only then that Handong realizes his true feelings.

Advocates Meetings - Wednesdays at 8 PM, COVE

Conference Opportunities

Trans-Health Conference - Philadelphia Convention Center, April 4-7. Focusing on working with transgender Youth, a Providers Day keynote featuring Dr. Norm Spack. and an accessible student registration price. Additional tracks include HIV, Mental Health Care, Primary Health Care, and evening workshops. www.trans-health.org.

THE POWER OF ONE: LGBT Leadership Conference - 2007 date and location to be announced. Contact Emily Blake for more information.

"Scholarship. Community. Advocacy" - Hosted by the University of Wisconsin, April 21-22 at the Pyle Center, UW-Madison. For more info, email lbeckstrand@uwsa.edu.

September 2007 - National Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Ally Student Career Conference - see www.outforwork.com for details - students, faculty, staff, and parents welcome; registration now open - \$35 for graduating and current undergrads; \$45 nonstudents

Scholarships and Financial Aid for LGBTQ Students

Audre Lorde Scholarship Fund; Lambda Foundation for Excellence; The Point Foundation; Transgender Scholarship and Education Legacy Fund - *contact Emily Blake for more information.*

Bob Connelly '84 will be guest speaker at the Class of 2007 Senior Class Luncheon on May 18th

Bob Connelly, who kicked off the first ever LGBTQ Film Festival at Colgate in the Fall of 2003 by introducing the film *The Celluloid Closet*, will be back on campus in May to speak to the 2007 graduating class. Bob is a Senior Researcher with National Geographic Channels International, where he oversees the production of commissioned documentaries to ensure that their content meets the editorial standards of National Geographic Society. Formerly a producer, his work has been screened on PBS, the History Channel, the National Geographic Channel, and at museums and film festivals around the country.

At Colgate, Bob was a member of the Colgate Thirteen and Konosioni, and graduated in 1984 with a B.A. in English. Since then, he has remained involved with Colgate, serving on the Alumni Corporation Board of Directors and as President of the Colgate Club of Washington, D.C.

Bob received his M.F.A. in Film and Electronic Media at American University, where he has taught "LGBT Issues" in the Women and Gender Studies Department and "Survey of Gay and Lesbian Documentary" in the Department of Film and Media Arts since 2001. In addition, he has authored numerous articles on independent films, filmmakers, and filmmaking policy for the Association of Independent Video Filmmakers, the Independent Feature Project, and the Center for Social Media, specializing in films significant to the trend in first-person autobiographical video documentary.

Eliza Kent granted tenure

Eliza Kent, Assistant Professor of Religion, has just received word that she has been granted tenure and will be promoted to Associate Professor beginning with the Fall 2007 semester.

An active member of Colgate's LGBTQ Supporters since its inception in 2002, and a current member of the Supporters' Curriculum Committee, Eliza received her BA from Williams College and Masters and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago.

Her academic specialties include Hinduism, gender and religion, religion and environmentalism, health and medicine.

Eliza is currently involved in a new project on religion and environmentalism in contemporary Tamil Nadu, focusing on sacred groves, small forests or stands of trees which are protected from human use by religious taboos.

Congratulations to Raj Bellani

Raj Bellani, long involved with the Supporters Network and student LGBTQ activities, has a new title and a new degree.

Raj was recently named Special Assistant to the Vice President and Dean of the College, and also recently completed his Ed. D degree through the executive doctorate higher education management program at the University of Pennsylvania.

His dissertation was titled "Sophomore Men: Their Growth, Relationships, and Search for Life Direction at Colgate University."

Famous Bisexuals in History

If you went to Bill Bureson's reading and talk at the Bookstore at the beginning of BGW, you know that bisexuals are the "invisible gender." This list of people whose love life/sexual history includes more than one gender or who have publicly expressed bisexual attraction was compiled by Sheela Lambert, founder of the BiWriters Association, and first started in 1997 as content for the New York Bisexual Website.

