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EXHIBITS

❖ SEXUALITY EXHIBITS BY PROJECT SHAPE: SEXUAL HEALTH AND PEER
EDUCATION PROGRAM
In its role as a peer education program focused on issues of sexual health, Project SHAPE members
will host a series of exhibits in the Campus Center Lobby, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, February 3-6.
The exhibits will include information, as well as handouts and brochures, on topics such as
contraception, sexually transmitted infections, HIV/AIDS, and breast and testicular cancer.

❖ MIDDLE EARTH EXHIBIT
Visit the Middle Earth exhibit in the Campus Center Lobby from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, February 2-5
and February 9-12 and receive free information and giveaways.

❖ “THE CLOTHESLINE PROJECT”
Look for our “Clothesline Project” exhibit in the Campus Center Lobby presented in collaboration with
Middle Earth and the Gender and Sexuality Resource Center, and make a commitment to preventing
suicide in the LGBT community by making a T-shirt for display. Go to the Clothesline Project
workshop on Wednesday, February 4 at 7:30 PM in Campus Center 367 to make your T-shirt.

ABOUT MIDDLE EARTH
The Middle Earth Peer Assistance Program is a campus service in which trained University at Albany
undergraduate students offer hotline assistance, peer education, and peer career advisement under the
supervision of professionals at the University Counseling Center and, for Peer Career Advisors, Career
Services. For additional information about Middle Earth go to www.albany.edu/counseling_center.
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

“Ain’t I a Woman”
Presented by
Laverne Cox
Star of “Orange is the New Black”
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 8:00 PM
Performing Arts Center
University at Albany, SUNY
(“Red Carpet Meet & Greet” to follow for ticketed guests)

ABOUT LAVERNE COX

Laverne Cox is a critically acclaimed actress who currently appears in the Netflix original series Orange is the New Black, playing the groundbreaking role of “Sophia Burset,” an incarcerated African American transgender woman. Laverne is the first trans woman of color to have a leading role on a mainstream scripted television show. Time Magazine named Sophia Burset the 4th most influential fictional character of 2013. Laverne is also a recipient of the Dorian Rising Star Award for her work in Orange is the New Black.

A renowned speaker, Laverne has taken her empowering message of moving beyond gender expectations to live more authentically all over the country. Her insights have been featured on CNN, MSNBC, ABC, NPR, HLN, VH1, FOX NEWS LATINO, among other national TV and radio networks.

In 2013 Laverne won Best Supporting Actress at the Massachusetts Independent Film Festival for her work in the praised film Musical Chairs, directed by Susan Seidelman (Desperately Seeking Susan). Laverne’s other acting credits include Law and Order, Law and Order: SVU, HBO’s Bored to Death, and the independent films Carla and The Exhibitionists. She also has roles in the forthcoming films 36 Saints and Grand Street.

Laverne is the first trans woman of color to produce and star in her own television show, VH1’s TRANSForm Me, which was nominated for a GLAAD Media Award. Laverne is also the first trans woman of color to appear on an American reality television program, VH1’s I Wanna Work for Diddy, for which she accepted the GLAAD Award for Outstanding Reality Program. Laverne was named one of Out Magazine’s “Out 100,” one of the country’s top 50 trans icons by The Huffington Post, and one of Metro Source magazine’s “55 People We Love.” Laverne’s critical writings have appeared in The Advocate and The Huffington Post. A graduate of Marymount Manhattan College, Laverne holds a degree in Fine Arts.

GET READY FOR LAVERNE COX!!

Come to the “Orange is the New Black” Marathon Friday, January 30, Saturday, January 31, Sunday, February 1, & Monday, February 2 from 9:00 PM- 12:00 Midnight in the Campus Center West Lobby. FREE popcorn will be served!
“Sex and the Soul: Juggling Sexuality, Spirituality, Romance and Religion on America’s College Campuses”
Presented by Dr. Donna Freitas, Author
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 7:00 PM
Campus Center Ballroom
University at Albany, SUNY

ABOUT DR. DONNA FREITAS

Donna Freitas, Ph.D., will discuss the findings of her research about students’ attitudes regarding hookup culture, sex, romance, and dating on college campuses today, and how a pervasive interest in spirituality fits into this mix. She will talk about the powerful—though often private—yearnings among men and women to find love during college despite the dominance of hookup culture, and the particular ways the religious/spiritual tradition can respond to this yearning, as well as the desire for something other than hooking up during the college experience.

