Pride Month Special Events

Tuesday, April 4, 2006
Speaker: Leslie Feinberg
7pm, Colony Ballroom in Union
Leslie Feinberg, avid trans rights and workers rights activist and speaker, is coming to campus to address some concerns of the transgender community. Ze does not identify with either gender and prefers being described with gender-neutral pronouns. Ze has also written several books, including Stone Butch Blues and Trans Liberation. This event is co-sponsored by the Pride Alliance and the Feminist Activists at Maryland.

Wednesday, April 5, 2006
Speaker: Kelly Brown Douglas,
"Testifying to the Blues: Sexuality and the Black Church"
4 p.m., Tawes Hall, Room 2154
Colloquium: Noon, Wednesday, April 5, Tawes Hall, Room 1208
Kelly Brown Douglas is Professor of Religion at Goucher She recently published her third book, "What's Faith Got to Do With It? Black Bodies/Christian Souls." Douglas taught Theology at the Divinity School of Howard University in Washington, D.C. She holds a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Denison University, and master's and Doctoral degrees in divinity and systematic theology, respectively, from Union Theological Seminary. In 1985, Douglas became the first black woman to be ordained an Episcopal priest in the Southern Ohio diocese. Essence Magazine counts Douglas "among this country's most Distinguished religious thinkers, teachers, ministers, and counselors." She has published several essays and articles in national publications. Her other books are "The Black Christ" and "Sexuality and the Black Church: A Womanist Perspective."

Thursday, April 6, 2006
Film: Plata Quemada
7:00-9:15PM, Hoff Theatre, Union
Based on the true, spectacular two-month 1965 crime spree which held Argentina and Uruguay hostage, Plata Quemada tells the story of Angel and Nene, two deeply passionate and ruthless bank robbers on the run from the law. Co-sponsored by Pride Alliance and the Latino Student Union. Ben: communication.pride@umd.edu or Andrea: azamudio@umd.edu

Monday, April 10, 2006
Time & Location: TBA
Speaker: Peterson Toscano's "Spendin' Time in the Homo No Mo Halfway House: How I survived the Ex-gay Movement" and "Queer 101"
Peterson Toscano is a solo performer from Connecticut. With his one-man shows, he provides a comedic yet realistic look into Ex-gay ministries as well as prominent LGBT figures as they are portrayed (or, rather, not portrayed, in some cases) in education. Chelsea: programming.pride@umd.edu

Tuesday, April 11, 2006
Film: Saving Face followed by discussion
7-9:30pm, Hoff Theatre, Union
This official selection at the 2005 Sundance Film festival is about a lesbian Chinese-American surgeon, living in Manhattan, who is shocked when her single mother shows up on her doorstep pregnant. To help her mom save face and avoid the taboo in the Chinese community of an unmarried woman pregnant, Wil helps her mom find Mr. Right. Co-sponsored by Pride Alliance and the Asian American Student Union. Ben: communication.pride@umd.edu
Tuesday, April 11, 2006
2-4pm, Multipurpose Room, Driskell Center
Speaker: Dr. John Olinger, "A Baseball Team Walks Into a Bar . . . A Spotlight on Preservation"
The Material Culture/Visual Culture Research Program Area (RPA) of the Consortium on Race, Gender, and Ethnicity is bringing the President of the Rainbow History Project in Washington, DC, to speak about hidden and threatened LGBT historic sites and landscapes in Washington, DC. This is part of MC/VC’s lecture series, The Trouble With Heritage. The title refers to the strip of gay-owned businesses that is getting condemned as part of the DC baseball stadium project in southwest. For more information: Angel David Nieves, anieves@umd.edu.

Wednesday, April 12, 2006
Speaker: Salvador Vidal-Ortiz
"Bodies Worshipping the Orishas: Sexual Minorities in Santería"
4pm, Tawes Hall Room 2154
Colloquium: Noon, Thursday, April 13, Tawes 1208*
Salvador Vidal-Ortiz is an assistant professor of sociology at American University. He earned his PhD from the Graduate Center, City University of New York. His academic interests include U.S. race and ethnic studies and sex/gender/sexuality studies. His recent journal publications include "On Being a White Person of Color: Using Autoethnography to Understand Puerto Ricans' Racialization" in Qualitative Sociology, and "Puerto Ricans and the Politics of Speaking Spanish" in Latino Studies. He has an essay titled "Queering Sexuality and Doing Gender: Transgender Men's Identification with Gender and Sexuality" in Gendered Sexualities and another called "Sexuality and Gender in Santería: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Identities at the Crossroads of Santería Religious Practices and Beliefs" in Gay Religion.

