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Meet the GSC Staff



Kaaren Williamsen-Garvey
Director of the GSC,
LGBT Advisor

In 2nd grade I came in 6th at an All-City (Chicago) Free-Throw competition and was the only girl competing.



Christi Conkling '09
Geology, Ed. Studies

When I was younger I used to suck my thumb during tee-ball games as I was playing in the outfield; my mom would yell out "Thumbelina" to me to get me to stop.



Jedda Foreman '08
Psychology, Ed. Studies

I have to scratch my face and put on Chapstick every night before I can fall asleep.



Em Harris '08
Studio Art, Biology

I need table settings to be well spaced and parallel or perpendicular, as appropriate.



Mal Hoffman '08
Women's and Gender
Studies, Biochemistry

I have to sleep with socks on -- even in the hottest days.



Sarah King '09
History

I have to finish a book once I start reading it. That also means textbooks I start in a class and we don't get to the end. I've read every text book I've ever had cover to cover, even the appendices.



Leahruth Jemilo '08
Political Science

I label my socks so I always wear the same two socks at the same time and the same sock always goes on the same foot.

Matching Game

When I feel awkward in public situations, I pretend to text message people.

I pulled my first official all-nighter, for three days in a row, in ninth grade.

I love to cut raw chicken.

When eating, I do not drink any liquid and most of the time I do not drink anything after a meal.

I have a yellow belt in To Shin Do from the man who was the Dalai Lama's body guard.

I enjoy walking around naked in my room.

I always sort through my trash before I put it out, to make sure I am not throwing anything of value away. If anyone throws out my trash without asking, I get very angry.

Danica Lance
Musser and Houses
Hall Director



Angelica Johnson '08
Political Science



Michael Lane '08
Biology



Elizabeth Nguyen '09
African/African
American Studies



Katie Paul '08
Political Science/
International Relations



Jini Rao '09
Economics
WA House Manager



Justin Smith '09
English, Women's and
Gender Studies
Q & A House Manager



Interview with Danica Lance, the new Musser Hall Director

By Mal Hoffman



1. You're from the South...how did you end up in Northfield, Minnesota?

Carleton drew me to Northfield. Carleton's job recruitment packet had the GSC collateral assignment. That was huge. I was doing my job search and Carleton asked to interview me. From that, it was pretty much history. After they interviewed me, when I got home, I already had a message saying they wanted me to come for an on campus interview. During my on campus interview I fell in love with the students. Being the stubborn person that I am I interviewed with two other colleges and after that I was certain Carleton was it.

2. Tell me why you were interested in working at the Gender and Sexuality Center.

What interested me in working at the GSC is that Carleton is such a small school and it values gender and sexuality. Usually GSCs and small schools don't mix and the fact that Carleton has such a strong GSC speaks volumes about the institution. Coming from a small women's liberal arts institution in the south, the issue of sexuality was always suppressed so I wanted to be at a school where the people are comfortable discussing issues surrounding gender and sexuality. Also, I wanted to work in a safe place. In the past it was difficult for me to feel comfortable with my sexuality at work.

3. What was it like being queer in the South?

At times it was very difficult. Quite frequently I was called derogatory names and was questioned about my group of friends. College was really difficult because I was in a lot of leadership positions and many students tried to take those away from me because they didn't believe it was appropriate for a homosexual to occupy those types of positions. Nobody was comfortable with it. Some people would accept it, but they weren't comfortable with it. I could seriously count the people who were comfortable with it on one hand.

