

# ALGBTIC NEWS

Association for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues in Counseling

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## Progress on the path to somewhere over the rainbow

By Mark Pope  
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The Association for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Issues in Counseling (ALGBTIC) held the first national conference in the history of the organization on Sept. 19-21. And what a conference it was! New Orleans was such a fitting place to hold this first conference because the city was where the founders of this American Counseling Association division first met and birthed ALGBTIC (or the Caucus of Gay Counselors, as it was called back then). Joe Norton, a counseling professor at the State University of New York–Albany, had called for a meeting of “gay counselors” in March 1974 during the national convention of the American Personnel and Guidance Association (now ACA). And people came.



*Oklahoma State University is well represented at the ALGBTIC Inaugural Conference.*

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### Message from the President



Greetings Everyone!

In the words of Dr. Colleen Logan, past president for both ALGBTIC and ACA, “Visibility + Visibility = Victory” - maybe it should be ALGBTIC’s new mantra! I am happy to report ALGBTIC’s Inaugural Conference was successful, we had over 250 people from 31 states and Canada join us in New Orleans!

As I found out, this conference had a lot of meaning for many who attended. I was reminded that there was a time in our history where meeting openly was professionally unsafe and where our “voice” was

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# ALGBTIC LEADERSHIP



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Michael DeVoll	Membership / State Branch Committee
Alyssa Anderson	Graduate Student Committee
Catherine Roland	Lifespan LGBT Task Force

**Don't forget to vote in the ACA 2015 Annual Elections.**

All Votes must be cast by January 31, 2015 at 11:59 pm (ET)

[Log in to My ACA](#) and click on the "Vote Now" graphic to cast your ballot.



Cast your vote for each of the Elected Positions below—See Candidate Profiles starting on page 5 of the ALGBTIC NEWS.

**ACA President Elect**

**ALGBTIC President-Elect**

**ALGBTIC Governing Council Representative**

**ALGBTIC Secretary**

**ALGBTIC Professional Trustee**

**ALGBTIC Student Trustee**

## ALGBTIC Mission Statement

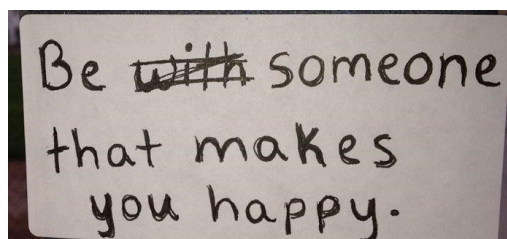
The mission of ALGBTIC includes the recognition of both individual and social contexts representing the confluence of race, ethnicity, class, gender, sexual orientation, ability, age, spiritual or religious belief system, indigenous heritage in order:

- to promote greater awareness and understanding of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) issues among members of the counseling profession and related helping occupations.
- to improve standards and delivery of counseling services provided to LGBT clients and communities.
- to identify conditions which create barriers to the human growth and development of LGBT clients and communities; and use counseling skills, programs, and efforts to preserve, protect, and promote such development.
- to develop, implement, and foster interest in counseling-related charitable, scientific, and educational programs designed to further the human growth and development of LGBT clients and communities.
- to secure equality of treatment, advancement, qualifications, and status of LGBT members of the counseling profession and related helping occupations.
- to publish a journal and other scientific, educational, and professional materials with the purpose of raising the standards of practice for all who work with LGBT clients and communities in the counseling profession and related helping occupations.

## SIGNS OF THE MIND



Equality  
Beyond  
Gender





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limited. I also learned that this was the first time for some to be out as a professional, a place where they could feel safe to be an LGBT professional. For some presenters, ALGBTIC also provided the opportunity to share their work. As one individual shared, "After being rejected several times, I found a place that valued my work". We all had different meanings we took away as well as different emotions we experienced. That my friend, is what it's all about!

I also want to thank those who provided feedback on our brief satisfaction survey. There were some excellent suggestions as well as some very affirming feedback. Clearly, all appreciated the networking and an opportunity to gather, and celebrate as LGBT counselors, counselor educators, students, and many other professionals.

