

From our President:

Joy S. Whitman, Ph.D.



It is with great enthusiasm I begin my 2005-2006 term as president of AGLBIC. I have been involved with AGLBIC since 1999 as chair of AGLBIC's mentoring program/graduate student committee and have been a board trustee since 2000. Now as president of our division, I begin my service in a different manner. And so, with great humility I step into this role to work with you, our membership, and ACA, the counseling community, and the clients and students we serve.

Governing Council: policy approval

Because my vision of AGLBIC as an organization is of a community of hard working people doing great things, let me begin by telling you what our board and members have been engaged in to further our mission. Of great excitement is the most recent policy approval by ACA's Governing Council addressing same sex parenting and adoption. This resolution crafted and proposed by our Governing Council Representative, Colleen Logan, was passed at the 2005 ACA National Convention with no dissension. This is fantastic for many reasons:

- (1) It provides for greater validation as lgbtqqi members in ACA, members who create loving and viable families;
- (2) it serves our lgbtqqi clients who can be more assured that their counselor will respect their families;
- (3) it demonstrates a deeper understanding by ACA that our lives are to be respected and protected; and
- (4) it furthers our mission which is to *"educate mental health service providers about issues confronting gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) individuals"*.

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From our Past-President:

Ned Farley, Ph.D.

It's Been Quite A Year!

This is my first official article as (now) past-president of AGLBIC. I've thoroughly enjoyed being able to be in the leadership position once again, as I feel that I was much more prepared to focus on moving AGLBIC forward having had the experience of being president during the 2002-03 year. It is amazing how fast time goes by, with such a steep learning curve when in a leadership position. I'm sure all of my colleagues on the AGLBIC Board can understand. The opportunity to do a second



"go-through" allowed for me to build on my previous work, and the work of Colleen Connolly who both followed and preceded me, so that I finish this year with a sense of accomplishment.

We actually have a journal up and running, with submissions being reviewed, a nicely rounded journal board, and are now anticipating our first edition. We have, for the first time in awhile, an increase in membership for our division, rather than the decreases that have been happening over the past few years. We have a strong leadership team in place, and I'm thrilled with the new members of our board who are joining us July 1. We had a very successful conference in Atlanta, and I am particularly grateful to both Joy Whitman and Colleen Connolly for providing leadership during the conference due to my inability to be there. I also want to thank the rest of our board for stepping in and helping out where needed. I also want to thank Brian Dew, our president-elect, who facilitated the staffing of our booth, and for providing resources for our members about the Atlanta area.

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An article addressing this resolution will be forthcoming in Counseling Today. **Thank you, Colleen, for your advocacy.**

ACA Presidency: our future

Speaking of the ACA Convention and Colleen Logan, it was at the convention that Colleen announced her decision to run for president of ACA and where the AGLBIC board unanimously agreed to nominate Colleen for this position. I know I speak confidently for the board when I say how excited we are that she has decided to actively pursue the presidency, and we support her wholeheartedly. After having Mark Pope as ACA president, the first openly gay male president of ACA, and benefiting from the great work he did for the organization as a whole and AGLBIC specifically, we can only be excited about what Colleen will do as well.

ACA Atlanta: AGLBIC success

While on the subject of the ACA Convention, let me say how successful our second Day of Learning (DOL) was. Presentations were well attended and audiences were genuinely involved with the topics offered. We will continue to provide a DOL next year in Montreal as this format highlights the research and practice focused on LGBTQ concerns.

2005 AGLBIC Awards

Also successful at the convention was our brunch and reception. During the brunch, **Rob Mate** was awarded the AGLBIC Service Award for his years of contribution to the organization as its webmaster and treasurer; **Joanne DeMark** was awarded the Joe Norton Award for her work in the Atlanta area as a psychologist in private practice, as faculty on the Health Policy & Management Program at the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University, and as Senior Associate and LGBT Constituency Leader in the National Coalition Building Institute; and **Anneliese Singh** was awarded the first AGLBIC Graduate Student Award for her tireless work as the Multicultural Consultant for AGLBIC and for her grassroots accomplishments in her graduate department where she and her colleagues began an AGLBIC department chapter at Georgia State University. We salute you all for your work, dedication, and commitment to the LGBTQ communities and AGLBIC. **Thank you.**

2005-2006 Board & Committee Chairs

There is really so much more to talk about in terms of accomplishments and work we have all done (that includes our members as well as the board), but I'll save that for another edition. What I'd like to do in these final paragraphs is to introduce the 2005-2006 board and committee chairs to you all and to discuss a few of the goals we have envisioned for the next year.

Past-President: Ned Farley

Stepping down from president, but continuing his work on the board as past president and fulfilling the important role of journal editor for our upcoming journal, is Ned Farley. I want to take a moment here to thank Ned for his work in AGLBIC. Not only has Ned now served two terms as president, his first term when elected in 2002 and then stepping back in during the 2004-2005 year when the elected president needed to step down, but he co-chaired the division when it was an affiliate in the mid 1990s and is now serving as our journal editor. Though Ned could not attend this year's

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Award Nominations Requested

As AGLBIC Past-President and Chair of the Awards Committee, I am seeking nominations for outstanding contributions in three areas. These awards, which are described below, will be awarded at the AGLBIC Brunch at the ACA Conference 2006 in Montreal.

The AGLBIC Service Award and the Joe Norton Award have been in existence for quite some time. However, the AGLBIC board voted last spring (2004) to create an additional Graduate Student Award to regularly recognize and honor the outstanding contributions of graduate students.

Please carefully consider who might deserve recognition in each of these three categories and send your nominations to me ASAP:

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Joe Norton Award: This award is presented annually for an outstanding contribution to the GLBT community. Nominees can be either an individual who has made a significant contribution in the city or region in which the ACA conference is held or an organization that has done so. This year we are seeking nominations in the Atlanta area. When making a nomination, please include the person's or organization's name and contact information along with a letter outlining why you believe the nominee is a contender for this award.

AGLBIC Service Award: This award is presented to an AGLBIC member who has served AGLBIC and/or the larger GLBT community through forwarding the mission and values of AGLBIC. Please include the nominee's name and contact information along with a letter of nomination outlining why you think this person should be considered for this service award.

Graduate Student Award: This award is a new category. It has been established to honor a graduate student member of AGLBIC who has contributed significantly in one of three areas:

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

Past-President letter continued...

Now, once again, I have the privilege to sit in the past-president position. Not quite in the spotlight (whew), but able to provide some guidance around my duties this year as nominations and elections chair, as well as chair of by-laws. Don't be surprised if I come around looking for viable candidates for board and other committee chair positions that will be opening up, but don't be afraid to contact me first if you are interested. The only way AGLBIC can survive and thrive, is for more of you to get involved. Consider running for board trustee. It's a great three year position where you can get an insider's perspective on this organization, and can contribute greatly to our future directions. If that seems too daunting, how about considering volunteering for one of our committees? We're always looking for folks with an interest and passion for helping out. How about the Membership Committee? The Media Committee? Are you a grad student? Then consider volunteering for one of the staffing opportunities at our booth next year in Montreal? It's a great way to help out, and get some perks, depending on how long you commit to working (free conference registration, or perhaps a free Awards Brunch ticket?).