Dr. Donna Freitas has written many books, both nonfiction and fiction. She is the author of Sex and the Soul: Juggling Sexuality, Spirituality, Romance and Religion on America’s College Campuses, published by Oxford University Press in 2008. Her follow up title, The End of Sex, came out from Basic Books this past April. Freitas has written for national newspapers and magazines, including The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, The Boston Globe, and Newsweek, and she has appeared on NPR, The Today Show, and other news media outlets discussing her work for Sex and the Soul as well as other research topics. Freitas has been a professor at Boston University in the Department of Religion and also at Hofstra University in their Honors College. She is currently a non-resident Research Associate at the Center for the Study of Religion and Society at the University of Notre Dame. She lives in Brooklyn.

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SPECIAL EVENT

SEXUALITY WEEK 2015 FILM FESTIVAL
in Collaboration with
LATE NIGHT WITH CAMPUS CENTER CONNECTIONS

FREE popcorn will be served!!

❖ Friday, January 30-Monday, February 2, 9:00 PM-12:00 Midnight
Campus Center
West Lobby Lounge

“ORANGE IS THE NEW BLACK” MARATHON
A dozen Emmy Award nominations went to this acclaimed comedy drama series including Outstanding Comedy Series, Outstanding Writing and Outstanding Lead Actress for star Taylor Schilling. A crime she committed in her youthful past sends Piper Chapman (Schilling) to a women's prison, where she trades her comfortable New York life for one of unexpected camaraderie and conflict in an eccentric group of fellow inmates.
Facilitators: Jessica Krupski, Assistant Director for Evening Events & Operations
Campus Center Management

❖ Wednesday, February 4, 9:00 PM
Campus Center 367

“FISH OUT OF WATER”
What does the Bible really say about being gay? Inspired by the experience of coming out as a lesbian to her sorority sisters during her senior year at Vanderbilt, filmmaker Ky Dickens explores the Biblical references used to condemn homosexuality in this informative yet entertaining documentary. Interweaving whimsical animation with enlightening interviews from the lesbian and gay community as well as with theologians and academics from across the country, “Fish Out of Water” breaks down seven key passages – from Adam and Eve to Sodom and Gomorra – while confronting the debate over translation and historical context that affect today’s interpretation of the Bible. 60 minutes
Facilitators: Rev. Sandy Damhof, Protestant Campus Ministry, Interfaith Center, Cornerstone Campus Ministry
Catherine Reid, Catholic Campus Minister, Interfaith Center, Newman Catholic Ministries
Deidre Dumpson, Gamma Rho Lambda Sorority, Project SHAPE, Gender & Sexuality Concerns Office, Student Association

❖ Tuesday, February 10, 7:30 PM
Campus Center 367

“TRANS”
The feature documentary film “TRANS” is an up-close and very personal journey into the transgender world through the memorable stories and the unusual lives of a remarkable group of six people. It begins with the story of Lt. Commander Christopher McGinn, a Navy flight surgeon selected by NASA to serve on two space missions. But, upon her discharge from the armed forces, Chris McGinn would set out upon a different mission...from which she was never to return. Now Dr. Christine McGinn is able to tell her own amazing story (picked up by the media on both MSNBC and the Oprah Winfrey show), and provide an entrance into a complex and dramatic world that is “TRANS.” The reviews state that “this film will open your eyes and your heart.” Another reviewer applauds this film as “the first time this subject has been properly handled on film.”
Facilitators: Carol Stenger, M.Ed., M.A.
Director, Advocacy Center for Sexual Violence
Director, Project SHAPE: Sexual Health and Peer Education
WORKSHOPS AND PROGRAMS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30-MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

❖ 9:00 PM - 12:00 Midnight  Campus Center West Lobby Lounge
“ORANGE IS THE NEW BLACK” MARATHON
See page 5 for details.
Facilitators: Jessica Krupski, Assistant Director for Evening Events & Operations
And the Late Night with Campus Connections Team