Again, a special thanks to Catherine Roland, ALGBTIC Conference Coordinator. In addition to the logistics of putting the conference together, she spearheaded the ALGBTIC fundraiser for the New Orleans AIDS Task Force. Thanks to the generosity of our members, we were able to make a well-placed donation". Without her guidance, direction, and dedication, the ALGBTIC Inaugural Conference would not have been such a success!

Now it's time to start gearing up for the ACA conference in Orlando! We have several events planned. We begin Friday with a meeting for Queer People of Color, a graduate student reception, and the ALGBTIC reception. Saturday we will have our annual brunch and Sunday will be the Rainbow Run. A big "thank you" goes out to Michael Kocet, Pete Finnerty, and Tonya Hammer for their hard work putting the Run together. Details will be coming out soon!

Thank you and see you in Orlando!

Jane

Jane E. Rheineck, Ph.D., LCPC, NCC  
ALGBTIC President 2014-2015



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## ACA President-Elect Candidates

(for full biographies, see the December Edition of Counseling Today)



**Catherine B. Roland**

### ***ACA/Division/Branch Membership***

Association for Adult Development and Aging (AADA);  
 Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES);  
 American College Counseling Association (ACCA);  
**Association for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Issues in Counseling (ALGBTIC);**  
 Association of Spiritual, Ethical, and Religious Values in Counseling (ASERVIC);  
 American Mental Health Counseling Association (AMHCA);  
 Association for Creativity in Counseling (ACC);  
 Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (SACES);  
 Georgia School Counseling Association (GSCA); Louisiana Counseling Association.

### ***Association Experience***

Governing Counsel Representative—ASERVIC and AADA; Secretary ASERVIC; ACA Executive Committee; ACA Nominations and Elections Committee (Divisional Representative); Member, ACA Compensation Committee; Chair, ACA Human Rights Committee; Two-term Chair, ACA Committee on Women; Editor, *ADULTSPAN Journal*; Editorial Board memberships; *Journal of Counseling and Development* (2 terms); *Journal of Specialists in Group Work* (2 terms); Inaugural Journal Board Member, *Journal of LGBT Issues of Counseling*, *NARACES Journal*, Faculty Advisor, Chi Sigma Iota; member, **ALGBTIC Task Force on Older Adults and Aging**; Chair, Committee on Older Adults—AADA; Chair, Fundraising Committee,, AADA, LACES Board Member; President-elect, LACES; National Conference Coordinator for AADA (NYC twice); Fayetteville AR (twice); New Orleans (twice); **ALGBTIC Inaugural Conference, New Orleans Sept. 2014**. Member ACES Women's Interest Network; **Member ACA Presidential Task Force for LGBT Youth in Schools.**



**Perry C. Francis**

### ***ACA/Division/Branch Membership***

ACA: ACES, ACCA.  
 Michigan Counseling Association: MCCA, MACES.  
 GCCA

### ***Association Experience***

American Counseling Association: Chair, Ethics Revision Task Force; Member, Financial Affairs Committee; Chair, Scope of Practice Working Group within 20/20/ Task Force; Governing Council Representative from ACCA; 20/02/ Future of Counseling Task Force; Strategic Planning Committee

American College Counseling Association: President-Elect, President, Past-President; Member, Executive Council; Chair: Management Options (Blue Ribbon) committee; Membership Chair; Research Grant Committee Chair; Member at Large, Executive Council.

Michigan Counseling Association Treasurer. Texas Counseling Association: School Counselors Issues, Advocacy, and Public Policy Committee; Ethics Committee. Texas College Counseling Association: President-elect, President; Chair-Research Awards Committee.



## Joshua C. Watson

### *ACA/Division/Branch Membership*

ACA member since 1999

Association for Assessment and Research in Counseling (AARC)

Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES)

American College Counseling Association (ACCA).

### *Association Experience*

I have been an active member of ACA for the past 15 years. Currently I provide service to the organization as a member of ACA's Governing council and Executive Committee. I have been involved at the division level as well. Since 2006 I have served as an elected member of the Executive council for the Association for Assessment and Research in Counseling (AARC) as its Member-at-Large for Wards, President, and now Governing Council Representative. In the past I also served AARC as newsletter editor, webmaster, conference planning chair, and as a member of the Position Statement and Standards and Strategic Planning committees. I provide scholarly service to the American College Counseling Association (ACCA) as editor of the divisions journal, the *Journal of College Counseling*.