4. What are the differences between here and your home?

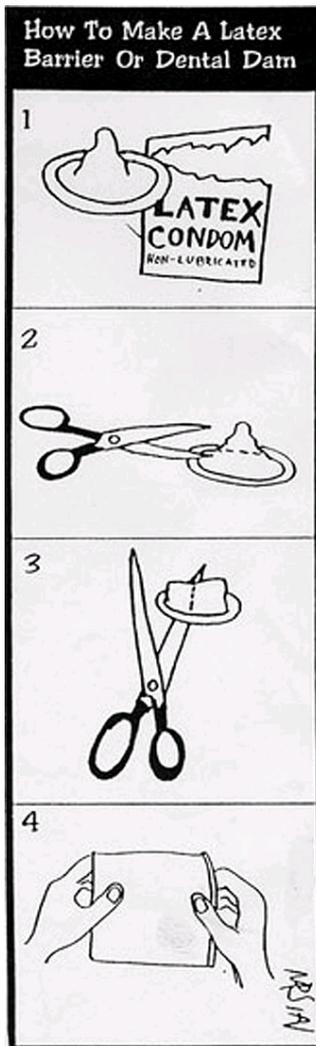
It is a pretty drastic change for me because in the past I have had to hide who I was and who I was dating. In Northfield I feel very comfortable walking down the street with Ashley and I can tell the difference immediately because people aren't staring. People aren't passing judgment on you just because of your appearance. So far I have felt very comfortable in the Northfield and Carleton communities.

5. Can you speak a little bit about the queer community at Carleton?

I feel like the queer community at Carleton is the GSC. I know that it goes beyond that but because I work so directly with ya'll that's what my focus is. I am surprised how many people are out at Carleton. At my past institutions people have definitely hid that part of their life. I feel like the queer community here is very connected with who they are and what their purpose is. In different areas, queer communities can't necessarily show that passion outside their circle of friends.

Let's Talk About SEX...

“What’s the point of dental dams? Can I really get an STI from performing oral sex on a woman?”



It’s true, you can get STIs from oral sex. Specifically, HIV, HPV, gonorrhea, crabs, syphilis, and Herpes. And let me remind you that 1 in 5 people have genital herpes, and it has no cure. So, what to do?

Barrier. I know it doesn’t sound sexy, but it is a lot sexier than having pussing herpes welts covering your va-jay-jay. So use or make a dental dam. You make one by taking a non-lubricated condom, poking a hole in the tip, and then cutting the condom in a straight line, down one side. But also be aware of sores, discharge, or unpleasant odors from your partner's genitals - signs to avoid oral sex. If you want to make oral sex with a dental dam a little nicer, add some lube to the inside of the dental dam. It really will help.

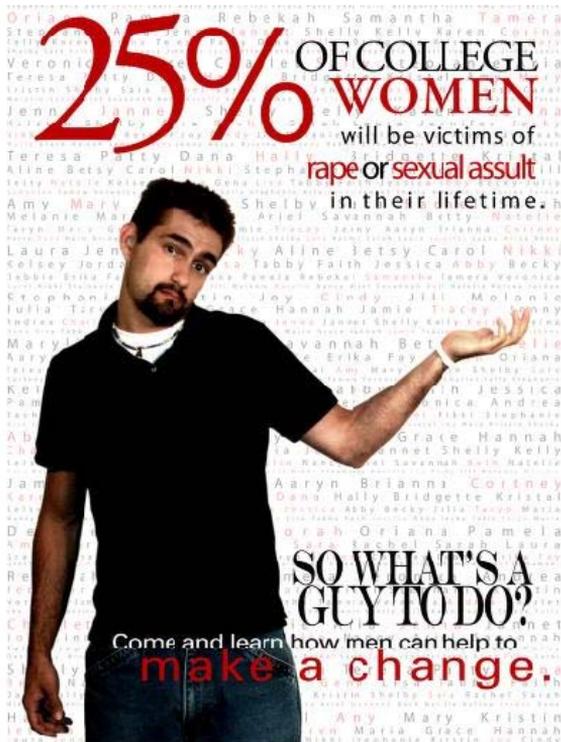
Teeth. Don’t brush ‘em. Brushing your teeth before oral sex leads to an increase of open sores in your gums, which will make contracting an STI significantly easier—which is a bad thing. If you’re looking for that elusive ‘zing’ feeling you’ve heard about, try an Altoid, dissolving a Listerine strip, sucking an ice cube, sipping a warm liquid, or downing a fizzy drink before going down.

