



Keynote Speaker: Michael Sam



UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY  
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# SEXUALITY MONTH 2017

FEBRUARY 5TH - 22ND

**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Michael Sam**

Tuesday, February 7th  
8:00 PM  
Campus Center Ballroom  
*Reception and  
Autograph Session  
Following Presentation*

Workshops  
Discussions  
Exhibits  
Films  
and More

**Meet the Author:**  
**Nancy Jo Sales**

Thursday, February 16th  
8:00 PM  
Campus Center 375  
*American Girls:  
Social Media and the  
Secret Lives of  
Teenagers*

Sexuality Month Coordinated By:  
Middle Earth Peer Assistance Program



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## EXHIBITS

### GENDER & SEXUALITY RESOURCE CENTER EXHIBIT AND EVENTS

Look for further information on the events below as part of Sexuality Month:

- *Gender & Sexuality Resource Center Exhibits in the Campus Center Lobby*
- *Gender and Sexuality Resource Center Open House/Pajama Party Movie Night*
- *Hospitality Events to Celebrate Our Identities*

### 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 during Sexuality Month. 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 during Sexuality Month and pick up free information and giveaways.

### UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES EXHIBITS

The University Libraries will have two book displays set up in the University Library for viewing. The first display will be LGBTQI Fiction and Non-Fiction. The second display will focus on Gender Inequality. These displays will highlight books available in our collection and all the books displayed will be available for check-out at the library’s circulation desk. These displays will be up and available during all hours the library is open and throughout the entirety of Sexuality Month. For a listing of library hours, please visit: [www.library.albany.edu](http://www.library.albany.edu).

## KEYNOTE PRESENTATION



### “I Am Michael Sam”

*NCAA All-American Football Player  
and LGBT Athlete*

Tuesday, February 7th  
8:00 PM  
Campus Center Ballroom  
University at Albany

University of Missouri football star, NFL free agent and trailblazer, Michael Sam is an American football defensive end who made history when he came out as gay ahead of the NFL draft, making him the first openly-LGBT player to be drafted in any major American sport. Since his announcement, through scrutiny, criticism and unreserved admiration, he has become an icon and pioneer for the LGBT community.

Hailing from a tiny Texas town and the 7th of 8 children, Sam endured a childhood overrun with adversity, challenges and pain. With a portion of his early years spent living in a car with his mother, Sam developed steadfast determination to make a better life for himself, identifying sports as his ticket out. With unrelenting athletic aspirations, he went from water boy to star player, earning first-team All-District honors all four years of high school. Presented with offers from numerous leading schools, Sam secured a football scholarship at Missouri and thrived with an exceptional career, culminating in being named a first-team All-American and Co-SEC Defensive Player of the Year.

Predicted to be drafted early in the 2014 NFL draft, Sam was drafted by the St. Louis Rams as the 249th of 256 players selected, after he came out as gay during an ESPN interview. He is currently an NFL free agent.

In 2014, he was named one of *GQ* Magazine’s Men of the Year, was a finalist for Sports Illustrated Sportsman of the Year and the recipient of the Arthur Ashe Courage Award at the ESPYs.

A role model and trailblazer for inclusion in sports, revered for his unswerving courage, graciousness and fortitude, Sam offers firsthand insight into leveraging individual personal strengths to pursue ones dreams, inspiring audiences with perspective on what it means to work hard to define and achieve success.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### SEXUALITY MONTH 2017 FILM FESTIVAL

Free  
Popcorn!

Monday, February 6th, 9:00 PM Campus Center 375

#### **(DIS)HONESTY - THE TRUTH ABOUT LIES**

Honesty is one of the foundations of any healthy relationship. So, why do a large majority of relationships end or become dysfunctional due to lying? Have you ever wondered why someone lied to you, why you may have been dishonest to someone you care about, or possibly lied unknowingly? Come join us for a film screening of the documentary: *(Dis) Honesty - The Truth about Lies* that explores how and why people lie & the contradictory forces that drive us to cheat and keep us honest.

Facilitators: **Peer Wellness Ambassadors, Middle Earth Peer Assistance Program**

**Heidi R. Wright, Psy.D., Project Coordinator, Screening, Brief Intervention, & Referral to Treatment Training Grant / Counseling and Psychological Services**

Thursday, February 9th, 1:30 PM Campus Center 375

#### **MOHAMMAD AND THE MATCHMAKER...THE ROLE HIV STIGMA PLAYS IN EVERYDAY LIFE**

Created by award winning producer Maziar Bahari, this film looks into the life of 47-year-old Mohammad who is looking for a serious relationship with a view to marriage. Mohammad is living in Iran and is also HIV positive, the film follows the struggles he faces in his everyday life.