All in all, it's been a great year, and I'm looking forward to the next year. I'm proud to be part of AGLBIC, and want to thank all of you for your support over the past year.

Ned Farley, Ph.D.

AGLBIC Past-President



U.S. to Montreal, CANADA

AGLBIC looks forward to seeing everyone at the next ACA Conference in Montreal, Quebec, Canada this coming spring 2006.

The AGLBIC Board recommends that all members obtain a passport before traveling to Montreal Canada for the ACA Conference this Spring 2006.

Since 9/11 security measures have tightened in the U.S. as well as our boarding neighbor Canada. To avoid any issues in traveling to Canada, having a U.S. passport can be an effective tool. Canadian airport security will not accept U.S. driver's licenses. Even Canadian's traveling domestically need passports, as it is illegal for security to ask to see their driver's license.

If you do not have a passport, you may obtain an application at your local post office or at the following link:
http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html

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convention in Atlanta due to an eye injury, via email he organized the board to meet and was "on call" during the convention as needed. We missed you, Ned, and look forward to having you back in person at the upcoming fall board meeting and at the convention next year. I have appreciated your mentoring.

President-elect: Brian Dew

I welcome back to the board Brian Dew who is our president-elect. Brian, on faculty at University of North Carolina at Charlotte, was a board trustee many years ago and was one of the co-founders of the North Carolina AGLBIC chapter.

AGLBIC Trustees

Trustees for the 2005 board will be **Michael Kocet**, who is on faculty at Bridgewater State College and is an ACA Ethics Committee member, chair of the ACA Code Revision Task Force, and our graduate student committee chair; **Phyllis Mogielski-Watson**, who is on faculty at Purdue University Calumet and our chair of the membership committee; and **Susan Seem**, who is on faculty at SUNY College of Brockport and our former CACREP Representative.

Continuing for another term as **secretary is Cyndy Boyd**, Associate Director and Director of Training at University of Illinois at Chicago; as **treasurer is Reggie Tucker-Seeley**, graduate student at Harvard's Health and Social Policy program; as **multicultural consultant is Anneliese Singh**, graduate student at Georgia State University; and as **Governing Council Representative is Colleen Logan**, on faculty at Argosy University/Washington, DC and Department Chair of Counseling and Education. Serving as our **CACREP representative will be Sue Strong**, past president of AGLBIC and professor of education at Eastern Kentucky University.

Having served on the board for many years and having experienced many changes in the board during that time, I can not tell you how excited I am to be working with such an intelligent, hard-working, and creative group. As members, I hope that you will get to know us and work with us in the various committees that drive the AGLBIC board.

You can help AGLBIC

To do so, you can begin by communicating with the chairs of our various committees. Though not chair of a committee, Karen Hartman is our newsletter editor and has been for many years. John Marzalek is now our chair of the media and personal relations committee. As I've already stated, Michael Kocet is chair of our graduate student committee and Phyllis Mogielski-Watson is chair of our membership committee. And Rhodes Gibson is our webmaster. All of these individuals need your help to make the committees run smoothly. Please give of your time and roll up your sleeves. Some members have already expressed an interest in volunteering and we hope to encourage more of you to do the same. We can't do this work without you.

AGLBIC Goodbyes

Saying goodbye this year to their work on the board is our past president, **Colleen Connelly**. She has been a steadfast presence in

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CACREP Report

Susan Seem

I want to thank AGLBIC for allowing me to be their CACREP representative for the last 6 years. I am very honored by your trust in me. My involvement on CACREP has been one of the most rewarding services I have ever done. I do hope that you believe that I represented you well.

I have seen CACREP grow in many ways. Its commitment to diversity in all its forms is clear in the CACREP 2001 standards. CACREP's decision to change its board structure also represents its commitment to making sure that members better represent the totality of the counseling profession.

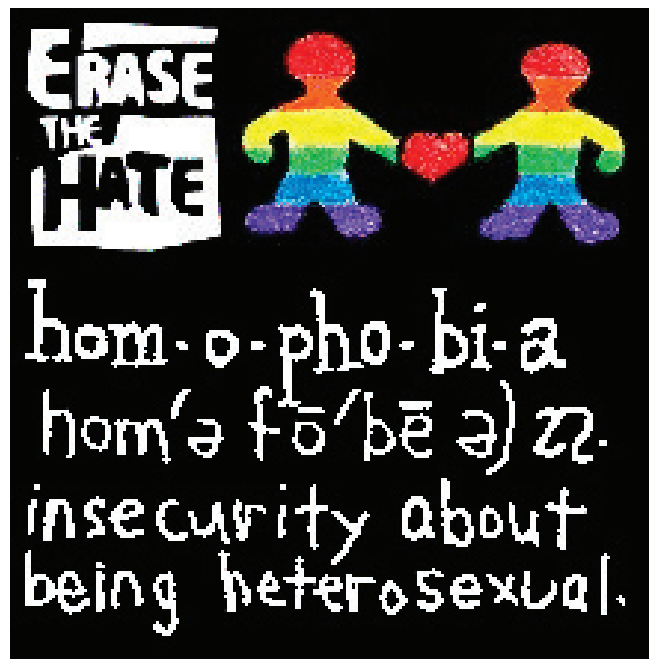
I am also pleased that the AGLBIC Board continues to support a representative to the CACREP Board. I congratulate Sue Strong on her tenure as a CACREP representative. It is an exciting time to be on the Board.

The next set of CACREP standards are being developed; more and more counselor education programs are seeking accreditation and the CACREP staff receive many inquiries from the international counseling community about the CACREP standards.

Have fun, Sue!

Again, I thank you all for this opportunity.

In peace,
Susan Seem



Bayard Rustin:

May His Life Be an Inspiration for AGLBIC Members

So, the 2005 ACA Conference in Atlanta was a blast for me, especially because it took place in my current hometown of Atlanta. It was thrilling to talk about ethical, legal, and social justice issues impacting LGBTQI individuals during the Day of Learning, and collaborate with other AGLBIC members about how counselors may be advocates for these issues both locally and nationally within our profession.

But this thing happened in many of the presentations that I attended in Atlanta that was curious to me. Many presenters opened their symposia



Bayard Rustin outside the March on Washington headquarters in New York City, 1963.

Walter Naegle wrote a wonderful biography of Mr. Rustin, that may be an advocacy tool counselors could use with fellow counselors and LG-BTQQI clients of color. He asserts that Mr. Rustin “stands at the confluence of the great struggles for civil, legal and human rights by African-Americans and lesbian and gay Americans. In a nation still torn by racial hatred and violence, bigotry against homosexuals, and extraordinary divides between rich and poor, his eloquent voice is needed today.” Additionally, there is a documentary that counselors may find interesting on Mr.

