UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY
35th Anniversary
SEXUALITY MONTH 2018
FEBRUARY 2nd - 22nd

Keynote Speaker: TRACE LYSETTE
My Journey
Tuesday, February 20th
8:00 PM
Campus Center Ballroom
Reception and Autograph Session
Following the Presentation

Workshops
Discussions
Exhibits
Films
and More

Theatre Performance:
Tense Vagina
February 5th & 6th
7:30 PM
Performing Arts Center

Sexuality Month Coordinated By: Middle Earth Peer Assistance Program

Student Affairs
Center for Behavioral Health Promotion and Applied Research
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: Friday, February 2nd
- 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.
Trace Lysette is an actress and advocate best known for her role of 'Shea' on Amazon's critically acclaimed series, *Transparent*. But how did she get to where she is today? From a young age, Trace knew she was different and would eventually need to face this “otherness” that would not let go. Growing up in the 80s and 90s in a small town outside of Dayton, Ohio, she began her journey into an unaccepting world that led to obstacles, adversity, and eventually rock bottom – when she lost her will to live. Hear Trace speak about the influencers in her life, both good and bad, that pushed her to continue her gender transition and how she picked herself back up to live authentically as the woman she is today.

As a transwoman, Trace advocates for the trans community and the LGBT community who still have to fight for their rights. She stands up against violence of trans-men and -women, and speaks out to those suffering with depression and suicidal thoughts. As an actress, she advocates to break down the barriers that keep trans actors limited in the roles they play. She wants to change Hollywood standards and break that glass ceiling. Trace began her career auditioning for cisgender (non-trans) roles. She shares her story of landing her first female role in season 14 of Law & Order: SVU, what her acting teacher had to say at the time, and the trepidations she faced on set for not disclosing that she was trans. After appearing in her role on Transparent, Trace decided to be herself - an out, proud, trans actress - and continues to audition for both trans and non-trans roles. She aims to raise societal awareness towards the trans and LGBT community and be a positive influence on those who may be struggling on their path.

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 and peer education under the supervision of professionals at Counseling and Psychological Services. For additional information about Middle Earth, go to [www.albany.edu/caps](http://www.albany.edu/caps).*
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8th
EMILY WITT, INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR
7:30 PM, Campus Center 375

Emily Witt is the author of Future Sex (2016), a brave, first-hand investigation of the many varieties of sex and dating in 21st century America. In candid fashion, the 30-something author shares her search for love in a confusing world of dating apps, transient hook-ups, and novel sexual cultures. The New York Times reviewer called the book, “smart, funny, beautifully written….”. The Washington Post reviewer said, “These gorgeously written essays, linked by tone, style, and a singular ambitious purpose, are brimming with intellect and infused with a caustic, compelling humor…. Future Sex explores sexual predilections that you never thought you’d find interesting.”

Sponsored by the New York State Writers Institute in association with UAlbany’s Sexuality Month, a program of the Middle Earth Peer Assistance Program of Counseling and Psychological Services.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9th
I AM NOT YOUR NEGRO: A Celebration of the Life and Legacy of James Baldwin
Student reading of Baldwin’s works with commentary by Darryl Pinckney
4:15 PM, Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center

Darryl Pinckney, novelist, playwright, essayist, and author of the acclaimed new novel Black Deutschland (2016), will provide commentary on selections from the works of James Baldwin, one of the iconic authors of the 20th century. Selections will be presented on stage by UAlbany students. In a Boston Globe review of Black Deutschland, John Freeman said, “The essayist and novelist Darryl Pinckney probably knows Baldwin’s life and work better than any living American, and in his long-awaited second novel, Black Deutschland, he pays Baldwin the highest tribute: telling a story in which a man much like Baldwin - a gay, black, alcoholic ex-pat - learns that who he is, who he loves, where he’s from can’t be disentangled.”

Film screening of I AM NOT YOUR NEGRO with commentary by Darryl Pinckney
7:00 PM Page Hall, 135 Western Avenue, Downtown Campus
Directed by Raoul Peck (United States, 2017, 93 minutes, PG-13, color and b/w)

Based on James Baldwin’s unfinished memoir, Remember This House, this Oscar-nominated documentary presents his meditations on the history of racism in the United States and his perspectives on slain Civil Rights leaders Medgar Evers, Malcolm X, and Martin Luther King, Jr. The Guardian called it, “one of the best movies about the Civil Rights era ever made.”