If you want more information or tips on cunnilingus (the technical name for oral sex on a woman), there are a ton of resources in the GSC and online, and no matter how expert you are, tons of things to learn. Check out [I ♥ Female Orgasm, S.E.X.](#), or [The Whole Lesbian Guide to Sex](#), in the GSC’s library (all in our Healthy Sexuality section), or online go to: <http://www.sexhealth.org/bettersex/cunnilingus.shtml>, or scarleteen.com.

Sources:

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“One in Four” is coming to Carleton.

Schedule of events on October 16:

- * **“The Women’s Program”**
Common Time (12:00)
in Alumni Guest House Meeting Room
- * **“The Men’s Program”**
7:30 pm Great Hall

Six Reasons Straight People Should Care About National Coming Out Week (October 7-14)

By Elizabeth Nguyen

1. It’s a chance to listen to the coming out stories of members of our community, stories that need to be heard.
2. It’s an opportunity to be an ally in a concrete, public way – to go to a panel, to eat rainbow cake in Sayles, to be present.
3. It’s one more day to do something you haven’t done before. Go to the GSC. Tell a privileged person how privileged they are. Ask to hear someone’s story.
4. Because even heteros can examine their sexuality. Are you passively straight? Accepting the dominated sexuality out of convenience? Or is your sexuality an uproarious embrace of divine love for the opposite gender?
5. It’s a celebration and, as the world falls apart, it’s good feel the road thus far.
6. Because every time you aim for empathy, you’re world becomes a little stronger and a lot broader.

New in the GSC Libe

Coming Out Young and Faithful

By Leanne McCall Tigert and Timothy Brown



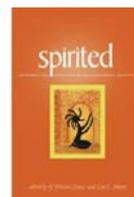
These are the stories of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning teenagers who describe their experiences in their communities and churches. Speaking for themselves in their own voices, young people tell of their lives in a fresh, candid and honest manner.

They speak of their hurts and hopes. They speak of their vision for themselves and their church communities.

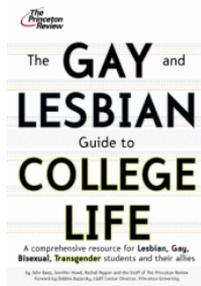
Spirited: Affirming the Soul and Black Gay/Lesbian Identity

Edited by G. Winston James and Lisa C. Moore

In *Spirited: Affirming the Soul and Black Gay/Lesbian Identity*, more than 40 writers address the question of how same-gender-loving black people affirm themselves as sexual and spiritual people. These sacred narratives are a canon for survival--holy texts proclaiming the divinity of their lives, the righteousness of their love, and the sanctity of their being.



The Princeton Review Gay and Lesbian Guide to College Life



Featuring advice from students and administrators at more than seventy of the nation's top colleges, the *Gay and Lesbian Guide to College Life* lets you know how to thrive on campus as a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and/or questioning student. Including tons of student testimonials and dozens of parent tips, the *Gay and Lesbian Guide to College Life* offers no-nonsense guidance to LGBT students, their families, and allies on how to make the most of their college experience.

Noah's Arc: The Complete First and Second Seasons

Logo explores the daily lives of Noah, Alex, Ricky, and Chance, four African-American gay men in Los Angeles, through their relationships with their friends and lovers. Noah believes he's finally found love in his new boyfriend, Wade, but soon realizes that he, along with his best friends, must still endure the everyday drama that comes with living in LA. From new boyfriends to strained friendships to career changes, these men persevere and live their lives with grace and wit.



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NATIONAL COMING OUT WEEK SCHEDULE

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

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Christi Conkling*

- Sunday, October 7: Singer/Songwriter Ellis at the Cave (8pm)
- Tuesday, October 9: Faculty Staff LGBT Panel in the Nourse Main Lounge (5pm)
- Wednesday, October 10: Coming Out Cross Culturally Panel and Discussion at Stimson House (7pm)
- Thursday, October 11: National Coming Out Day! Enjoy rainbow cake and button making in Sayles (12-1pm)
- Friday, October 12: Potluck at Q&A House (6pm)
- Saturday, October 13: Drag Show at the Cave (10pm)
- Sunday, October 14: Field trip to the Metropolitan Community Church, RSVP to jgildner