“I believe in social dislocation and creative trouble.”

-Bayard Rustin

with statements about the “importance of ACA being held in the city of the great Martin Luther King, Jr.” It was wonderful to have the work of MLK recognized and for his legacy to be linked to the importance that counselors may have with our work. However, something in me paused after hearing these statements in two workshops. I thought a bit. Reflected on what felt like a “missing piece” of MLK’s story. Then, I started to speak up - with colleagues and friends.

“Actually, Atlanta is not only home to the amazing impact of Dr. King. It is also the home of his partner, Coretta Scott King, who is still alive and fighting for not only the rights of the poor and people of African/black heritage...but also for the rights of queer folks.”

Throughout the last year, a tough year for queer people in Georgia culminating in the legislated hatred and bias that went down in Georgia in November (when heterosexual marriage was endorsed as the “official” definition of marriage by 90%), Ms. King was standing head and shoulders with and for the LGBTQI community.

AND, if you look a little deeper at the history of Atlanta, you find another astounding person who was hugely involved in the civil rights movement alongside Dr. King: Mr. Bayard Rustin. He is known for pushing Dr. King to embrace the nonviolent techniques and philosophy of Gandhi to the civil rights movement. As the organizer of the 1963 March on Washington, one of the largest non-violent protests in our nation’s history, he proved that nonviolence

Rustin’s life called *Brother Outsider*.

Ultimately, despite the intensely homo-prejudicial times he lived in, Mr. Rustin was and openly gay AND an openly anti-segregationist. His life holds secrets for AGLBIC members who want to stand up for all of our identities and not undervalue any part of who we are.

So, yep. Atlanta is the hometown of Dr. King, one of the greatest social change agents of our times. It is also home to his wonderful partner Ms. Coretta Scott King, an incredible heterosexual ally. And don’t forget about Mr. Bayard Rustin.

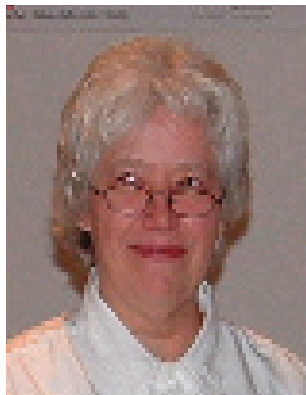
There are no monuments to his life here in Atlanta, and there is no center of nonviolence that has a plaque with his name on it. But his dedication to nonviolent peace and change for people of black/African descent has left an indelible mark on Atlanta...on Georgia...on the United States...and even the world. The intersection of race, class, sexual orientation, and other “oppressed” identities is thought of in counseling to be important to explore with clients, and the difficulties of this intersection have been highlighted throughout counseling literature and practice over the last decade.

But, if you remember the life of Bayard Rustin, you see these intersections a little differently. The interplay of our queer-ness and our racial/ethnic backgrounds are a beautiful, powerful, inspirational crossroads. And in these crossroads are the secrets of change.

Atlanta 2005 - AGLBIC Awards

JOE NORTON AWARD - Atlanta ACA 2005

Joanne DeMark, PhD Counseling Psychologist



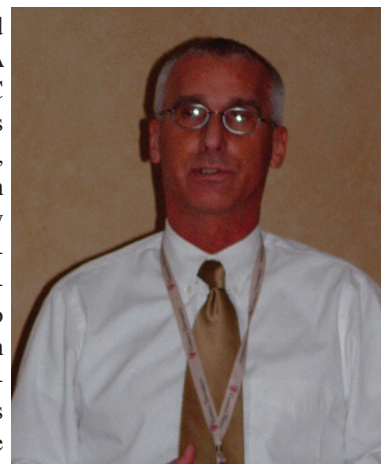
Joanne DeMark is a psychologist in private practice, on the Health Policy & Management Faculty at the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University, Senior Associate and LGBT Constituency Leader in National Coalition Building Institute Atlanta (www.ncbi.org), and an organizational consultant. She has been an out-lesbian since her early 20's.

Joanne is especially interested in the intersection of relational matrix group leadership and the multicultural/social justice lens. The heart of her facilitation work is multicultural and psychodynamic. She has been facilitating using a multicultural diversity focus since 1974, and psychodynamically (Alice Miller, family of origin) since 1979. Joanne doesn't know if she would be considered an active Rogerian, per se, but her Masters, Specialist, and Ph.D. programs (late '70s, 80s) incorporated a humanistic existential core, and she studied with nationally renowned humanistic/rogerian faculty (e.g., the late Ted Landsman, Franz Epting).

Also, Joanne is the cofounder of the Queer Progressive Agenda, an organization in Atlanta dedicated to ending racism, poverty, and other social justice issues in the queer community.

AGLBIC SERVICE AWARD - Atlanta ACA 2005

Robert Mate first found AGLBIC in 1997 when ACA was in Orlando. As AGLBIC is so good at doing, Rob was soon recruited to help out, when he agreed to establish our first website. Not only did Rob design the first website, but it was his responsibility to also find a server to host the site, and to establish our domain name. For several years following, Rob was our Webmaster, responsible for keeping the website active and up to date.



Within that first year, our Treasurer resigned, and Rob was asked to take over this position as well. At that time, our Treasurer was an elected position, which did not allow for much consistency over time. We were fortunate that, not only was Rob good at numbers, but willing to continue on in the position by running for the office. At a later date, the AGLBIC Board recognized the need for more consistency, and made the decision to change the Treasurer from an elected position, to one appointed by the president, with the approval of the board. This gave us the possibility of keeping a treasurer for a longer period of time. In our case, Rob was willing to continue in this position, which he held until the end of March, 2004 when ACA was in Kansas City.

Rob has gone over and above the norm in his commitment to AGLBIC, not only for his caring and expertise as our treasurer for approximately 7 years, but also in his continued work as our website consultant. We all owe a great deal to Rob's careful stewardship as AGLBIC has grown and developed, and look forward to his continued participation with our organization.

GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD - Atlanta ACA 2005



Anneliese Singh is a student who has done more to heighten awareness with regards to social justice, including issues related to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, questioning, and intersex (GLBTQI) individuals than we have seen before now.

Her effectiveness in advocating for equality for all individuals is rooted in the immense respect she has earned from GLBTQI and non-GLBTQI individuals alike. She is one of the few individuals who has the ability to appeal to "both sides" of the aisle while simultaneously bringing them together. Anneliese was nominated because the AGLBIC board has witnessed her ability to do this with faculty & students. Last year she was the driving force in organizing and directing our inaugural AGLBIC Day of Learning (more than 80 individuals attended) which focused on issues

relevant to sexual minorities and those individuals who care for them.

Ms. Singh has also displayed a commitment to the Counseling profession by volunteering her time and energy to AGLBIC by serving as the first-ever multicultural consultant. Her guidance in this role has helped the board to modify its mission statement to contain more inclusive language while embracing a multicultural emphasis. We hope to continue to include this Anneliese in future endeavors of this division as she truly is a future star for both our organization and the American Counseling Association.

