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MEET THE GSC



Kaaren Williamsen
Director of the GSC,
LGBT Advisor

I won the state 4-H Dairy Judging
Competition!



Christi Conkling '09
Geology, Ed. Studies

I own the entire Matrix series, on VCDs!



Justin Smith '09
English, Women's and
Gender Studies

I went to Space Camp thrice!



Marlene Edelstein '11
Undecided

I worked in a maternity store



Elizabeth Nguyen '09
African/African
American Studies

I hated my goldfish when I was little, and I would try to kill them by not feeding them, but they never died! What I didn't know was that my mom thought I'd be heartbroken if I killed my fish, so for years she made late-night runs to the pet store to replace the fish I thought were disgusting.



Sarah King '09
History

I have been bitten by a bat!



Juliet Dana '09
American Studies

I have been hit in the head by a metal swing, got my fingers caught in door hinges, and broken two toes on a trampoline



Stephen Gee '10
Biology

MATCHING GAME

I have to stop myself from taking a lint roller wherever I go.

I arrange flowers to calm myself down

I was Jo March from *Little Women* for Halloween when I was in third grade AND at age 7, I retrieved a cinnamon Tic Tac from my 3 year old cousin's burning nose using a baby nasal aspirator. (2 for 1)

I had double hernia when I was six months old!

Unavailable for comment

As a child I killed all of my pet goldfish because I thought they were under nourished.

The highlight of my term has been finding _____

Danica Lance
Hall Director and Gender
and Sexuality Advisor



Temara Holt '09
Women's and
Gender Studies



Sam Ritter '10
History, Religion



Laura Stone '10
Cognitive Science



Lawrence Dykeman '09
Japanese
Q&A House Manager



Jini Rao '09
Economics



Charlotte Goodrich '09
Sociology/Anthropology



Dominic Vendell '09
History



A WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS

Cat Ward '11

When I first came to Carleton I thought that discrimination based on sexuality was the status quo. I thought that I should expect to feel slighted, or abused, or have my own issues dwarfed by the issues of the majority. Except for my family and a few friends, I had never experienced unconditional acceptance of my bisexuality by more than a small group. And now I was coming to a whole campus, an entire college full of people, that didn't know me.

Before I got on campus, I was scared. I was scared of continuing my existence in a place where discrimination was more important than love. Maybe I shouldn't have been worried, but I was. The first time that I walked up the steps into Scoville and then down the staircase into the Gender and Sexuality Center was when I started to relax at Carleton. All the resources, all the LGBT-related magazines, all the friendly people to talk to who you wouldn't feel like were silently judging you.

During the first few weeks of my college experience I became accustomed to the high standard of acceptance at Carleton, a standard that should be a fundamental right, but still absent in many areas around world. The high standard that Carleton and its students hold themselves to makes me more comfortable at Carleton than anywhere else. Now when I go somewhere and this standard is not the status quo, I know I deserve to be somewhere better.

Carleton offers so many different things. Just to be in a place where you can feel like yourself and at the same not feel at all oppressed is one of these amazing opportunities. Taking classes that you want, becoming close with faculty members to a point where they are in your cell phone and doing things such as broomball, streaking or going to a Sayles dance are just a few others.

Now that all of these opportunities are at your door, just enjoy them. Don't put too much pressure on yourself to do everything. There are simply too many activities you could be doing for you to do all of them. Take your time to get used to the campus and its quirks, reach out to your classmates because you will find someone that you click with, talk to your professors and you will have an intriguing conversation, or just sit on the bad spot and people watch and you will no doubt see interesting people.

Class of 2012, welcome to Carleton!



The GSC offers resources and support on LGBT, women's and men's issues and coordinates campus initiatives to prevent sexual violence. We work with other campus organizations and offices to strengthen and sustain an inclusive campus community that promotes gender equality and awareness and welcomes people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

Now beginning its 7th year of operation, the GSC offers a wide range of programming on a range of issues related to gender and sexuality. The GSC is staffed by Kaaren Williamsen, the LGBT Advisor and GSC Director; Danica Lance, Hall Director and Gender and Sexuality Advisor, and by Center Associates (GSCAs); students with special interest and training in issues of gender and sexuality. We also maintain a growing library and a comfortable space for meeting, reading and relaxing. Feel free to stop by and hang out any time!

NOT ON OUR CAMPUS: A REFLECTION

Charlotte Goodrich '09

Remember *It's Not All About Sex*? The awkward party scenes? The hokey banter? The beer cans filled with apple juice? In all fairness, *It's Not All About Sex* was not all that bad. But after much deliberation, a group of students and staff decided that the class of 2012 and beyond needed an updated sexual violence prevention presentation. Thus was born *Not On Our Campus*.

The first *Not On Our Campus* presentation was given for the freshman class, on Friday evening during New Student Week. Produced and performed by the Gender and Sexuality Center, NOOC featured:

- Monologues written by Carleton students about their experiences with sexual violence
- A discussion of Carleton's sexual misconduct policy with Joanne Mullen, Carleton's sexual misconduct policy consultant, and Joe Baggot, the freshman class dean
- A reading of the Not On Our Campus pledge
- Videos featuring students and administrators discussing sexual assault on campus as well as the resources available to survivors of sexual assault, friends of survivors, and those who think they may have committed a sexual assault.

Ultimately, the goal of *Not On Our Campus* was to create a common ground of knowledge about sexual misconduct at Carleton and discuss how sexual violence affects members of our community. For many, sexual violence can seem like a distant problem, something that happens to "other" people. NOOC sought to remind us that survivors are part of our Carleton community – our friends, floormates, teammates, and classmates. By getting all of us on the same page about eliminating this problem from our campus, we can stop sexual violence from occurring and create a supportive environment.