## ALGBTIC President-Elect

### **Edward P. Cannon**

It is both an honor and a privilege to serve ALGBTIC, my home division within ACA. If elected, my main goals will be to continue to advocate on behalf of the LGBTQIQA community within the broader ACA community and beyond, as well as to focus on our recent accomplishments as we consolidate gains and take our rightful place within the wider historical context. If elected, my term will coincide with the 10th anniversary of our ALGBTIC Wedding Ceremony in Montreal, Canada, which took place in 2006. At the time, marriage equality was almost unheard of in the U.S. My plan would be to host a reunion gathering, which also recognizing the 40 year history of our division within ACA. We have accomplished so much as a community in recent years, yet there are many who are feeling left behind, and our political adversaries continue to marshal their forces of intolerance. Our profession can and should lead others in providing the best services, as well as advocacy, for marginalized populations whose voices are not being heard. I believe that our division, ALGBTIC, can be a leading force in fostering accepting, positive environments, and affirming counseling strategies. I will actively pursue partnerships and collaborations with other ACA Division leaders, in order to maximize impact. For example, there are many shared interests between our division and others, and I will build on the work of my predecessors to fulfill our promise and potential. As I write this, I am preparing to attend the inaugural ALGBTIC Conference, the first of its kind to focus on LGBTQIQA issues for counselors. I am energized and ready to listen, to lead, and to push my own boundaries, as I strive to uphold the mission of this wonderful and vibrant organization. Thank you for your time and attention.

### **Tonya R. Hammer**

I have been privileged to serve ALGBTIC as a board trustee for the past three years and would be honored to continue to serve in the role of President-Elect and subsequently President and Past-President. I bring to the role leadership experience on the local, state, and national level. I have seen passion and drive on the board to serve the LGBTQIQA populations and would like to continue to develop that passion and drive. I can define my goal for my term as "Empowering through Unity." I would like to work to develop stronger relationships with organizations such as GLSEN, HRC, and Transgender for America, as well as the other divisions in ACA. I believe that the work that was started under previous Presidents such as the Safe Schools Task Force under Amney Harper and the Ally Development Task Force under Pete Finnerty could be continued and strengthened by reaching out to organizations such as GLSEN and their ally work and the HRC's Time to Thrive initiative. I truly believe that in order to meet the needs of our clients and of the members of the organization there is power in numbers. By strengthening or even creating relationships with organizations that share our passion and vision we can better serve and advocate. I would also continue to the work of the Rainbow Run and collaborate with as many of the divisions of ACA as are willing to enhance and develop this initiative. And finally, I am excited about the possibilities that exist as we continue to grow and develop the ALGBTIC conference that was initiated under our current President, Jane Rheineck.



## ALGBTIC Governing Counsel Representative

### Michael P. Chaney

I have been an active member of ALGBTIC and ACA since 1998. My professional service to ALGBTIC and ACA has prepared me well to be a competent and effective Governing Council Representative, who will represent ALGBTIC as an exemplary division grounded in professional and social advocacy. My involvement in ALGBTIC and ACA has allowed me to establish strong relationships with leaders within our profession, and I am committed to maintaining existing relationships and establishing new positive connections with ACA and division leaders. A principle to which I adhere is that LGBTQ voices are not just tolerated within ACA, but equally represented and celebrated. To that end, a primary goal I have as Governing Council Representative is to advocate for LGBTQ issues within ACA by representing the voices of the ALGBTIC Board and association members. Further, I am committed to maintaining a transparent relationship with the ALGBTIC Executive Board and association members with regular and timely communication. I will use my knowledge of ACA governance and policies to honorably represent ALGBTIC and its members.