Facilitators: **Kamiar Alaei, MD, DrPH, MPH, MS, MSt, Assoc. Dean, & and Interdisciplinary Research**

**Public Service Professor, Department of Public Administration and Policy**

**Founding Director, Global Institute for Health and Human Rights**

**Arash Alaei, M.D., Associate Vice Provost for International Education**

**Clinical Associate Professor, School of Public Health**

**Associate Director, Global Institute for Health and Human Rights**

Monday, February 13th, 7:30 PM Campus Center 375

#### **THE LAST TABOO: FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION**

*The Last Taboo* tells the gripping and heart-warming story of six people with various physical disabilities and an able-bodied partner who was in a relationship with one of them. These individuals share their perspectives on intimacy, relationships and what their experiences have taught them about themselves. The Last Taboo asks us to step outside of our comfort zones in order to reconsider our misconceptions regarding disability, identity, gender, attraction, beauty and sexuality.

Facilitators: **Sarah E. Nolan, Ph.D., staff Psychologist / Counseling and Psychological Services**

**John Gilroy, UAlbany Alumnus and Disability Advocate**

## MEET THE AUTHOR

Thursday, February 16th, 8:00 PM Campus Center 375

#### **AMERICAN GIRLS: SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE SECRET LIVES OF TEENAGERS (2016) BY NANCY JO SALES**

The dominant force in the lives of girls coming of age in America today is social media. What it is doing to an entire generation of young women is the subject of award-winning *Vanity Fair* writer Nancy Jo Sales's riveting and explosive *American Girls*. With extraordinary intimacy and precision, Sales captures what it feels like to be a girl in America today. Sponsored by the NYS Writer's Institute. (See page 9 for additional details.)

# WORKSHOPS AND PROGRAMS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Campus Center 375

## SAFE SPACE: LGBT 101 TRAINING

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Join us for a training workshop developed to educate and empower allies around lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) identities. This training is interactive and will focus on internal messages, terminology in general and specific ways to be an ally to bisexual / nonmonosexual identities, Queer People of Color and transgender people. All students are welcome and will receive a certificate of completion.

Presenter: **Courtney D'Allaird**, *Assistant Director and Program Coordinator  
Gender & Sexuality Resource Center, Office of Intercultural Student Engagement*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Campus Center Lobby

## STI & HIV/AIDS PREVENTION EXHIBIT

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Presenters: **Members, Project SHAPE: Sexual Health & Peer Education**

7:30 PM - 8:45 PM Campus Center 375

## REDUCE...REUSE...RECYCLE...MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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Join us as we kick off a month long clothing drive and educate members of the UAlbany community about the 3 R's (reduce, reuse and recycle) and how we can transform our efforts during Sexuality Month and beyond into making a difference for our community. Clothing collected during the Sexuality Month drive will be donated to a local domestic violence shelter serving transgender people.

Presenters: **Mary Ellen Mallia**, *Ph.D., Director of Sustainability*  
**Cassidy Drasser**, *Assistant Director of Sustainability*

9:00 PM – 10:15 PM Campus Center 375

## (DIS)HONESTY- THE TRUTH ABOUT LIES: FILM SCREENING & DISCUSSION

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Facilitators: **Peer Wellness Ambassadors**, *Middle Earth Peer Assistance Program*  
**Heidi R. Wright**, *Psy.D., Project Coordinator, Screening, Brief Intervention, & Referral to Treatment  
Training Grant / Counseling and Psychological Services*

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Campus Center Lobby  
GENDER AND SEXUALITY RESOURCE CENTER EXHIBIT

8:00 PM Campus Center Ballroom  
**SEXUALITY MONTH KEYNOTE PRESENTATION - "I AM MICHAEL SAM"**  
*With Michael Sam, All-Star Athlete and LGBT Advocate*  
*Reception to Follow Presentation*  
*(See page 3 for details.)*



## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Campus Center Lobby  
**BREAST & TESTICULAR CANCER PREVENTION EXHIBIT**

Presenters: *Members, Project SHAPE: Sexual Health & Peer Education*

7:30 PM - 8:45 PM Campus Center 375

### **50 SHADES OF WHAT? BDSM & KINK CULTURE WITH MASTER R AND MISS COUPLE**

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 a renowned architect of the trade and will include an opportunity for questions and answers.