For the complete list, see www.biwriters.org. Here are a few selections from the list which might surprise you:

1. Susan B. Anthony – activist
2. Saint Augustine – theologian
3. Joan Baez – singer/songwriter
4. Sarah Bernhardt – stage actress
5. Leonard Bernstein – conductor/composer
6. Marlon Brando - actor
7. Julius Caesar – Roman general
8. Montgomery Clift – actor
9. Kurt Cobain – singer/songwriter of Nirvana
10. Tony Curtis – actor
11. Ram Dass – spiritual teacher, author of *Be Here Now*
12. Sammy Davis Jr. – singer/actor
13. James Dean – actor
14. Merv Griffin – talk show host, owner many TV game shows
15. Michael Huffington – oil millionaire, US Congressman, ex-husband of Arianna Huffington
16. James I - King of England
17. John Maynard Keynes – economist

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Same Sex Unions in Classical Antiquity

by Robert Garland

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It's tempting to suppose that sexuality has been with us for a very long time. Quite possibly it has, but neither the Greeks nor the Romans had a word for it. In fact one of the most influential studies – if not the most influential study – of sexuality in antiquity is explicitly entitled *Before Sexuality*. Edited by David Halperin, John Winkler and Froma Zeitlin, it carries the sub-title *The Construction of Erotic Experience in the Ancient Greek World*. No such investigation has been carried out into Roman sexuality, but the premise underlying the book applies to any ancient society, indeed to any pre-modern society or any society with different values and social practices from our own.

As the editors note, the title is intentionally ambiguous. It can mean either 'before our sexuality' or 'before sexuality existed'. If we construe it to mean the latter, then what we're conceding is that sexuality can only be understood in connection with an industrialized and modern society – 'a new category' of society, in the opinion of the editors (p. 6), which provides 'a special opportunity to test our assumptions about what aspects of our lives might truly be common to all human beings and what aspects are distinctive to the modern world.'

Such a counter-instinctual suggestion takes us into a hugely controversial area of investigation, one that has profound and far-reaching implications for human identity itself. If we accept it, two important consequences follow, one philosophical, the other sociological. Firstly, we are automatically disqualified from passing judgment upon the sexual practices of the Greeks and the Romans. And second – and this is so obvious it hardly needs to be stated – the Greeks and the Romans are likely to have been much closer to each other in their sexual attitudes and practices than either of them is to us, not least because the two societies were organized on strictly hierarchical lines.

Most of our evidence for sexual practices in the ancient world comes from literature, art, and the law. And that's problematic in itself. As Peter Green recently pointed out in an essay entitled *Sex and Classical Literature*, 'Sex in literature (and for that matter, in the visual arts) may, at times, be roughly congruent with the actual sexual habits of the society in which the writers or painters or sculptors lived and worked, but the equation remains at best intermittent.' The evidence also eliminates two highly significant groups, because they have left us virtually no evidence, either literary or visual, about their sexual practices and preferences: women and slaves. The one woman who writes passionately about her feelings towards other women is Sappho of Lesbos, who belonged to a circle of young girls that seems to have encouraged or at least tolerated intimate same-sex relationships. Whether such circles existed elsewhere, however, is unknown. In general we know very little about female homosexuality in the ancient world.

Even the literary evidence about males can be highly problematic. In a comedy called *Curculio* by the Roman playwright Plautus one of the characters says, 'Love whatever you wish, as long as you stay away from married women, widows, virgins, young men, and free boys.' A noble sentiment, we might say. But how representative was it? Perhaps it listed exactly those upon whom male fantasy most focused.

There are some popular misconceptions about the Greeks and the Romans that I'd like to put to rest: I don't think either of them was totally unrepressed, I don't believe that many of them indulged in orgies, and I suspect that they both had their own serious hang-ups about sex. They may not have been the same hang-ups that we have, but they were hang-ups nonetheless. The

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word for the private parts in Greek is *aidoia*, literally ‘the shameful things’. In Latin, it’s *pudenda*, which means much the same. That, as a psychoanalyst might say, tells us a lot about their fear of the erotic.

So, with all these provisos and caveats, let’s ask the big question: What was the attitude of the Greeks and the Romans towards homosexual practices? I use the expression ‘homosexual practices’ rather than ‘homosexuality’ *tout court*, because homosexuality, heterosexuality, and bisexuality are three more words that didn’t exist in either language. And this in turn means that they have very little significance as terms of reference when we try to apply them to the sexual experiences of the ancients.