Presented by the Writers Institute in conjunction with the Performing Arts Center with support provided by the University at Albany Foundation, Office of Intercultural Student Engagement, University Auxiliary Services, English Department, Sexuality Month, and the Diversity Transformation Fund administered through the Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

BROWN BAG LUNCH PROGRAMS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7th
12:30 PM, Humanities 354
Rajani Bhatia will be presenting from her new book, Gender Before Birth: Sex Selection in a Transnational Context.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21st
12:30 PM, Humanities 354
Trevor Hoppe will be presenting from his new book, Punishing Disease: HIV and the Criminalization of Sickness.
Abby Stein is the first openly transgender woman raised in a Hasidic community. In addition to presenting her own story of leaving the Ultra-Orthodox community and living as a woman of Trans experience, she will be delving into Judaic text within the lens of gender and sexuality.

Abby Stein was born and raised in a Chasidic family of rabbinic descent; she is the 10th generation of the Baal Shem Tov - Founder of the Chasidic movement. She attended Yeshiva, completing a rabbinical degree in 2011. In 2012, Abby left the Chasidic world to explore different worldviews, while struggling with gender identity. A few months ago, she came out as a woman of trans experience, and she has been doing work towards her goal to raise awareness and support people going through a similar experience. Her story has been covered in the New York Times, New York Post, Jewish Daily Forward, Kveller, Daily Mail, as well as live appearances on Fox News, CNN, HuffPost Live, ShowTime and more. Abby is a second year student at Columbia University's School of General Studies studying Women's and Gender Studies with a concentration in Political Science.

**Sponsored by Kehila Jewish Student Group, University at Albany.**

This reading of "The Vagina Monologues" is part of the International V-Day College Initiative which includes colleges and universities around the world. The University at Albany's successful shows in past years have sold out and raised funds for local rape crisis and domestic violence shelters. The program will be based on the off-Broadway play "The Vagina Monologues." The performance, which has been heralded as "alternately hilarious and deeply disturbing" by the New York Times, will be conducted by University at Albany students and alumni joined together to end violence against women. Proceeds from performances will be donated to Equinox in Albany, New York.

**Ticket Sales and Questions:**
Please contact Hallie Landwehr, Director of Gender and Sexuality Concerns, Student Association, at 518-442-5640 or at hlandwehr@albany.edu.

**Sponsored by the Office of Gender and Sexuality Concerns of the Student Association.**
A comedic song & dance about motherhood and bladder control by Skidmore alum Sara Juli

"Like a standup routine performed in a supine position while doing Kegel exercises." ~ The New Yorker

"She had the audience laughing out loud as she lay bare her personal secrets." ~ The Portland Press Herald

Saturday, Feb. 3 at 8pm
One night only!
Skidmore’s JKB Theater

www.theater.skidmore.edu
(518) 580-5439

$12 general admission
$8 for students & seniors
$5 for student groups of 10 or more

Presented jointly by Skidmore College’s Departments of Dance, Theater, Arts Administration, and Gender Studies

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Monday, Feb. 5 at 7:30pm
Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 7:30pm
UAlbany Performing Arts Center

www.albany.edu/pac
(518) 442-3997

General Public: $15 in advance/$20 day of show
Students, seniors & UAlbany faculty-staff: $10 in advance / $15 day of show

Presented by the UAlbany Performing Arts Center with support from the University at Albany Foundation, Office of Intercultural Student Engagement, University Auxiliary Services and Hampton Inn. These performances are presented as part of the 35th anniversary of Sexuality Month with support from Middle Earth Peer Assistance Program, Counseling and Psychological Services.

Both engagements are made possible by the New England Foundation for the Arts’ National Dance Project, with lead funding from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.
WORKSHOPS AND PROGRAMS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd

GENDER AND SEXUALITY RESOURCE CENTER OPEN HOUSE/
PAJAMA PARTY MOVIE NIGHT
7:00 PM - 12:00 MIDNIGHT, Campus Center West 0190

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5th

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

SEXUALITY MONTH FEATURED EVENT
Theatre Performance: Tense Vagina by Sara Juli (See page 6 for details)
7:30 PM, Performing Arts Center
*Free tickets to the first 25 students who present a valid UAlbany Student ID Card*

DUCKS, HIPPOPOTAMUSES, PENGUINS AND SEX
9:00 PM – 10:15 PM, Campus Center 375
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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6th