Presenters: *Mistress Couple, Owner and Head Mistress, La Domaine Esemar*

Facilitator: *Courtney D'Allaird, Assistant Director and Program Coordinator,  
Gender & Sexuality Resource Center, Office of Intercultural Student Engagement*

9:00 PM – 10:15 PM Campus Center 375

### **RACISM, CLASSISM, SEXISM AND HETEROSEXUALITY: HAVE WE EVER REALLY TALKED ABOUT IT?**

What is heterosexuality in the US? Where does it come from? How has it shaped our culture, our physical environment, and our institutions, and what does it mean to challenge these? Together we will explore how sexism, racism, classism, and heterosexism inform our social and physical world by disentangling our notions of the professional, the attractive, the male & female and the space left for anything else.

Presenter: *Courtney D'Allaird, Assistant Director and Program Coordinator  
Gender & Sexuality Resource Center, Office of Intercultural Student Engagement*

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Campus Center Lobby  
GENDER AND SEXUALITY RESOURCE CENTER EXHIBIT

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1:30 PM Campus Center 375

### MOHAMMAD AND THE MATCHMAKER...THE ROLE HIV STIGMA PLAYS IN EVERYDAY LIFE: FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION

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Created by award winning producer Maziar Bahari, this film looks into the life of 47-year-old Mohammad who is looking for a serious relationship with a view to marriage who is living in Iran and also HIV positive and follows the struggles he faces in his everyday life. Following the viewing of the film, a round table discussion will be led by Dr. Arash Alaei of the Global Institute for Health and Human Rights surrounding the stigma those who are HIV positive face, the differences in stigma in the U.S. and abroad, the challenges of being in a relationship and being HIV positive, and more. Participants will leave the program with a better understanding of challenges those living with HIV face on a day to day basis and how to combat stigma experienced by people who are HIV positive.

Facilitators: ***Kamiar Alaei, MD, DrPH, MPH, MS, MSi***  
*Associate Dean for Global and Interdisciplinary Research*  
*Public Service Professor, Department of Public Administration and Policy*  
*Founding Director, Global Institute for Health and Human Rights*  
***Arash Alaei, M.D.***  
*Associate Vice Provost for International Education*  
*Clinical Associate Professor, School of Public Health*  
*Associate Director, Global Institute for Health and Human Rights*

7:30 PM - 8:45 PM Campus Center 375

### DUCKS, HIPPOPOTAMUSES, PENGUINS AND SEX

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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 and Peer Education

9:00 PM - 10:15 PM Campus Center 375

### COMING OUT MONOLOGUES

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Coming out is different for everyone. What does it mean to come out? Why do we have to come out? These real stories about love, life, and the meaning of community, written by UAlbany faculty, staff, and students and performed by UAlbany students, can best be described as "social justice through theatre." We invite you to join our student actors for a beautiful performance and a chance to stay after the show and discuss the stories you have heard in our talk back portion with the performers. Straight allies, international students, as well as students with friends and/or family who are LGBTQ are encouraged to attend.

Facilitator: ***Courtney D'Allaird***, *Assistant Director and Program Coordinator*  
*Gender & Sexuality Resource Center, Office of Intercultural Student Engagement*

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Campus Center Lobby

### SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION EXHIBIT

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Presenters: *Members, Project SHAPE: Sexual Health & Peer Education*

7:30 PM Campus Center 375

### THE LAST TABOO: FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION

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Facilitators: *Sarah E. Nolan, Ph.D., Staff Psychologist*  
*Counseling and Psychological Services*  
*John Gilroy, UAlbany Alumnus and Disability Advocate*

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Campus Center Lobby

### GENDER AND SEXUALITY RESOURCE CENTER EXHIBIT

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7:30 PM - 8:45 PM Campus Center 375

### TEST YOUR SEXUAL I.Q.

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Come and get your questions about sex and relationships answered by UAlbany's Sex Lady and a panel of Project SHAPE sexual health peer educators. In addition to students having the opportunity to ask questions about sex and relationships anonymously, Project SHAPE will test the audience about their sexual knowledge using clickers and polling the audience. Join us for some fun and adventure!