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

❖ 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM  Campus Center Lobby
CONTRACEPTION EXHIBIT
Presenters: Members, Project SHAPE: Sexual Health & Peer Education

❖ 7:30 PM - 8:45 PM  Campus Center 375
DIGITAL FOOTPRINT OF DATING
Today’s dating culture is an overwhelming labyrinth of implied meaning, unclear expectations and miscommunication. Join us as we decipher the meaning behind status updates, snapchat storylines and dissect SMS and emoji-based dialogue in today’s dating culture in order to help you communicate with your boos, baes, and boothangs.
Presenters: Christin Guilder, LMSW
Assistant Director, Advocacy Center for Sexual Violence
Members, Project SHAPE: Sexual Health and Peer Education
Certified Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP)

❖ 9:00 PM  Campus Center 375
#STRESSLESS LIFEHACKS: GET MORE OUT OF YOUR RELATIONSHIPS
Relationships aren’t easy, and being stressed out while in a relationship for whatever the reason, can take a toll on your love life. When you are stressed you can become less-than-careful with the person you love. You often concentrate on your own situation and forget how it affects your partner, and ultimately this could lead to the breakdown of the relationship. Middle Earth peer educators will guide you through interactive exercises to help you stress-less to be the best version of YOU, so you can get the MOST out of your relationships. Some of the strategies you will learn include those you can use with your partner.
Presenters: Middle Earth Peer Educators
Heidi Wright, Psy.D.
Staff Psychologist, University Counseling Center
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

- **10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**
  Campus Center Lobby
  **STI PREVENTION EXHIBIT**
  **Presenters:** Members, Project SHAPE: Sexual Health & Peer Education

- **8:00 PM**
  Performing Arts Center
  **SEXUALITY WEEK KEYNOTE PRESENTATION:** LAVERNE COX - “AIN’T I A WOMAN”
  See Page 3 for Program Description and Back Page for Information about Tickets

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

- **10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**
  Campus Center Lobby
  **HIV/AIDS PREVENTION EXHIBIT**
  **Presenters:** Members, Project SHAPE: Sexual Health & Peer Education

- **7:30 PM - 8:45 PM**
  Campus Center 367
  **THE CLOTHESLINE PROJECT**
  Come join Middle Earth and the Gender and Sexuality Resource center as we raise LGBTQ suicide awareness by being a part of the LGBTQ Clothesline Project. We will be decorating T-shirts with inspirational quotes and drawings. The inspirational art work will be displayed in the campus center.
  **Presenters:**
  Tayna Pena
  Undergraduate Member and Equity and Diversity Chair, Middle Earth Peer Assistance Program
  Gender and Sexuality Resource Center
  Project SHAPE: Sexual Health and Peer Education

- **9:00 PM**
  Campus Center 367
  **“FISH OUT OF WATER”: FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION**
  See page 5 for details.
  **Presenters:**
  Rev. Sandy Damhof, Protestant Campus Ministry, Interfaith Center, Cornerstone Campus Ministry
  Catherine Reid, Catholic Campus Minister, Interfaith Center, Newman Catholic Ministries
  Deidre Dumpson, Gamma Rho Lambda, Project SHAPE, Sexual Health and Peer Education, Gender and Sexuality Concerns Office, Student Association

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

- **10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**
  Campus Center Lobby
  **BREAST & TESTICULAR CANCER PREVENTION EXHIBIT**
  **Presenters:** Members, Project SHAPE: Sexual Health & Peer Education
Condom Sense

Think you know all about condoms and their use: think again! In this very interactive program participants will learn all of the common errors people make that cause condoms to break. They will take part in team competition with tasks like putting the condom on using “beer goggles” and condom relays to name a few. Fun program with lots of laughter and information you can use.

Presenters: Carol Stenger, M.Ed., M.A.
Director, Advocacy Center for Sexual Violence
Christina Miller, B.A., Graduate Assistant
Members, Project SHAPE: Sexual Health and Peer Education

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Rape Culture is When

So, what exactly is rape culture?! What does it look like?! Join us for a panel discussion comprised of University at Albany Project SHAPE peer educators to explore rape culture, what it looks like, and how this concept impacts our society and the way we think about rape and sexualized violence.