AGLBIC and was one of the co-founders and co-chairs of Texas AGLBIC. Colleen organized our first DOL in Kansas City and stewarded the change in our mission statement that now represents a more inclusive mission of diversity. Also leaving will be **Me-lissa Lidderdale**, board trustee and chair of the membership committee. Both womyn have provided leadership in important and resolute ways. We will miss you and thank you for your efforts.

The Future of AGLBIC

Finally, let me talk with you about the future of AGLBIC. With the upcoming print journal, the *Journal of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Issues in Counseling* soon to be released, we continue to solicit manuscripts from our members and across disciplines. In fact, reaching across divisions

is one of our goals not only for the journal but for our advocacy work together. If you are a member of another division in ACA, we ask for your help in serving as a bridge.

And so, with great humility I step into this role to work with you, our membership, and ACA, the counseling community, and the clients and students we serve.

Online CEU opportunity

One project we would like to initiate this year is to join ACA's online CEU opportunity. AGLBIC would like to include articles from the new journal and chapters from books on lgbtqqi issues as a means for all members to obtain CEUs. This project will highlight our journal and scholarly work of our members and will further our mission. If anyone is interested in being a part of this project, please contact me. (see contact information on pg 2)

ACA 2006 - Montreal

During the 2006 ACA Convention in Montreal, the board would like to coordinate a civil service for our members and others interested in getting married. We have received support from ACA president-elect, Patricia Arredondo, and we are very excited. More details will follow as this unfolds, and again, if anyone is interested in helping, please contact me. We could use some creative and enterprising individuals not only for this event but for our AGLBIC reception. Perhaps we can make it a wedding reception?

Grads & New Professionals

One of my stated goals when running for office was to integrate more graduate student and new professional members into various board committees, and to mentor them to be leaders in our division and the field. I am still committed to that goal and as the graduate student committee reconsiders its mission, we invite graduate student input. Please let us know, especially Michael Kocert, how you want to be a part of AGLBIC and how we can help mentor you into the organization for future leadership and contribution.

The Goals of Membership

Membership as an overarching goal was discussed by the board.

The latest membership report reveals that membership in our organization increased in March to 714 yet is now at 691 members. A year ago membership was at 693. As a division, we seem to have hit a plateau. As

you read this, I hope that you are dissatisfied with that plateau and want to be involved in ways to help our organization grow.

Membership: Not about Numbers

It is not about the numbers; it is about a force of lgbtqqi individuals joining together to move the mission of AGLBIC forward. The more of us to do so, the farther we will go. Let us all ask ourselves how far we want to go in educating the profession about the needs of our communities and about creating a safer and more just place for us all. And let our answers be united in saying that we are not far enough, and that until our lgbtqqi kids and families are safe in the schools and communities and our clients and students safe from oppression, our lives richer and more whole because we are included at all tables where legislative and financial decisions are made, and celebration and not shame helps to form our identities, we will not rest. I look forward to this year with you and hold my hand out to you all to join me in the work ahead.

-Joy

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Dial-Up Gay Culture:

What We Lose and What We Gain in the New Queer Zeitgeist

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In the past 10 years, the proliferation of the Internet has been world-shaking. A growing percentage of humanity now has access to the Internet and can therefore access an infinite amount of information on every imaginable topic. Communication among our species has never been easier. Time and space are irrelevant in virtual reality, and the possibilities for synergistic dynamics - the quantum leaps minds can make when they come together to share ideas --has never before been available to humans on this scale. There's also spam and viruses and the pernicious "virus" of capitalism that is turning this wonderful tool of exploration and investigation into a junkyard of billboards and ads for Viagra and opportunities to increase one's penis size. Overlooking those inconveniences, the Internet is changing the way human beings socialize.

Logging On and Hooking Up

An entire online gay culture has blossomed in the last decade, and has transformed how gay and bisexual men meet one another. It's as dramatic as the change gay culture experienced when hidden-away gay clubs that were regularly raided by police morphed into openly gay bathhouses, bars and discos that were hip, chic, clean and well-lit. The Internet has streamlined the whole pick-up and mating ritual. Men who in the past might have been too intimidated to even enter a gay bar, bookstore or community center, or if they did find the courage to go into one of these establishments might never have actually approached and initiated conversations, suddenly can be bold and forthright in their pursuit of partners online. They can even approach men whom they would have thought beyond their reach -- too young, too attractive, too successful, etc. The potential of face-to-face rejection in bars and clubs has been lifted by the Internet. For many men, it is a kind of liberation from the often unbearable anxiety of cruising in bars or clubs.

Since online profiles explicitly state sexual desires and preferences, no longer does a man have to engage in idle chatter while trying to figure out what the sexy man with whom he's been talking might like to do in bed. There

was a time when men would wear hankies of various colors to signify what sexual behavior they were looking for. Now, the search engine has replaced the hanky, and men are able to zero-in on available men who share their sexual interests. There are all kinds of chat rooms based on sexual preferences, just as large cities used to have gay bars that specialized in certain proclivities (bear bars, BDSM clubs, etc.). Now, gay chat rooms have replaced gay bars and clubs as places to meet, mingle and find sex. Cutting through the small talk, which helps to bypass many anxieties, accounts for a lot of the appeal of the Internet as a venue for meeting men. In addition, the Internet allows users a high degree of anonymity, which is highly appealing to those who are not out, or who are just coming out, or who are questioning their sexual orientation. I remember years ago hearing patients talk about how they would drive past the gay bar again and again, trying to find the courage to go inside. Now, they can access virtual gay community online from the safety of their homes. And it's not just emotional safety; gay bars can be magnets for gay bashers. There is also the risk of being "outed" at a gay bar.

It's not just anonymity, but also privacy that men can preserve as they explore their feelings about their queer attractions in virtual reality. Gay youth are using the Internet to explore gay culture and community even if they don't have access to gay community where they live. They join chat rooms for GLBT youth and find online support groups, which greatly mitigates their feelings of isolation. A decade ago, the Gay and Lesbian Hotline was the main lifeline for these young people. Now, they can go to the library or log on at home and find moral support, answers to questions and social affirmation.

Chatted Up

The Internet is a relatively new venue for finding sex partners, but it has quickly become one of the most popular. Over the course of the past 15 years, there has been a massive proliferation of online profiles. Researchers in the United Kingdom found that use of the Internet by

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AGLBIC Journal Call for Articles

The Journal of GLBT Issues in Counseling, is the Journal of the Association of Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Issues in Counseling, and is published by The Haworth Press. The journal publishes articles that specifically focus on issues and concerns related to the health and well being of sexual minority individuals, families, and communities. The intent is to offer a variety of ideas and perspectives for counselors and related professionals who work with Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered persons and their families and communities. As such, submitted articles should focus in one of the following areas:

Research Studies: Articles within this focus represent qualitative and/or quantitative studies that contribute new understanding to the field of counseling as it relates to sexual minorities. These manuscripts should include an introduction, review of the literature, methodology, data analyses, results, and discussion. Implicit in these is clear descriptions of the studies purpose and implications for future research.