### Amney Harper

I have served ALGBTIC in a variety of capacities over the years, and I have dedicated the focus of my scholarly work and leadership to LGBTQ+ concerns and social justice issues. I have summarized my professional experiences in my bio with LGBTQ issues to highlight the depth of my commitment to LGBTQ individuals and communities. I have also gained a variety of experiences that are not centered on LGBTQ issues specifically, that broaden my perspective as a Counselor Educator. I believe that through service on Governing Council, I bring an in-depth knowledge of issues and concerns specific to our community. Additionally, I believe my leadership roles have given me an understanding of governance and institutional processes and procedures. I am a strongly identified Counselor Educator and Counselor, who believes in inclusion and social justice. My goal if I am elected to the Governing Council is to represent ALGBTIC in a way that gives voice to the many and varied perspectives in our division and the clients that we serve. It would also be my goal to facilitate transparent communication to the division about what is happening at the larger level of the American Counseling Association, and specifically within Governing Council. This would mean ensuring that I am communicating regularly with the ALGBTIC Board and members to not only share information I may have, but also to get feedback on important issues in order to represent the division to the best of my ability. Ultimately, as Governing Council Representative, I seek to help promote not only issues of importance to the LGBTQ community, but to represent the variety of professional identities within our division, and to contribute to furthering the profession as a whole in the American Counseling Association.

### Michael M. Kocet

I am honored to be a candidate for ALGBTIC Governing Council Representative. I have had the privilege of holding numerous positions within ALGBTIC: board trustee member, President-Elect, President, and Past President. During my ALGBTIC presidency I focused on LGBT Spirituality and addressing ways spirituality can act as a tool for social justice and be inclusive within the LGBTQIA community. During my presidency I also appointed a national taskforce that created the LGBTQIA counseling competencies.

I have held numerous key leadership positions and have a strong understanding of the structure of ACA as an organization. Serving on the ACA Ethics Committee for 6 years as member and as co-chair, as well as currently serving as board member in ASERVIC, I have built strong partnerships with leaders from other ACA divisions, as well as with many ACA Presidents. I understand the nuances, dynamics, and the governance structure of the ACA Governing Council and can be a voice on behalf of ALGBTIC. I also try to give back to our community. For the past five years I have provided pro bono counseling and clinical supervision at the LGBTQ Domestic Violence Project in Boston to survivors of domestic violence in my community. I also teach a graduate course at my university on Counseling LGBT Individuals. I recently published a book entitled Counseling Gay Men, Adolescents, and Boys by Routledge Press.

Two goals in serving as Governing Council rep for ALGBTIC would be to: 1) Ensure that ALGBTIC's voice is represented on the governing council so that our organization can continue to be a leader on issues of social justice, inclusivity, and cross cultural competence and 2) Identify ways that ALGBTIC can continue partnering with other divisions of ACA, through programs such as the Rainbow Run (5K) and the ALGBTIC conference, and addressing anti-LGBTQIA bullying.

## ALGBTIC Secretary

### Jared S. Rose

Mr. Rose welcomes the opportunity to be considered for ALGBTIC Secretary, and to work with the dynamic ALGBTIC Leadership Team as they jointly focus on improving counseling services for LGBTQIA, supporting those professionals working with this community, and increasing education and awareness. He does this at the state level as 2014-2015 President for the Ohio Branch of ALGBTIC (ALGBTICO). Additional experience that supports Mr. Rose's qualifications for this role include past and current service roles such as ACA Mentor; ACA Human Rights Committee Member; ACES Emerging Leadership Fellow; CSI Leadership Fellow; AMHCA National Conference Planning Committee Member; Ohio Counseling Association Guidelines Newsletter Editor-in-Chief; Lucas County Human Trafficking, Prostitution, and Sex Work Conference Planning Committee Member and Technology Director; and Ohio Department of Health HIV/STD Prevention Education Program Secretary and Editor of the 3rd Edition. A vote for Mr. Rose as the ALGBTIC Secretary lends backing to a dedicated and experienced individual who will share his expertise in service not only to the profession, but also the clients, professionals, and communities to which ALGBTIC supports.

## ALGBTIC Professional Trustee

### Amanda K. Brace

I have been an active member of the Association of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues in Counseling, a division of the American Counseling Association, and I am one of the authors of the ALGBTIC Competencies for counseling with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer, Questioning, Intersex and Ally Individuals. I have presented on the areas of ally development and the use of the ALGBTIC Competencies in community and school settings. I have also worked on the Ally Development Committee to determine the inclusion of Ally Development issues and concerns in ALGBTIC. My goal for this position would be to work closely with the ALGBTIC Board Members and committees to develop resources for members. Client care and resources for clients will also be a focus during my term as Professional Trustee.