In Greek society, for instance, what we call male homosexuality was regarded primarily as an episodic phenomenon, which occurred (if that’s the right word) at a specific moment or moments in a man’s life. It marked and facilitated a boy’s progress from adolescence to adulthood. It involved an older and a younger partner, and as such was not purely physical but, at least in part, spiritual. In the case of the older partner, it did not interfere with his family life, whose objective was the production of male heirs. Communities including Boeotia, Elis, Sparta, and Crete all instituted and condoned pederasty as part of their rites of passage. In Sparta the senior partner was actually known as the ‘inspirer’ and the junior partner the ‘hearer’. Plato’s *Symposium* provides an impassioned defense of the pedagogical value of this type of asymmetrical relationship. The practice, however, seems to have fallen out of favor at least in Athens by the fourth century BC, though it may have continued out of sight of art and literature. In Plato’s very last work, *The Laws*, pederasty is dismissed as an unnatural practice.

This in turn brings up another important general point. As David Halperin (*One Hundred Years of Homosexuality and Other Essays on Greek Law*,

32) pointed out in his discussion of classical Athens: ‘Sexual behavior did not so much express inward dispositions or inclination... as it served to position social actors in the places assigned to them, by virtue of their political standing, in the hierarchical structure of the Athenian polity.’ Another way of putting this is that homosexuality, both for the Greeks and for the Romans, had very little to do with sexual orientation. Indeed I’m not completely convinced that either of them would have understood what we mean by that cumbersome term. Homoerotic activity was often, if not primarily, an expression of power, whether psychological or physical. Not surprisingly, therefore, it often took the form of a relationship between a freeborn man and his slave.

Tempting though it is to regard the Greeks as inherently sympathetic to same-sex relations, the evidence is by no means unambiguous. Though the closest relationship in Homer’s *Iliad* is between Achilles and his male-friend Patroclus, the poet avoids any suggestion that this was a sexual relationship. Was Homer simply being coy or did he actively suppress a tradition which depicted the pair as lovers? It’s also the case that those who committed themselves exclusively to homosexual activity were mocked and vilified, as indicated by the abuse that was routinely heaped upon such effeminates (as they were regarded) in the plays of Aristophanes. At the same time it’s difficult to resist the impression that it was given some cultural encouragement, at least in aristocratic circles, where it had the strongest and most persistent hold.

In Rome, by contrast, there was no philosophical tradition favoring homosexual practices, nor any evidence that pederasty was ever institutionalized. Roman society certainly never produced a learned advocate of Plato’s status and caliber. In fact it’s pretty obvious that the Romans were somewhat uncomfortable about the subject altogether. Linguistically the performance of a homosexual act is

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derived from the Greek. For instance, one of the Latin expressions for ‘to engage in homosexual activity’ is *uti Graeco*, ‘to indulge in Greek sexual practices’ or more literally ‘to indulge in what is Greek’. The resort to this euphemism suggests that the Romans felt it necessary to distance themselves from what they perceived as effeminate and morally offensive behavior. Similarly many of the words that were used of male homosexuals were loan words from the Greek (*catamitus*, *cinaedus*, *pathicus*, and *paedico*).

The charge of being penetrated by a male was repeatedly leveled against politicians as a way of blackening their reputation, the point being that only a social inferior would tolerate such an indignity. Cicero, the leading advocate of his day, regularly brought this charge against those he was prosecuting. His victims include Verres, the governor of Sicily, Catiline, a conspirator and political revolutionary, and Mark Antony, the consul and colleague of Julius Caesar. It must have worked as a tactic in the law courts or he wouldn’t have used it so often. In other words, he was exploiting an existing and well-established prejudice.

Likewise Caesar himself never managed to live down the rumor that early on in his career he had been the catamite of Nicomedes, king of Bithynia. In fact he was still being taunted for it a few months before his death, for his army veterans chanted scurrilous verses to this effect in the triumphs that he celebrated in 45 BC – mocking him for a relationship which had allegedly taken place thirty years ago. Incidentally, it wouldn’t be surprising if the rumor was true. Caesar was deeply influenced by Greek practices, and this, as we’ve seen, was one of them.