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*

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Campus Center Lobby

### CONTRACEPTION EXHIBIT

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Presenters: *Members, Project SHAPE: Sexual Health & Peer Education*

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH, Continued

7:30 PM - 8:45 PM Campus Center 375

### LOOKING FOR LOVE AS A TRANS PERSON

The dating scene is already difficult, and for trans people it can have some unique challenges. Questions arise such as: when do I disclose my gender identity to my date? How can I be intimate with my partner when I don't feel comfortable in my body? How do I respond to questions that I don't find appropriate on a first date? Join us for an open discussion where we will be talking about dating, gender identity disclosure, sexual orientation, body discomfort, and more!

Presenter: **Jacob Pironi**, *LGBT Media Specialist*  
**Clyanna Lightbourn**, *LGBT Health Promotion Specialist*  
*Alliance for Positive Health*

9:00 PM - 10:15 PM Campus Center 375

### DOES EVERYBODY WANT TO HAVE SEX? A CONVERSATION ABOUT (A)SEXUALITY

In the U.S., we are bombarded with images about gender, sexuality and sex. But does everyone have a drive to engage in sex? What does it mean if someone does not feel a drive to engage in sexual acts? In this program, we will explore the messages we receive around sex and college, and we will unpack the difference between emotional, romantic and sexual attraction. Utilizing short video clips and discussion, we will come to a deeper understanding around what it means to be asexual on campus in the U.S.

Presenter: **Courtney D'Allaird**, *Assistant Director and Program Coordinator*  
*Gender & Sexuality Resource Center, Office of Intercultural Student Engagement*

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Campus Center Lobby

### GENDER AND SEXUALITY RESOURCE CENTER EXHIBIT

8:00 PM Campus Center 375

### FEATURED EVENT: AMERICAN GIRLS: SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE SECRET LIVES OF TEENAGERS (2016)

*Nancy Jo Sales*

The dominant force in the lives of girls coming of age in America today is social media. What it is doing to an entire generation of young women is the subject of award-winning *Vanity Fair* writer Nancy Jo Sales's riveting and explosive *American Girls*. With extraordinary intimacy and precision, Sales captures what it feels like to be a girl in America today.

From Montclair to Manhattan and Los Angeles, from Florida and Arizona to Texas and Kentucky, Sales crisscrossed the country, speaking to more than two hundred girls, ages thirteen to nineteen, and documenting a massive change in the way girls are growing up, a phenomenon that transcends race, geography, and household income. *American Girls* provides a disturbing portrait of the end of childhood as we know it and of the inexorable and ubiquitous experience of a new kind of adolescence—one dominated by new social and sexual norms, where a girl's first crushes and experiences of longing and romance occur in an accelerated electronic environment; where issues of identity and self-esteem are magnified and transformed by social platforms that provide instantaneous judgment. *(Continued on page 10)*



## FEATURED EVENT: AMERICAN GIRLS: SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE SECRET LIVES OF TEENAGERS (2016)

*Nancy Jo Sales*

*(Continued from page 9)*

What does it mean to be a girl in America in 2016? It means coming of age online in a hypersexualized culture that has normalized extreme behavior, from pornography to the casual exchange of nude photographs; a culture rife with a virulent new strain of sexism and a sometimes self-undermining notion of feminist empowerment; a culture in which teenagers are spending so much time on technology and social media that they are not developing basic communication skills.

From beauty gurus to slut-shaming to a disconcerting trend of exhibitionism, Nancy Jo Sales provides a shocking window into the troubling world of today's teenage girls. Provocative and urgent, *American Girls* is destined to ignite a much-needed conversation about how we can help our daughters and sons negotiate unprecedented new challenges.

Sponsored by the New York State Writer's Institute. For additional information, please see <http://www.albany.edu/writers-inst/>.

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

7:30 PM - 8:45 PM Campus Center 375

### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND SEXUAL HEALTH

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The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are meant to help with environmental issues and social issues such as sexual health. They apply internationally and nationally and aim to bring change to the world by 2030. The SDGs embody many key aspects of law and policy relating to the environment but more than that, they are a vital way to focus on sexual health issues at the international and national levels. This panel will discuss the relationships between the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), sexual health, and often overlooked yet vulnerable populations. Dr. Harrington will provide an overview of the SDGs and their attempts to protect vulnerable populations generally, Dr. Savoie will address issues involving disabled communities and sexual health protections and Ms. Johnson will add an additional dimension to this discussion based on her advocacy and research through the Kennedy Krieger Institute. Professor Armstrong will address issues involving labor rights and sexual health, and Dr. Koutouki will address issues involving indigenous populations and sexual health. Participants will leave the panel discussion with a better understanding of the SDGs and the role sexuality plays in attaining the SDGs.