### Laura Boyd Farmer

My professional goals include establishing an identity as a leading researcher in the field of counselor competency with LGBTQ clients, and continuing to provide leadership in service roles to advance LGBTQIA knowledge, attitudes, and skills among counseling professionals. Most recently, I published an empirical article titled "Counselor competence with LGB clients: Differences among practice settings" in the Journal of Multicultural Counseling and Development, October 2013. I am writing two additional articles that will contribute to the literature on the intersection of religiosity and spirituality and LGB counseling competence. I am currently pursuing IRB approval to begin a qualitative study on school counselors' experiences as advocates and allies for LGBTQ students.

Through service and outreach efforts, I have provided LGBTQIA-affirmative trainings for psychiatry residents and clinical psychology interns. In my state and region, I plan to continue providing trainings regarding the provision of affirmative services to the LGBTQIA population to agencies and organizations that may benefit. This year, I will also be pursuing charter for establishing a new division of ALGBTIC in the state of Virginia, within the Virginia Counselors Association.

In summary, I am a passionate advocate, counselor, educator, and researcher interested in furthering the mission of ALGBTIC, and I would be an enthusiastic contributor on the leadership team. Thank you for considering me to represent ALGBTIC as a Professional Trustee. I appreciate your vote!



## ALGBTIC Professional Trustee (continued)

### Robert Moore

Information not provided.

### Melissa Luke

I am pleased to be a nominee for the Association of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues in Counseling (ALGBTIC) Professional Trustee position. ALGBTIC has been formative in my professional development and over the past decade. I have witnessed how the varied ALGBTIC initiatives and resources have benefitted countless counselors, educators, clients, and students as well. As such, if elected, I would uphold ALGBTIC's commitment to 'awareness for counselors, advocacy for clients, and equity for all' (<http://www.algbtic.org/>). Towards this end, as Professional Trustee, I would utilize collaboration and communication for the purpose of ongoing education.

ALGBTIC has an incredible history that has served as a fertile foundation on which the current and competent leadership has built and expanded the advocacy taking place. I am appreciative of the increased breadth and depth of the ALGBTIC educational efforts and the range of meaningful resources that have been developed. I am also confident that if given the opportunity as Professional Trustee, I could continue to facilitate collaboration within the organization and membership, as well as expand communication between ALGBTIC and other professional counseling organizations so that even more can be achieved.

As a scholar, I have endeavored to prepare future counselors to recognize and respond to the unique experiences and needs of LGBTQ persons. As an ally, I continually educate and advocate for equity and access for LGBTQ persons. I am honored to be a candidate for the ALGBTIC Professional Trustee position, and if elected, I pledge to collaborate with ALGBTIC leadership, communicate with ALGBTIC members, and educate the public at large. In doing so, much can be accomplished for our community and membership.

### Penny Sanders

As a counselor educator and a practicing clinician, I have been working in the counseling profession for 15+ years. I have identified as lesbian since the age of 20, and have seen and experienced many positive changes related to LGBTQ issues over the past 20+ years. But there is still much work to be done and I am at a place in my life where I would like to become more involved in the ALGBTIC organization. I am interested in a variety of LGBTQ issues from both a research and counseling perspective. Areas of interest include: (1) Lesbian Identity Development; (2) Aging Issues in the LGBTQ Community; (3) Increasing Visibility of LGBTQ Persons in the Counseling Profession. My primary goal in seeking this position is to create relationships and alliance with other LGBTQ counseling professionals as we continue to advocate and educate for the LGBTQ community within ACA.

## ALGBTIC Student Trustee

### Adam Carter

As a future counselor educator, I value the role of student leadership in our profession. With this position I would strive to increase both the membership and level of involvement of our student members in ALGBTIC. Empowering graduate students to get involved with ACA and its division is an important charge given to all ACA members; I believe that this position would afford me the chance to create opportunities within our division for students to not only learn from but contribute to the work ALGBTIC is currently doing.

### Rachel Henesy

I am currently on the ALGBTIC Affirmative Counseling & Social Justice committee, which I have been a part of since the summer of 2013. Additionally, I was recently accepted into the Association for Multicultural Counseling & Development mentorship program, and I served last year as the student representative for the American Counseling Association Awards committee. All of these experiences have helped me to learn and grow as a leader.