We don’t know for certain why there was so much public hostility. It may be that the Romans were too wedded to the image of themselves as hardy peasant farmers of the early-to-bed early-to-rise variety, and that anything that challenged or contravened that image was seen as a threat to their manhood and virility. But it also reflects the fact noted above that sexual activity, whether

of the homosexual or heterosexual kind, was expressive, indeed symbolic of power relations.

Privately, however, things were rather different and certainly there was no shortage of Romans who did indulge. A stunning piece of evidence indicating that homosexual activity was acceptable to the Roman elite is provided by a silver vessel in the British Museum known as the Warren Cup (AD 5-15). It’s decorated with a scene of homosexual lovemaking between an older and younger partner exactly along the Greek model discussed above. Pederasty hardly finds a more exquisite visual representation in all of classical art. And no doubt the proud owner of this minor masterpiece, a philhellene, derived satisfaction from displaying to his guests an important aspect of the cultural world of ancient Greece. On a cruder level, there were plenty of male prostitutes in Rome. They even had their own festival day – April 24th. And it wasn’t until the late first century CE that the ‘bad’ Emperor Domitian finally made it illegal for a boy under the age of seven to be prostituted.

Sexuality is altogether queerer than most of us can comfortably imagine. And if there’s any moral to be drawn from this discussion, it’s that sexual orientation was (and no doubt is) a function of many factors, including age, education, professional identity, and social status.

Editor’s Note: Submissions from faculty on academic topics related to lgbtq issues are welcome. Email cehoffman@frontiernet.net for inquiries.

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18. Philip of Macedon – King
19. Princess Margaret – British ITV documentary reported her 2 yr. affair w/American socialite Sharman Douglass who confirmed relationship; see ezresult.com
20. Margaret Mead - anthropologist
21. Herman Melville – writer
22. Eleanor Roosevelt – First Lady/wife of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, writer
23. Liz Smith – gossip columnist
24. Peter Tchaikovsky – composer

COLGATE'S SECOND ANNUAL BIG GAY WEEKEND - MARCH 23-25

Established in 2006, Big Gay Weekend provides LGBTQ and Ally students from colleges and universities in New York an opportunity to network, socialize, and learn with their peers at a three-day extravaganza of speakers, workshops, and social events.

Workshops

Spirituality 101 with Peter Ilgenfritz ('84), UCC minister and activist for same-sex marriage, and Susan Phillips ('88), a Unitarian Universalist minister from Keene, NH, at 114 Little Hall — This workshop was an open discussion that explored the leaders' and participants' individual experiences -- ranging from spiritual paths in Christianity, Judaism, and Buddhism, as well as spiritual understandings within humanism, agnosticism, and atheism. It revealed the rich ways that queer identities emerge in different belief traditions.

Careers for Queers with Teresa Olsen and Barbara Roback, Colgate Center for Career Services, at 108 Persson Hall — Searching for a job or internship? This workshop offered practical ideas and resources for gay, lesbian, and bisexual students and GLB allies as they work to negotiate the process of finding employment opportunities.

Multiple Identities with Linda Ahmed and Kellen Myers ('08) at 109 Persson Hall - This workshop explored the definitions and interconnectedness of social identities and the dynamics of privilege therein. Discussion centered on how LGBT identities interact with each other and with other types of identity.

Transgender Identities with Scott Turner Schofield at 114 Little Hall — Formerly KT Kilborn, Scott is an FTM performer with a transgender identity. Based in Atlanta, he has toured nationwide with his one-trannie shows, "Underground TRANSit" and "Debutante Balls" since 2001. Outside of his performances, Schofield's interactive lectures on gender identity — which negotiate with slapstick style the gamut of identity politics and intersecting oppressions — have drawn wide praise from community groups and academic departments for their highest-common denominator accessibility. See www.undergroundtransit.com.

Coming Out with Hsiao-wen Lo, Ph.D., Staff Psychologist, Counseling & Psychological Services, Colgate University; William A. Jellison, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Quinnipiac University; and R.J. Reynes '09, Co-Chair of *Advocates*. This workshop explored the complex nature of disclosing non-heterosexual feelings, behaviors, and

identities to others ("coming out"). Activities included an experiential exercise to help participants develop a better understanding of why this process is important. Presenters and participants shared personal experiences as to how and with whom such disclosures have occurred. The workshop concluded with a discussion on when such disclosure can occur and how heterosexual allies can assist in this process.