New/Innovative Practices: Articles within this focus represent ways of approaching counseling, counselor education, training, supervision, or program design that reflect new ideas or innovative approaches that are grounded in counseling theory and/or research.

Conceptual Articles: Submissions in this focus represent original thinking related to the theory and practice of counseling. These might include a review of the literature, which critiques and integrates previously stated ideas; a presentation of new theoretical perspectives, or perhaps addressing a new way of utilizing previously published work.

All submissions should be prepared according to the guidelines of the most recent Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, including the use of citations and references, and inclusion of non-discriminatory language. Manuscripts should be sent as attachments via the e-mail address below, or on disc. All work should be done in Microsoft Word. Tables and figures should be embedded in your manuscript at their appropriate place. If accepted for publication, final manuscripts should be publication ready when submitted. It is the author's responsibilities to secure permission to use any copyrighted materials within their manuscript.

The Journal of GLBT Issues in Counseling expects authors to follow the most current ACA Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice.

The Journal of GLBT Issues in Counseling understands that authors bear full responsibility for the accuracy of all referenced, quotations, tables, figures, and the overall content of their article.

Please submit articles to Ned Farley, Ph.D., Editor, The Journal of GLBT Issues in Counseling at nfarley@aus.edu. Confirmation will be sent via e-mail.

Research Request

for Lesbian, Bisexual, and Questioning Women

We are a lesbian research team conducting an empirical study examining attitudes, feelings, and experiences associated with being a lesbian, bisexual, or questioning woman. If you are a woman who is at least 18 years old and has experienced same-sex attraction, we would greatly appreciate your participation in our study.

The survey is anonymous, and takes about 40 minutes to complete. As an incentive to participate, all participants will be given the chance to enter a raffle drawing of \$100 dollars awarded to one person. For those interested in participating in this study, go to the following hypertext link <http://68.74.231.99/>. This will take you to the consent form and questionnaire.

Please feel free to forward this announcement to eligible friends and other lesbian/bisexual related listserves. Thanks in advance for your help with this project!

Sincerely,

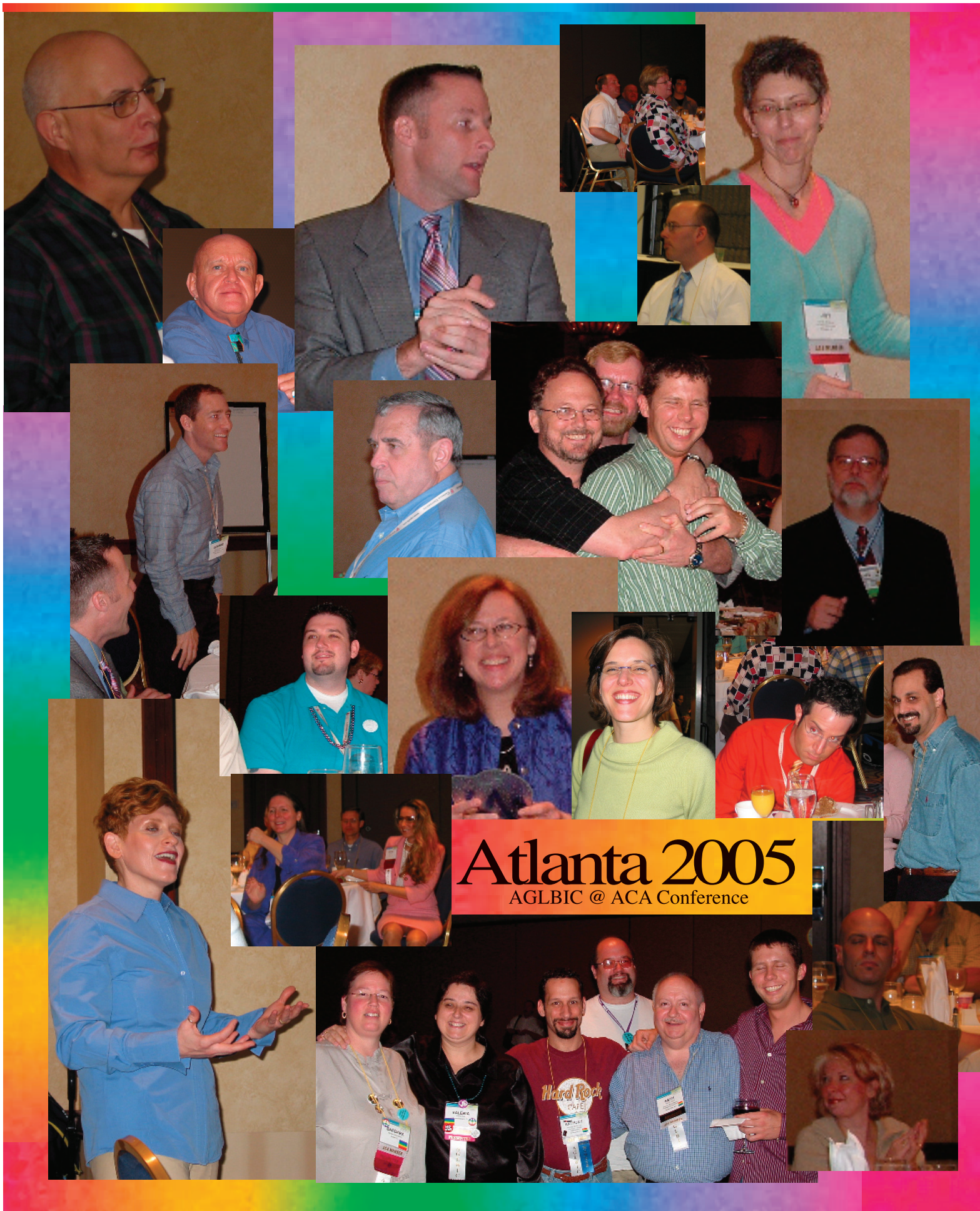
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Nation's Schools Leave Many Behind:

PFLAG Study Finds Gay Student's Needs Largely Ignored

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) publicly announced in January (2005), the results of the *PFLAG National Schools Assessment* launched in January, 2004. Unlike other assessments that evaluate the school climate (how safe or unsafe students feel) the PFLAG assessment specifically evaluated the education system's response to the presence of and needs of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) students by measuring the existence and implementation of inclusive anti-harassment policies and resources to support this population. The majority of the respondents were educators and students. (You can view a short statistical report of the assessment or read the full Assessment Report at the following url <http://www.pflag.com>) While the assessment indicated a growing awareness of GLBT safe schools issues, results also showed critical deficiencies in support for GLBT youth.