Wednesday, April 19, 2006
"quickanddirty too: A Symposium in LGBTQ Studies"
Time & location TBA
The second annual University of Maryland Graduate Student Symposium in LGBTQ Studies will be held April 19, 2006. For more information contact Jonathan F. Walz at jwalz1@umd.edu

Thursday, April 20, 2006
Film: Brother to Brother followed by discussion
7-9:30pm, Hoff Theatre, Union
A drama that looks back on the Harlem Renaissance from the perspective of an elderly, black writer who meets a gay teenager in a New York homeless shelter. Co-sponsored by Pride Alliance and the Black Student Union. Ben: communication.pride@umd.edu or Aundrea: umdbsu@hotmail.com

Friday, April 21, 2006
The Tranny Road Show
Time & Location: TBA
The Tranny Roadshow is a traveling live performance, entirely by self-identified transgender people, though anyone can appreciate this event. Through various media - poetry, music, and comedy, as well as many other forms of expression - the performers show that no one part of oneself can be separated from the rest. Sponsored by Pride Alliance. Chelsea: programming.pride@umd.edu

Wednesday, April 26, 2006
Day of Silence
11am-2pm, Either McKeldin Mall or Hornbake Plaza
The Day of Silence, a project of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) in collaboration with the United States Student Association (USSA), is a student-led day of action where those who support making anti-LGBT bias unacceptable in schools take a day-long vow of silence to recognize and protest the discrimination and harassment -- in effect, the silencing -- experienced by LGBT students and their allies. Ben: communication.pride@umd.edu

Thursday, April 27, 2006
Speaker: Faisal Alam "Hidden Voices: The Lives of Queer Muslims"
Multipurpose Room, Nyumburu Cultural Center, Noon
Faisal Alam is a 28-year old queer Muslim activist of Pakistani descent. He is the founder and former volunteer
director of Al-Fatiha, a U.S.-based organization dedicated to Muslims who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and questioning (LGBTIQ). Al-Fatiha's mission is to support, empower, and advocate on behalf of LGBTIQ Muslims and to promote progressive Islamic notions of peace and social justice.

**Wednesday, April 26, 2006**

Film: Trembling Before G-d,
7-8:30pm, Hoff Theatre, Union
Built around intimately-told personal stories of Hasidic and Orthodox Jews who are gay or lesbian, this documentary portrays a group of people who face a profound dilemma - how to reconcile their passionate love of Judaism and the Divine with the drastic Biblical prohibitions that forbids homosexuality. Co-sponsored by Pride Alliance and the Jewish Student Union. Ben: communication.pride@umd.edu or Zvi: skeevis@skeevis.com

**Saturday, April 29, 2006**

Pride Prom
8pm-midnight, Colony Ballroom, Union
The Pride Alliance is excited to sponsor a semiformal dance for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and ally students. Come with your friends and enjoy an evening of music and dancing. Gus: president.pride@umd.edu or Ben: communication.pride@umd.edu

**Wednesday, May 3, 2006**

7pm, Colony Ballroom, Union
The Upsilon Chapter of Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc. will host its 10th annual Sisterhood dinner with the theme being "Campus Evolution: A Decade of Change". This free dinner will act as a means to unite the campus community and honor the many major events that have occurred on campus throughout the last ten years. We will specifically highlight the LGBT community and the common theme of creating social change and giving voice to many that were once ignored. The dinner will honor these exemplary events by incorporating cultural performances, a keynote speaker discussing the triumphs of these events, and finally recognition of local community and campus leaders by way of awards and certificates of appreciation. Tiffany: lta_upsilon@yahoo.com

**On-Going Event**

Intergroup Dialogues
The Office of Human Relations Programs, located at 1130 Shriver Lab, offers Intergroup Dialogues for undergraduate students. They are 8 weeks long, offered each semester for one credit, and center around LGBT issues. Contact Gloria gbouis@umd.edu for details.

**Pride Alliance Student Meetings**

**Mondays**

SafeSpace
6:30-8:00p Benjamin Banneker Room A, Union
SafeSpace provides a forum for newly out and questioning members of the LGBT community to meet others who may be, or may have experienced similar issues in coming out to themselves, their families, or their friends.

**Mondays**

TransU
6:30-8:00p Benjamin Banneker Room, Union
TransU is a discussion and support group for those who identify as transgender, gender queer, or otherwise feel restricted by conventional definitions of "man" and "woman".

**Tuesdays** (GSA will be cancelled on Tuesday, April 4 and April 11 due to other Pride Alliance programming)
Gay Straight Alliance (GSA)
7-8:00pm 0120 Jimenez Hall
The purpose of GSA meetings is to bring together all of Pride Alliance for planning, discussion, activism, and socializing.

**Wednesdays**

Woman to Woman (W2W)
5-6:30pm Hornbake Library, NonPrint Media
This group serves as a space for queer-identified women at UM.

**Wednesdays**
Bisexuals at Maryland (BAM)
5-6:30pm Hornbake Library, NonPrint Media
Bisexuals at Maryland is a social and discussion group for those who identify as bisexual or are questioning.

**Thursdays**
True Colors of Maryland (TCOM)
7-8:00pm 0208 Jimenez Hall
TCOM is a group dedicated to addressing the social and political issues that face LGBT people of color.

**Questions**

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