Presenters: Christin Guilder, LMSW
Assistant Director, Advocacy Center for Sexual Violence
Members, Project SHAPE: Sexual Health and Peer Education
Certified Mentors in Violence Prevention

Gaslighting: Is It Affecting Your Relationship?

Gaslighting is a form of emotional invalidation that undermines healthy relationships. The experience of being invalidated in the context of a romantic relationship can have various negative effects including low self-esteem, anxiety and depression. Join your fellow students and learn more about gaslighting, how it affects relationships, and what to do if you are in a negative, invalidating relationship.

Presenters: Peer Educators, Middle Earth Peer Assistance Program
Christiaan Greer and Amanda Jones
Middle Earth Peer Education Instructors and Doctoral Interns, University Counseling Center

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Trans: Film Screening and Discussion

See page 5 for details.

Presenter: Carol Stenger, M.Ed., M.A.
Director, Advocacy Center for Sexual Violence
Director, Project SHAPE: Sexual Health and Peer Education
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

7:00 PM  Campus Center Ballroom
SEXUALITY WEEK FEATURED SPEAKER: DR. DONNA FREITAS - “SEX AND THE SOUL: JUGGLING SEXUALITY, SPIRITUALITY, ROMANCE AND RELIGION ON AMERICA'S COLLEGE CAMPUSES”
See Page 4 for Program Description

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM  Campus Center 375
ONE BILLION RISING
“One Billion Rising” brings communities together using the power of dance to rise up in solidarity against violence that impacts over 1 billion women worldwide. Join your University at Albany community in rising up and join the global movement by “dancing until the violence stops.”

Presenters: Carol Stenger, M.Ed., M.A.
Director, Advocacy Center for Sexual Violence
Christin Guilder, LMSW
Assistant Director, Advocacy Center for Sexual Violence
Members, Project SHAPE: Sexual Health and Peer Education

9:15 PM - 10:30 PM  Campus Center 367
TRANSGENDER PEOPLE IN POPULAR CULTURE
What is transgender? Or transsexual? Or transvestite? Rocky Horror Picture Show, Orange is the New Black, The Pregnant Man on Oprah. This program will explore transgender people in popular culture and its connection to how we understand what transgender and/or transsexual is. This will be an interactive program with video, open dialogue and some definitions. Come to share your opinion, explore these terms and deconstruct and better understand these terms and experiences.

Presenters: Courtney D’Allaird
Program Coordinator, Gender & Sexuality Resource Center
Office of Intercultural Student Engagement
Ryan DiMartino, Sex Educator, The Pleasure Chest, New York, NY

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

7:30 PM - 8:45 PM  Campus Center 375
ABORTION IN AMERICA: THE SOCIOPOLITICAL CONTEXT OF WHO, WHEN, AND WHY
The current sociopolitical context of abortion in the United States is incredibly complex, and ever changing. This workshop will review the historical context of abortion, including both the illegalization and legalization movements, and discuss how this context may affect women who are faced with making choices about unexpected or unwanted pregnancies.

Presenter: Amanda Jones
Peer Education Instructor, Middle Earth Peer Assistance program
Doctoral Psychology Intern, University Counseling Center
**DUCKS, HIPPOPOTAMUSES, PENGUINS AND SEX**

Come to this fun workshop and learn all sorts of strange but true facts about sex and sexuality. You will laugh and be amazed and shake your head while learning some new things. Can the sexual behavior of ducks and hippopotamuses and penguins tell us anything about our own? Cornflakes and graham crackers will be served and we’ll tell you why when you arrive.

*Presenters: Carol Stenger, M.Ed., M.A.*
  - Director, Advocacy Center for Sexual Violence
  - Director, Project SHAPE: Sexual Health and Peer Education
  - Members, Project SHAPE: Sexual Health & Peer Education

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**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

**WHERE DO U STAND, UALBANY?!**

We’ve all seen or heard of potentially dangerous situations involving sexual violence and probably didn’t know what to say or do in that moment. Join us as we discuss the challenges of being a bystander in those difficult situations involving sex and alcohol, brainstorm with your peers concrete options for intervention that feel comfortable for you, and leave feeling empowered to be a proactive leader on our campus to prevent sexual violence.