Furthermore, I have also exemplified my dedication to ALGBTIC's mission by conducting a master's thesis on the strengths and resiliencies of lesbian and bisexual females who experienced dating violence during adolescence. I presented my research at a poster session during the ACA Annual Convention and Expo 2014 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

I believe that through all of these experiences, I have had the opportunity to both teach and learn from others. It is through this dialogue and collaboration that I have learned skills related to professional leadership. I am grateful for the outstanding mentors I have had thus far in my career, and I look forward to learning more through collaboration with the executive board of ALGBTIC as a student trustee. If elected, I will engage in dialogue with ALGBTIC student members and the ALGBTIC leadership to work toward meeting student needs and advancing the training of affirmative counselors through linking theory, research, and practice. It is a great honor to be considered for this important position.

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Out of that meeting, a plan was developed to propose a workshop at the next APGA convention that was to be held in New York City in 1975. Only a few individuals were able to put their names on the proposal for fear of being “outed.” The convention program committee accepted the proposal, and the workshop was assigned to a room that was supposed to hold about 90 people. Instead, it ended up being standing room only. We had to close the doors to the room, not because it was too crowded, but because some of those who attended that first workshop were simply afraid — afraid that they would be fired by their school district or college or community-based organization for even being seen attending this type of workshop. Such were the times.

Fast forward to 2014. Expecting 100 attendees for this inaugural conference, almost 300 showed up. Organized in

part by ALGBTIC President Jane Rheineck, the conference was a rich feast for those who specialize or merely have interest in this area of the counseling profession. At the opening session, several of us had tears in our eyes.

It is rare for me to go to a professional conference and find too many programs that I want to attend, no matter how large the conference. Let’s just say that I’ve been around awhile. But this conference was so very different for me. In my life, I’ve never been to such a conference where I literally wanted to go to every program on the schedule. A special energy was present among the attendees as we packed into each session to listen, learn and talk about our passion for counseling with LGBTQQIAA people (yes, we have a growing acronym and community).

This conference was also well supported by the leadership of our profession, with ACA President-elect Thelma Duffey and three former ACA presidents (Patricia Arredondo, Colleen Logan and myself) in



*ACA President-Elect Thelma Duffey speaks at the opening session of the ALGBTIC conference in September.*

attendance. The buzz throughout this conference was that there has to be another one. Whether it is in one year or two years is the only question.

Not if, but when. But attending the very first one after 40 years in our profession was so emotional for all of us who have been around for all those years. It’s been a long road. I think that I speak for all of us who have been here from the beginning when I say that we were just glad to have this happen in our lifetime.

As Sam Gladding might have said at one of his many speeches, quoting the lyrics of Sam Cooke, “It’s been a long time coming, but I know a change gonna come.” I was so thrilled to be there for this one.



*Mark Pope and Patricia Arredondo at the ALGBTIC conference*



Visit [www.counseling.org](http://www.counseling.org)  
for more information

### *ALGBTIC @ ACA2015*

Board Meeting	Thursday	March 12	1 pm - 5 pm
Queer People of Color Gathering	Friday	March 13	2 pm - 3 pm
Graduate Student Gathering	Friday	March 13	3 pm - 4 pm
Reception	Friday	March 13	6 pm - 7:30 pm
Brunch (\$40 Advance Ticket Required)	Saturday	March 14	11 am - 1 pm
Rainbow 5K Run	Sunday	March 15	7 am - 9 am
Open Member Meeting & Nominations	Sunday	March 15	10 am - 11:30 am



### **ALGBTIC Rainbow Run 5k and 1 Mile Walk for Mental Wellness and Equality**

More information coming soon! Visit [www.ALGBTIC.org](http://www.ALGBTIC.org) to check for updates.

### **The Association for Adult Development and Aging (AADA) Summer Conference**

**DATE:** Thursday, August 6 and Friday, August 7, 2015

**PLACE:** New York City, Roosevelt Hotel, Madison Ave. and 45TH

#### **Thursday August 6 – Pre Conference Day**

Two 3-hour workshops on important topics.