"Our findings help explain why so many people still hold on to damaging old fictions and profound misunderstandings about our GLBT family members and friends," said Ron Schlittler, PFLAG's Executive Director. "Misinformation goes unchallenged because accurate information is virtually banned in our schools, whether intentionally or unintentionally, and abusive behavior goes largely unchecked. For the sake of all of our kids and our communities, it is time to face up to this problem with honesty and compassion and address it through anti-harassment policies, accurate resources and training for staff and faculty. It is simply the right thing to do."

Schlittler also commended students for their promotion of safe schools. "There are encouraging signs. Nearly 39% of respondents reported the existence of support groups for gay and straight students that address the needs of GLBT students. PFLAG regularly receives requests for help from students trying to start Gay-Straight Alliances in their schools. Sadly, however, these students are often the only members of school communities taking the initiative and pressing for avenues to acknowledge and

address their needs. Parents, community members and professional educators need to take adequate responsibility as well. PFLAG both nationally and locally stands ready to help." PFLAG's National Schools Assessment was developed by PFLAG's safe schools staff and researchers at the University of Maryland. The respondents came from 39 states. 65% of respondents were professional educators and 30% were students. Jason S. Zack, Ph.D., Behavioral Science Consultant and Adjunct Assistant Professor at the University of Miami analyzed the assessment responses.

Of the study Dr. Zack stated, "The results of the 2004 Safe Schools Assessment provide a fascinating snapshot of the state of PFLAG Safe Schools policy implementation across the U.S. In responding to questions about their schools' demographics, policies, environment and their own demographic information, participants have helped to establish both a sense of what has been achieved thus far, and a road map for the work yet to come. The data collected in the present study offers a baseline for future PFLAG Safe Schools research."

"For the sake of all of our kids and our communities, it is time to face up to this problem with honesty and compassion..." -Ron Schlittler PFLAG Executive Director

Some important findings include:

95% of school counseling services had little or no gay, lesbian or bisexual resources

99% of school counseling services had little or no transgender resources

70% had no training for educators/staff on how to stop GLBT bullying

92% had no training for students on how to stop GLBT bullying

84% had little or no resources for parents about GLBT issues

59% did not include gay, lesbian or bisexual students in their harassment/nondiscrimination policies

75% did not include gender identity/expression in their harassment/non-discrimination policies

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) is the nation's foremost family based organization committed to the civil rights of gays, lesbians, bisexual and transgender persons. Founded in 1973 by mothers and fathers, PFLAG has over 250,000 members and supporters in more than 500 chapters throughout the United States.



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gay men doubled between 1999 and 2001, and that in 2001, the Internet was the second most popular venue where men with a new partner had met in the previous year (Weatherburn et al, 2003). From my observations, it is the single biggest development of the sexual revolution since the birth control pill freed women from having to worry about becoming pregnant.

Michael Ross, a professor of public health at the University of Texas, Houston, conducted research on the prevalence of using the Internet for sexual purposes, and in 2002 he estimated that in the U.S., the Internet is used most often for sexual purposes. He provides the following statistics regarding Internet use by people who visit sites specifically targeting gay men: "On any given weekday afternoon, there are approximately 10,000 people signed into sexual chat rooms on gay.com. The number participating during the evening hours and weekends is much higher." And Ross was only citing numbers from one popular gay cyber cruising site. When all the other gay-specific web sites that gay men visit are considered (i.e. gaydar.com, manhunt.com, etc), the number rises exponentially. On top of that, all the major Internet service providers (AOL, MSN, etc.) have gay-specific chat rooms where men seek social, romantic and sexual relationships. Almost a decade ago, as researchers started to look at this phenomenon among all groups, not just men seeking to have sex with men, researchers

Al Cooper and Eric Griffin-Shelley identified the three most prevalent factors driving sexual contact on the Internet: accessibility, affordability and anonymity. Other researchers suggest that there are two additional factors for gay men: acceptability and approximation. Acceptability refers to the Internet being an acceptable way gay men meet one another and either hook up or date, and approximation refers to a dynamic important to men seeking to have sex with other men and who are unsure of their sexual identity or who may not yet have come out even to themselves. The Internet allows them a safe way to experiment with their sexual identity by approximating being gay either through fictitious selves or by having virtual sex on the Internet. Psychologically, it may feel vastly safer for a man who is in a stage of pre-gay identity formation to test the waters by chatting online with men --either to homosocialize or to

arrange a sexual liaison. Perhaps not surprisingly then, a San Francisco study published in 2001 found that gay men were more likely than heterosexual men or women to use the Internet to meet sexual partners (Kim et al, 2001).

In Praise of Flirtation

As more and more of my clients started to come in and talk about men they "met" online, I began to notice that there are also down sides to the immediacy of cruising the Internet. Although some men made more of a connection than simply answering an ad for "hung, horny and available tonight," many of my clients were not experiencing any actual, as opposed to virtual, erotic flirtation preceding their first (and usually only) encounter with someone met online. I was struck by the absence of romance, and by the fact that some of my clients were reporting satisfying sex lives, but feelings of social isolation and lack of self-confidence. In fact, some felt even less confident about dating and having to carry on a face to face conversation with an interesting man. Face-to-face conversation and interactions help us develop requisite social skills, yet a short blurb and photo on the Internet is often enough to get men in bed together. From what my clients were describing, there wasn't much conversation or connection beyond the sexual encounter. What was also interesting was that my clients were reporting this not as problematic, but as confusing. Because parts of gay male culture have so strongly valued sex over emotional intimacy, my clients didn't have language to express why, despite all the great sex they were having, they were often unsatisfied in the emotional realm of their lives.

The generation of gay men growing up online is not learning how to tolerate a level of social anxiety and discomfort that was a normal part of flirting for eons of human interaction. "Is he interested? Is he looking at me? Should I walk over and smile?" Sure, it can be uncomfortable and self-conscious, but taking risks and putting oneself on the line builds a kind of emotional muscle. Even the experience of rejection can be a good thing. It can teach us to be humble, to be kind to others when we are the ones not interested in another's advances. Flirtation is a wonderful part of erotic life. But these days, you post your picture, someone sees it and wants to have sex with your body. Obviously, there is virtual flirtation going on, but it does not seem to be as

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multidimensional as flirting in person. Body language, facial expressions, coyly appraising glances, subtle touches --a whole dance goes on between two people who are interested in each other. It is enormously rich. Call me old-fashioned, but there used to be some delicious mystery. The hunt, the conquest - sometimes, the defeat - were exciting and charged with fun. There is a whole level of primal animal interaction, the social animal, that is lost. Consider how we had to learn to read subtle body cues, from smiles, to studied nonchalance, to a well-timed wink. You can flirt with words in an instant message, but the rest of the senses - sight, smell, sound, perhaps touch --are lost in the hard wires of the computer chaperone.