*Presenters: Christin Guilder, LMSW, Assistant Director*
  - Advocacy Center for Sexual Violence
  - Members, Project SHAPE: Sexual Health and Peer Education
  - Certified Mentors in Violence Prevention

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**FACT OR CRAP: EVERYTHING YOU HEARD ABOUT SEX BUT WASN’T SURE IF IT WAS TRUE**

Come and spend an evening with trained sexual health peer educators in our own Project SHAPE program and compete in a game show format with others to test your knowledge about a variety of sexuality topics such as STI’s, HIV/AIDS, Contraception, sexual orientation, gender identity and sex and the law, internet pornography. This fun, fast-paced game will have everyone participating!

*Presenters: Carol Stenger, M.Ed., M.A.*
  - Director, Advocacy Center for Sexual Violence
  - Director, Project SHAPE: Sexual Health and Peer Education
  - Members, Project SHAPE: Sexual Health and Peer Education

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**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

**COMING OUT STORIES**

A UAlbany Sexuality Week tradition, Coming OUT Stories is a round table discussion for all students who identify across the gender and sexuality spectrum including those who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Pansexual, Asexual, Queer, Genderqueer and Transgender. Straight Allies, international students, as well as students with friends and/or family who are LGBT are also encouraged to attend.

*Facilitator: Courtney D’Allaird, Program Coordinator*
  - Gender & Sexuality Resource Center, Office of Intercultural Student Engagement
La Domaine Esemar is the oldest BDSM training chateau in the world. Started by Master R and his partner in 1993, La Domaine quickly became recognized for its unique style and its outstanding quality of BDSM. BDSM and Kink culture is often unspoken and profiled as taboo. This program will provide a rare glimpse into the lived experiences of two renowned architects of the trade and will include an opportunity for questions and answers.

Presenters: Master R and Mistress Morea Domaine Esemar
Facilitator: Courtney D’Allaird, Program Coordinator, Gender & Sexuality Resource Center, Office of Intercultural Student Engagement

ABOUT SEXUALITY WEEK 2015

During the 32 years that Sexuality Week has been in existence at the University at Albany, college students across the nation have been faced with critical issues and choices. Concerns related to gender and sexuality, HIV/AIDS, relationships, identity, and reproductive health have remained at the forefront across time.

In recognition of the importance of the above issues for students, the content of programs within Sexuality Week reflects these key themes. In this way, we hope to meet the needs of our students as well as to provide a retrospective and prospective look at the issues.

All programs listed in this brochure will be presented or supervised by individuals with expertise in the topic area. We hope the information that will be presented will encourage learning, dialogue, and critical thinking, and will continue to move Middle Earth forward in its mission of prevention and the promotion of health.

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SEXUALITY WEEK 2015

Presents

Laverne Cox

Star of “Orange is the New Black”

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 8:00 PM

Performing Arts Center, University at Albany, SUNY

(“Red Carpet Meet & Greet” to follow for ticketed guests)

HOW TO GET TICKETS

We expect that there will be very high demand for tickets to see Laverne Cox. To provide access to this program in the fairest manner, we will distribute tickets as follows:

1. The Performing Arts Center will accommodate approximately 700 guests, each of whom will also have the opportunity to participate in a “Red Carpet Meet and Greet” reception with Laverne Cox following her presentation. Tickets will be distributed at the main entrance of the Performing Arts Center beginning at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, February 3 on a first come, first served basis to UAlbany students showing a valid SUNY Card to ticket staff members.

2. In addition to seating at the Performing Arts Center, there will be open seating areas in Lecture Centers 7 and 18 as well as the Campus Center Ballroom, where we will host a live video feed of the Laverne Cox event. Members of the UAlbany campus and community are welcome to join us in our open seating areas to share in the excitement of this event and communicate with Laverne Cox through Twitter at #UAlbanySexualityWeek.

For additional information, please contact Dr. M. Dolores Cimini at dcimini@albany.edu.

Many thanks to the Student Association, University Auxiliary Services, and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion for their generous funding support for this event.