#### **Friday August 7 - Education Sessions all day long.**

**ALGBTIC's Task Force on LGBT and Aging plan to present their initial findings during the conference.**

#### **CONFERENCE THEME**

***The Journey of Young, Midlife and Older Adulthood: Challenges, Crises and Celebrations***

We have included five subtopics that may generate specific interest:

1. Transitions and Challenges: Career, Relationships and Spirituality
2. Transitions and Challenges: Mid Life and Older Multiculturally Diverse Adults
3. Transitions and Challenges: Sexual Identity and LGBTI Issues
4. Transitions and Challenges: Alternative Family Structures, Same Sex and Beyond
5. Research/Outcome Assessment of Working with Adults Across the Lifespan

*These are suggestions, and we welcome different topics dealing with adult development across the lifespan, for all people.*

Catherine Roland—AADA Summer Conference Coordinator





Visit [www.counseling.org](http://www.counseling.org)  
for more conference information

## ALGBTIC AWARD NOMINATIONS

When making a nomination for any of the awards, please include the names and contact information of both the nominee and nominator, along with a brief narrative (MS WORD or Adobe PDF document) describing why you believe the nominee should be considered for the respective award. Self-nominations will be accepted. Please distribute this announcement widely.

### **ALGBTIC Joe Norton Award:**

This award is presented annually for an outstanding contribution to the LGBTQIA community in the city or region in which the ACA conference is held. This year we are seeking nominations in the state of Florida - City of Orlando.

### **ALGBTIC Service Award:**

This award is presented to an ALGBTIC member who has served ALGBTIC and/or the larger LGBTQIA community through forwarding the mission and values of ALGBTIC.

### **ALGBTIC Mentor Award:**

This award is presented to an individual identified for his or her significant contribution to mentorship in the ALGBTIC community and persons with the LGBTQIA community.

### **ALGBTIC Graduate Student Award:**

This award has been established to honor a graduate student member of ALGBTIC who has contributed significantly in one of three areas:

- Representing or embodying the mission of ALGBTIC through direct service for ALGBTIC or in the field of counseling.
- Furthering knowledge of LGBTQ issues through an outstanding research contribution.
- Providing service or research that specifically focuses on furthering the knowledge of and commitment to issues of diversity within the LGBTQIA community.

Nominations and any questions should be sent via email to:

**Pete Finnerty, MS, LPCC**  
Past-President, ALGBTIC  
[pfinnert@kent.edu](mailto:pfinnert@kent.edu)



# INFORMATION

Website: [www.ALGBTIC.org](http://www.ALGBTIC.org)

The ALGBTIC Task Force on LGBT and Aging has held their first official meeting. They are working on providing best practice guidelines for working with Older LGBT Clients. They plan to present their preliminary findings at the AADA Summer Conference in August of 2015. The Task Force Chair is Catherine Roland and includes ALGBTIC Members Penny Sanders, Suzy Wise and Jeffrey Gowing.

## **Special Issue Journal of LGBT Issues in Counseling**

**The Nexus of  
Affectional Orientation and Gender**

**Deadline for Submissions:  
May 15, 2015**

Visit [www.ALGBTIC.org](http://www.ALGBTIC.org) for more information



We appreciate you attending.

## **ALGBTIC Inaugural Conference**

September 19 & 20 **2014** New Orleans Louisiana

Association for Lesbian, Gay,  
Bisexual & Transgender  
Issues in Counseling



Visit <https://www.facebook.com/ALGBTIC>

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OF ALGBTIC?



[https://www.counseling.org/membership/join-reinstate-today!/add-additional-divison\(s\)](https://www.counseling.org/membership/join-reinstate-today!/add-additional-divison(s))

### **Upcoming Conference Dates:**

New Mexico Counseling Association	February 27-28, 2015
American Counseling Association Conference	March 12-15, 2015
Colorado Counseling Association Conference	April 9-10, 2015
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2. All submissions must be in a 12-pt Times New Roman font with 1" margins.
3. All submissions must adhere to word limits for article category.
4. All submissions must include author's name, degree(s), academic or institutional affiliation, telephone number and email address in a cover email.
5. All citations must follow APA Style Manual, 6th Edition, and language should be free of bias in accordance with APA's style guidelines.

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