Looking for Love in All the Wrong Places

I know that in the very instant you read this sentence, millions of people are sitting at home in front of their computers looking for sex, talking online to strangers and perhaps even sharing some of their secret thoughts. They are thinking, "This is real intimacy!" I've had clients come into sessions breathless with excitement. "I think I'm in love with him!" I scoot my chair closer and ask encouragingly, "So, tell me about him! How did you meet?" only to discover they have e-mailed twice and shared that they both are bears who like bears and are available to hook up. "But I can tell from his e-mails that he's the one I've been waiting for!"

I coach my clients to do more than just hook up. You met online? Fine. First, at least speak on the phone prior to making a date, if you're seeking more than just a sexual hook-up. Make a date. Go out for coffee and agree not to have sex right away. Go for a walk in the park. Go to the museum. Flirt. Kiss a little. See if you like this person before you shag him. If you want to date him, assess if he is genuinely curious about you or only curious about how you are in bed. Does he hold your interest? Are things happening in the conversation that are allowing a beginning level of trust to develop? I am convinced that some gay men are confused about what they want. They say they want hot sex, but even when they get hot sex, they complain that something is missing in their lives. I respectfully suggest that most gay men are interested not just in hot sex, but in passionate, intimate, heart exploding love. That's much, much harder to find in the loneliness and privacy and anonymity and safety of the computer connection.

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There are a few basic steps of relationship-building that we learn from observation and trial-and-error, and these skills are at risk of being lost when you sit at your computer and try to find a partner. Okay, you are sitting at your computer, he's across town on his computer, and you're flinging e-mails back and forth rife with the words, "hot," "want it now," etc. etc. But chances are you're each chatting with two other men, and none of them are getting your undivided attention, and you're not getting anyone else's undivided attention. Compare that to getting dressed up to go out: the anticipation of the grooming stage, the selection of outfit that best shows off your attributes while expressing your unique personal style. Then, choice of venue --someplace where you are likely to meet men who interest you, and where you are most likely to be of interest to other men. This early stage is all about possibility, about enjoying and tolerating uncertainty. Uncertainty can be exquisite, a kind of pleasurable pain.

You arrive at the club, maybe you're meeting up with some friends, and you check out the crowd. Someone immediately catches your eye but he's dancing and hasn't seen you yet. You begin the ritual to discover if he is available and interested by maneuvering closer to him and sending fullbodied, mindful playfulness. This means body language that says, "I think you're hot, but I'm not desperate." No words are exchanged. Possibly, no looks, either. It's all about the body cues. There is risk here, and potential gain. One risk is his immediate feedback, his body language, facial expressions, "vibe" all say, "Not interested." Or even, "This is my boyfriend I'm dancing with. Isn't he fabulous?" The potential gain: he turns and dances closer, leans over and says, "Great shirt!" From a Zen perspective, discomfort is an essential aspect of growth. We don't have to pretend to love it, but by accepting and embracing it, we allow ourselves more opportunities to grow in a variety of ways.

Holding Hands Across Cyberspace

I am unequivocally positive about many aspects of the Internet. For instance, you can save a bundle on airline tickets if you surf around. I like the convenience of checking on my bank accounts, paying bills and ordering books while lounging around in my slippers. I also am grateful for online support groups. I checked recently, and the only online gay widower support group

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comes out of Melbourne, Australia, and people from around the world are part of the discussion. It's truly wonderful.

The Internet is not only used for sex. Queer people around the world have been using it as a tool for social activism, generating petitions and email campaigns to protest laws banning same-sex marriage or to urge politicians to overturn homophobic immigration laws. One inspiring example of the power of the Internet for social change occurred last year, when one lesbian with a computer in Africa got the word out that her country's government was not allowing a publisher of queer books to bring those books to an international book fair. LGBT rights groups around the world inundated the government with e-mails protesting this discrimination, putting significant pressure on the leader to back down and dogged him with protests from London to Johannesburg. Ah, the power of one lone activist dyke with a computer.

While it's inspiring to see how much gay community one can find online, from news on legislation to advice on how to bypass heterosexist laws to adopt children, I worry that it is lulling us into a false sense of safety. Are we forgetting about the realities of homophobia while we sit at home forwarding petitions or talking dirty with someone? The point is, we are at home. We aren't out on the street carrying signs or running the risk of getting gay bashed outside a bar, or hearing someone yell "Faggot" when we walk home hand-in-hand with a lover. When we do trade our slippers for real shoes and go out into the gay world, we notice it has been shrinking in recent years. New York used to have three gay bookstores, which were reliable places for good flirting. Now, we're down to one. Where is everybody? At home, on line, ordering queer books from Amazon.com.

It used to be that going to a gay bar meant being in the thick of gay community, gay culture and gay activism. There would be fliers up. There might be a fundraiser for the local LGBT community center, there might be some political conversation. At what point do we decide that it's not in our individual, communal or societal best interest to hide from the ugly realities that affect us as queer citizens of a homophobic country?

The more we withdraw and become distracted by the
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seductiveness and safety of the online gay sex culture, the fewer there are of us who are on the front lines to fight the good fight. Recently, organizers planned a youth conference in Seattle to address LGBT suicide. An anti-gay government official said the organizers had to change the title to delete the words "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender." The Bush administration is trying to erase all traces of LGBT people. They would love to force us back into the closet. And in some way, staying in our own safe, virtual realities, perhaps we're putting ourselves back there. We are not coming out. We are not everywhere. This is politically and psychologically dangerous. Will fewer and fewer queer people feel it's necessary to come out if they can safely cruise for sex while living heterosexual-seeming lives? Visible queer social spaces are becoming more invisible, but we're doing it to ourselves.

Toward an Ethic of Kindness

I recently finished writing a book on barebacking - gay men deliberately choosing to have unsafe sex. I learned more than you probably want to know about how the Internet has become a main source of hook-ups for barebackers. It leads me to urge men who cruise on line to do two things: First, be honest. Post recent photos of yourself and write accurate profiles, always including your HIV status. This is especially vital if you are positive. HIV infection is on the rise, and it's up to each one of us to end the epidemic in our community.

Second, I urge you to be kind. I have heard a lot of stories of men exchanging photos and then the other guy disappears from the Instant Messaging with no word. That kind of rejection is brutal. Try to be polite. Put yourself in the other person's shoes and be nice. Don't use the anonymity of the Internet as an excuse to be unkind. Let's treat it like a real community even if it's virtual.

Whatever happens in the next 10 years, I think we would be well-advised to follow some old-time advice: treat others the way you would like to be treated. Although every religion has this woven into its philosophy, human beings have an abysmal history of treating others rather poorly. My wish is that LGBT people will set a good example for the rest of humanity.

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His site is individually and personally funded by himself and there are no commercial or non-commercial organizations that contribute funding, services or material to his site. In addition, his site does not carry any advertisements except that of his own practice.

I have found his articles to be interesting, very informative and based on current best practice research. If you find the information and articles on this site to be the contrary, please let me know.