Recent events – both the results of the Campus Climate Survey and last week's chalking and posterizing about sexual assault, remind us that sexual misconduct and the environment it creates must continue to be discussed on our campus. The *Not On Our Campus* presentation was a small step towards continuing and promoting this discussion – reminding students that sexual assault is not something that we want on our campus, and *we* can do something about it.

IN THE NEWS...

Superstars Come Out!

Lindsay Lohan and Clay Aiken came out this week! Despite Lohan's public relationship with New York dj Sam Ronson and Aiken's discovered activity on gay-themed websites, neither had publicly outed themselves. Lohan told some radio show and Aiken told his story to People magazine.

Victory in the Fight against Gender Identity Discrimination

Diane Schroer, an openly transgender woman and former Army Special Forces commander, won a lawsuit against the Library of Congress for firing her because of her gender transition. Judge James Robinson of the Federal District Court ruled that firing Schroer violated Diane's rights against sexual discrimination, since the only difference between the man they hired and the woman they fired was her gender.

***The Rachel Maddow Show* Brings in Top Ratings**

Rachel Maddow, an open lesbian and television news anchor and pundit, is proving to be a ratings powerhouse with her show on MSNBC – as of September 19th, her show ranked ahead of both Larry King and Keith Olbermann.

Bravo Keeps Reality Queer

With the quickly-approaching demise of gay favorite *Project Runway*, the television network Bravo is reportedly casting for a new reality t.v. show called *Girls Who Like Boys Who Like Boys*, about women who are primarily friends with gay men.

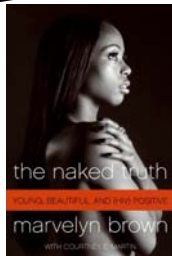
(Wo)men at Work

After complaints of sexism, Atlanta officials have agreed to remove road signs warning of "Men at Work" or "Men Working Ahead." Cynthia Good, editor of the Atlanta-based women's magazine PINK, filed an official complaint last week about the signs, pointing out that the Department of Public Works has numerous female employees. Department head Joe Basista this week agreed and ordered that all signs either be replaced or altered to read "Workers Ahead." "It seemed like the right thing to do," said Basista. ""

At Carleton: LGBTea Time Returns!

The GSC reinstates the much loved LGBTea. Every Friday, at 4pm, come enjoy some tea and cookies in the GSC lounge and relax after a long week.

NEW IN THE GSC LIBE



Reviews by Justin Smith '09

THE NAKED TRUTH: YOUNG, BEAUTIFUL AND (HIV) POSITIVE BY MARVELYN BROWN

In her memoir *Young, Beautiful and (HIV) Positive*, Brown describes her experience growing up with HIV/AIDS in Tennessee. As a young adult, Brown describes herself as painfully naïve about HIV, only learning about the societal and medical repercussions of the disease as people responded to her disclosure of her illness. Not only does the memoir read as personal development through the HIV discovery and treatment process, but it also discusses her experiences in the public spotlight as an advocate and leader in the HIV/AIDS community. Marvelyn has been featured on the Tyra Banks and Oprah Winfrey shows to discuss her personal journey and uses these public appearances to tackle the continuing problem of HIV transmission and lack of information about protection in certain communities.

GUYLAND: THE PERILOUS WORLD WHERE BOYS BECOME MEN BY MICHAEL KIMMEL



One of the preeminent experts on masculinity in contemporary American academia, Michael Kimmel uses this book to explore how and why men create a variety of masculinities. Kimmel uses interviews with a diverse group of men to address issues including drinking, sex, employment, and the idealization of only certain masculinities. Ultimately, Kimmel attempts to determine why men often enforce strict codes of masculinity on each other. *Guyland* offers a comprehensive, pragmatic, and accessible approach to discussing the societal context in which American men grow up and how that context affects their personal development.

The GSC library is located in Basement Scoville and is open to all Carleton faculty, staff, and students. It has books on topics such as men's issues, women's issues, queer issues, health/body, arts, religion and spirituality, and much more.

GENDER & SEXUALITY CENTER

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NOT YOUR TYPICAL SEX ED CLASS...

Starting on Sunday, October 12, you'll have the opportunity to participate in a four part, peer-to-peer, comprehensive sexuality education class. Come learn how you and your friends can explore sexuality and develop and maintain healthy relationships — with sessions on love, dating, and commitment; sex and culture; sexual pleasure and risk; and gender identity and sexual orientation. Email vendelld or go to <http://apps.carleton.edu/campus/gsc/owl> to sign up.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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Please submit articles, calendar entries, letters and news to the Gender and Sexuality Center or via e-mail to: gees. We reserve the right to edit for clarity and space.

NATIONAL COMING OUT WEEK SCHEDULE

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| Saturday, October 4: | Drag Show. Sayles (10 pm) |
| Sunday, October 5: | LGBTQ Panel Training at Alumni Guest House (1 pm) |
| Monday, October 6: | (Out) Here But Not At Home discussion at Stimson House (5 pm) |
| Tuesday, October 7: | <i>When I Knew</i> Release and Reception at the Athenaeum (5 pm) |
| Thursday, October 9: | Ten Years After Matthew Shepard Panel in Leighton 402 at Common Time |
| Friday, October 10: | Movie Night at Q&A House (7pm)

Matthew Shepard Remembrance Vigil at the Chapel (9am-5pm) |