Presenters: *Alexandra Harrington, J.D., LL.M., Doctor of Civil Law, Albany Law School and Adjunct Faculty Member, University at Albany, Assistant Director, Global Institute for Health and Human Rights; Lead Counsel for Cross-Cutting Legal Issues, Centre for International Sustainable Development Law*  
*Hillary Savoie, Ph.D., Founder and Director, Cute Syndrome Foundation*  
*Pam Armstrong, M.A., J.D, Professor of Law, Albany Law School*  
*Konstantia Koutouki, Ph.D., Professor of Law, Université de Montréal*  
*September Johnson, Student Advocate, Global Institute for Health and Human Right; Peer Wellness Ambassador, Middle Earth Peer Assistance program*

9:00 PM – 10:15 PM Campus Center 375

### RELATIONSHIP STATUS: IT'S COMPLICATED...

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Whether this is your status or not, romance in college can be tough. Whether you are in a long-distance relationship, hooking up, hanging out, just talking, etc....are you truly happy with what you have and getting what YOU want? Maybe you are ☐ & maybe you aren't! Join the Middle Earth Peer Wellness Ambassadors in a conversation about the diversity in relationships on campus, what can make them complicated, what works/doesn't work, how to get what you want out of your relationship, and everything in between.

Presenters: *Peer Wellness Ambassadors, Middle Earth Peer Assistance Program*  
*Heidi R. Wright, Psy.D., Project Coordinator, Screening, Brief Intervention, & Referral to Treatment Training Grant / Counseling and Psychological Services*

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Campus Center 375

### THE EMPOWERED BYSTANDER: WE NEED YOU TO PREVENT SEXUAL VIOLENCE

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Sexual violence is happening at alarming rates on college campuses across the nation. You have the power to stop it. Through this training, we will challenge your belief about what it means to be an active bystander and introduce you to the idea of empowered bystander – a person who also intervenes in a positive way when he or she observes inappropriate behaviors or warning signs of violence. We will empower and encourage you to be these active, positive bystanders. We will teach you the different methods for an active, positive bystander intervention so you have the tools you need to make a difference. In this way we will change the culture and reduce violence.

Presenters: ***Carol Stenger, M.Ed., M.A.***  
*Director, Advocacy Center for Sexual Violence*  
*Director, Project SHAPE: Sexual Health and Peer Education*  
***Chantelle Cleary, J.D.***

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

7:30 PM - 8:45 PM Campus Center 375

### NONBINARY MYTHS AND REALITIES

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More and more, we're seeing students and youth come out as nonbinary, genderqueer, or gender nonconforming. However, they are neither always at the forefront of discussions around trans issues, nor are they constantly visible & utilized as an example of a trans identity. In this workshop, we'll go through a Nonbinary/Genderqueer 101, as well as unpack the narratives that are frequently used in discussions in order to understand how to have productive conversations and analyses of their issues and struggles.

Presenter: ***Kaleb Oliver Dornheim***  
*Graduate Student, Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies*

9:00 PM – 10:15 PM Campus Center 375

### RELAX & PAINT YOUR HEART OUT

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Express yourself by painting on your very own canvas. The theme will be focused upon love and how we express it in our relationships. We will begin the night with a guided meditation to help inspire, followed by guided step-by-step instruction in painting on your canvas. No artistic background needed, just bring yourself, your creative energy, & Paint your HEART out with us!

Facilitators: ***Heidi R. Wright, Psy.D.***  
*Project Coordinator, Screening, Brief Intervention, & Referral to Treatment Training Grant*  
*Counseling and Psychological Services*  
***Karla Jaime-Benitez, Assistant Director, Residential Life***  
***Librada Pimentel-Brown, Secretary, Latin American and Caribbean Studies***

## ABOUT SEXUALITY MONTH

During the 34 years that Sexuality Month 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 and other sexually transmitted infections, 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 Month 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.

## ABOUT MIDDLE EARTH

Established in 1970 in the spirit of students helping students, 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 Counseling and Psychological Services and, for Peer Career Advisors, Career and Professional Development. For additional information about Middle Earth, go to [www.albany.edu/caps](http://www.albany.edu/caps).

## SEXUALITY MONTH 2017 PLANNING COMMITTEE

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## THANK YOU

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