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Research Request

Gay Dyadic Relationships

The scarcity of academic research on gay dyadic relationships and sexuality is a result of the social invisibility of same-sex male couples. Although the gay and lesbian movement yielded significant social change, we are mainly seen as individuals, and cultural stereotypes tend to question our ability to form functional and stable couples. Additional research that is focused on gay individuals and couples will refute misconceptions and half-guesses about us, increase academic and professional knowledge of gay population and promote greater understanding of gay male couples.

The present study focuses on the sexual interaction within gay couples. The present research hopes to attract attention of additional researches and to promote further exploration of same-sex male couples and gay sexuality. The research findings will inform mental health professionals in their work with gay men, contributing to higher quality mental health services.

The research population is men (18+) who reside in US and are currently in a relationship with another man.

The completion time of the questionnaire is 20-30 minutes. The study has been approved by IRB - # 05-323.

In order to participate in the research, please click on the link below or copy and paste it into a new browser window.

<http://my.fit.edu/~hpapikia/couples/>

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Your contribution to this cause is highly valuable. I greatly appreciate your contribution to the promotion of GLBT and male sexuality research. Please feel free to contact me with your questions and suggestions.

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The Association of Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Issues in Counseling (AGLBIC), a division of the American Counseling Association (ACA) is accepting applications for editorial board members for its new journal, titled *The Journal of GLBT Issues in Counseling*. This referred journal focuses on publishing articles that address the important issues relevant to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered peoples and their significant others. Areas for submission include: (1) new research in the field of counseling, (2) a review of the literature that critically integrates previous work around a specific topic, (3) introduction of new techniques or innovation in service delivery within the counseling field, or (4) theoretical or conceptual pieces that reflect new ideas or new ways of integrating previously held ideas.

We are looking for those who have a background/experience with this population and counseling related issues that involve our work. This includes those who work in the following arenas: counselors, counselor educators, and other counseling related professionals that work across a diversity of fields, including school counseling, mental health, couple and family, colleges and universities, and the public and private sector. Preferably, these individuals will also have a history of publication of scholarly works, or expertise in specific counseling areas that will be of benefit to the reviewing of journal submissions.

In particular, we would like to have an editorial board representative from the major counseling areas represented in ACA. Therefore, in addition to the areas mentioned above, specialization in areas such as assessment, adult development and aging, humanistic orientations, multicultural issues, rehabilitation, spirituality, group work, addictions and offender treatment, and career and employment are also encouraged.

To apply, please send a cover letter outlining your interest and reasons for applying, as well as a current Vita, to: Ned Farley, Ph.D., editor, nfarley@antiochsea.edu. You may also mail an application to the following address: Ned Farley, Ph.D. Chair, Mental Health Counseling Program Center for Programs in Psychology Antioch University Seattle 2326 Sixth Avenue Seattle, WA 98121-1814



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Bayard Rustin speaking at the March on Washington, August 28, 1963. Rustin served as the principal organizer of this event, which drew an estimated 250,000 people to Washington for the largest protest to that date in U.S. history.

To learn more about the life of Bayard Rustin, go to the following url <http://www.rustin.org/about.html>.

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Submit articles and items of interest to our readership and members that are current and informative. Submissions that encourage dialogue and opinion are especially encouraged.

All text submissions can arrive either by email [formatted in MS Word, .rtf or embedded in an email] to the editor. Please note that the editor has the right to edit your submission due to space considerations and/or content issues.

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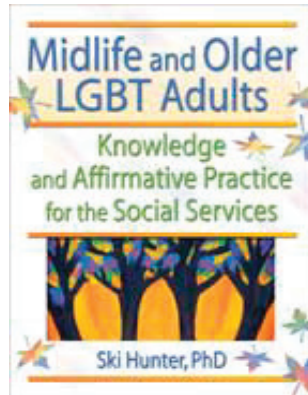
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Midlife and Older LGBT Adults New Book Announcements

Knowledge and Affirmative Practice for the Social Services

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This guide presents a unique look at the lives of midlife and older LGBT people. It reviews various "life arenas" in which midlife and older LGBT persons exist, and examines the problems with which they cope. It addresses the lives of this unique group—from their sexual identities to their family and work situations. The book also provides an overview of social work practice issues with midlife and older LGBT persons, including coming out and disclosure, couples and family, and group and community practice.

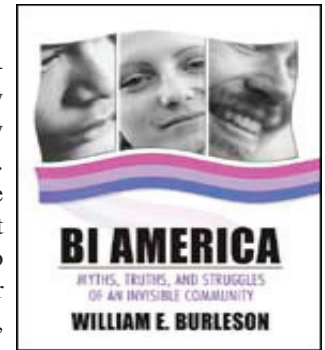


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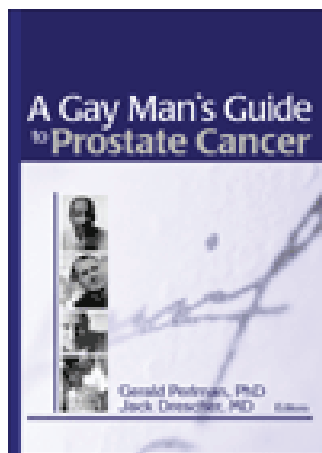
There are at least five million bisexual people in America, generally invisible to straight society, the gay community, and even to each other. While the vast majority of these five million live within the straight or gay world, there are a few who have formed a community of their own. *Bi America: Myths, Truths, and Struggles of an Invisible Community* offers an inside look at the American bisexual community and gives an understanding of the special circumstances unique to being bisexual. The book takes the reader to bi community events from picnics, to conferences, to support groups, to performances in order to expose the everyday trials of the bisexual community. Visit the book's Web site at <http://www.bi101.org>



A Gay Man's Guide to Prostate Cancer

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A Gay Man's Guide to Prostate Cancer explores the medical facts and psychological aspects of being diagnosed and treated for prostate cancer as well as the personal experiences of gay men from various walks of life. This insightful examination from the perspective of being gay in a predominantly heterosexual medical world emphasizes the unique concerns gay men have when confronted with this life-altering disease. Physicians, psychotherapists, gay men, their friends and loved ones will find this book especially helpful in understanding the challenges of being diagnosed and treated for prostate cancer. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of this book will go to Malecare, Inc., a not-for-profit organization that specifically serves men with various forms of cancer and organizes self-help groups specifically targeted to gay men with prostate cancer. Many of the contributors are or have been involved with Malecare, Inc. For more information, visit Malecare, Inc.: prostate cancer support for gay men and their families. (<http://www.Malecare.com/>).



Handbook of LGBT Issues in Community Mental Health

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The *Handbook of LGBT Issues in Community Mental Health* provides reliable, up-to-date information on clinical issues, administrative practices, and health concerns related to the provision of public sector mental health services to LGBT people. The handbook presents clinical case material and describes various current clinical programs, with details about how they were developed and fostered, as well as their unique role in the provision of mental health services to this population. Contributors share their experiences developing two of the largest public LGBT programs in the United States and offer practical strategies for developing LGBT mental health programming in any community.