Train the Trainers with Emily Blake, Program Coordinator for LGBTQ Initiatives at Colgate at 109 Persson Hall — A training session with individuals to facilitate Safe Zone sessions for students, faculty, and staff. Designed for participants to take back to their home institutions and work for positive change.

Bisexuality 101 with Bill Bureson at 114 Little Hall — Bureson, a Minnesota STD/HIV prevention educator, activist, and writer, facilitated an open and frank discussion of bisexuality. One of the founders of the Bisexual Organizing Project and a past coordinator for BECAUSE: the Midwest Conference on Bisexuality, Bureson is the author of *Bi America: Myths, Truths, and Struggles of an Invisible Community*, and he gave a reading and discussion at the Colgate Bookstore on Friday afternoon at the beginning of BGW. See www.bi101.org.

Queer History 101 with Ken Valente, instructor of Colgate's Liberal Arts Distinction course *Speaking Its Name: Gay and Lesbian Identities since the Nineteenth Century* at 109 Persson Hall — An interactive session that provided the opportunity to test participants' knowledge and explore the power of LGBTQ history.

Keynote Address

Esera Tuoalo, the third former NFL player to announce his homosexuality, spoke in the Chapel to an audience of students, staff, and faculty about issues of sexuality and athletics, as well as his experiences in what is often a hostile and intolerant work environment. A former Atlantic Falcon, Esera is the author of *Alone in the Trenches: My Life as a Gay Man in the NFL*. See <http://www.eseratuoalo.com>.

Social Events

BGW began with a **Welcome Party** on Friday evening sponsored by Rainbow, Advocates, and La Casa. On Saturday, a fabulous **lunch** with Rainbow Alliance and Advocates students as well as faculty and alumni guests was held for all participants on the terrace outside the Dana Arts Center. And last, but not least, the **Third Annual Drag Ball** took place on Saturday night in downtown Hamilton at the Palace Theatre.

Bisexual and Questioning Support Group

sponsored by Counseling and Psychological Services

A support group at Colgate to help students explore a variety of issues related to sexual orientation.

To Register:

Email Hsiao-wen Lo at hlo@colgate.edu
or call Rose Novak at 7385
to schedule an individual meeting

LGBTQ Alumni Network

If you are a Colgate alum who would like to receive information about joining our LGBTQ Alumni Network, please email rsummers@mail.colgate.edu and ask us to add you to our mailing list.

We are currently 200+ alumni strong, and always welcome new members.

We are also one of 64 alumni associations listed on the National LGBT Alumni Association organized through Princeton University's LGBT Alumni.

You can check out the website at <http://alumni.princeton.edu/~ffr-gala/>. Once on the website, click on events for current events and links for the listing of college alumni associations.

NOT READY TO COME OUT PUBLICLY, BUT STILL WANT TO CONNECT?

JOIN US AT **WORKOUT** LUNCH GET TOGETHERS!

*Just email Emily Blake at eblake.colgate.edu
She'll let you know when and where
the next meeting is.*

WE ALREADY HAVE A GROUP THAT MEETS
REGULARLY - AND CONFIDENTIALLY -
AND WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US!

(FOR COLGATE FACULTY AND STAFF
AND HAMILTON RESIDENTS)

Get Informed!

Human Rights Campaign Foundation - works for LGBTQ equal rights - <http://www.hrc.org>

PFLAG - Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered Persons - promotes the health and wellbeing of LGBT persons, their families, and friends through support, education, and advocacy - www.pflag.org

GLAAD - Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation - promotes and ensures fair, accurate, and inclusive representation of gay and lesbian people and events in the media as a means of eliminating homophobia and discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation - <http://www.glaad.org>

Empire State Pride Agenda - New York's statewide lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender civil rights and advocacy organization. Their mission is to win equality and justice for LGBT New Yorkers and their families through education, organizing, and advocacy programs - www.prideagenda.org

GLBT Historical Society - <http://www.glbthistory.org>

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