GENDER AND SEXUALITY RESOURCE CENTER EXHIBIT
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Campus Center Lobby
SEXUALITY MONTH FEATURED EVENT
Theatre Performance: Tense Vagina by Sara Juli (See page 6 for details)
7:30 PM, Performing Arts Center
*Free tickets to the first 25 students who present a valid UAlbany Student ID Card*

HOSPITALITY EVENTS TO CELEBRATE OUR IDENTITIES: GIRLS MIXER
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM, Campus Center West 0190
Host: Gender and Sexuality Resource Center

DIGITAL DATING: THE CHANGING RULES OF 21st CENTURY ROMANCE
7:30 PM - 8:45 PM, Campus Center 375
Swipe Right? Technology has made dating and hooking up easier, but at what cost? Join the Middle Earth Peer Wellness Ambassadors as we discuss how social media and dating apps have changed college relationships, including the new standards of the digital age and the toll they take on college students.

Presenters: Peer Wellness Ambassadors, Middle Earth Peer Assistance Program
Dylan Corp, Senior Graduate Assistant
Middle Earth Peer Assistance Program

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

SEXUALITY MONTH FEATURED EVENT
Gender Before Birth: Sex Selection in a Transnational Context
Presentation by author Rajani Bhatia
12:30 PM, Humanities 354
Sponsored by Dr. Janell Hobson, Department of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
HOSPITALITY EVENTS TO CELEBRATE OUR IDENTITIES: GUYS MIXER
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM, Campus Center West 0190
Host: Gender and Sexuality Resource Center

LOVE YOURSELF ZUMBA
7:00 PM – 8:45 PM, Campus Center Ballroom
Zumba is one of the most popular workouts in the fitness world today! You have undoubtedly been hearing about Zumba around town and in the media. It’s time for you to enjoy your cardio workout to international music! Zumba fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow moves to create a one-of-a-kind fitness program that will blow you away. Achieve exercise benefits while experiencing an absolute blast in one exciting hour of calorie-burning, body-energizing, awe-inspiring movements meant to engage and captivate. You will love it and love exploring how your body moves to the beat!
Presenter: Karla Jaime-Benitez, M.A., Associate Director
Campus Center Management

RACISM, CLASSISM, SEXISM AND HETEROSEXUALITY: HAVE WE EVER REALLY TALKED ABOUT IT?
9:00 PM – 10:15 PM, Campus Center 375
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 8th

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

MOHAMMAD AND THE MATCHMAKER: THE ROLE HIV STIGMA PLAYS IN EVERYDAY LIFE - FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION
1:30 PM, Campus Center 375
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 is 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. Kamiar 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.
Facilitator: Kamiar Alaei, MD, DrPH, MPH, MS, MST
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
HOSPITALITY EVENTS TO CELEBRATE OUR IDENTITIES: GRADUATE STUDENT MIXER
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM, Campus Center West 0190
Host: Gender and Sexuality Resource Center

SEXUALITY MONTH FEATURED EVENT
Emily Witt, Author of Future Sex (2016)
7:30 PM, Campus Center 375
(See page 4 for details)

LOVELINE: EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT SEX, BUT DIDN’T KNOW WHERE TO ASK
10:00 PM – 11:15 PM, Campus Center 375
Have questions about sex or relationships that you would like to have answered by UAlbany’s Sex Lady and a panel of sexual health peer educators? Want to test your knowledge about sex? This program is for you! Join us for a fun and interactive evening where you will learn lots of new facts about sex, relationships, and other topics important to students.

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

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

SEXUALITY MONTH FEATURED EVENT
I AM NOT YOUR NEGRO: A Celebration of the Life and Legacy of James Baldwin
Student reading of Baldwin’s works with commentary by Darryl Pinckney
4:15 PM, Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center
Film screening of I AM NOT YOUR NEGRO with commentary by Darryl Pinckney
7PM Page Hall, 135 Western Avenue, Downtown Campus
(See page 4 for details)
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10th

SEXUALITY MONTH FEATURED PRESENTATION
The Vagina Monologues
6:00 PM, Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center
(See page 5 for details)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12th

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

HOSPITALITY EVENTS TO CELEBRATE OUR IDENTITIES: TRANS/GNC/NB MIXER
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM, Campus Center West 0190
Host: Gender and Sexuality Resource Center

SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION, ALCOHOL, AND GENDER: UNDERSTANDING THE COMPLEX CONNECTIONS
7:30 PM - 8:45 PM, Campus Center 375
This program will explore the complex connections between sexual victimization, alcohol, and gender. Learn some little-known and surprising facts about how gender and alcohol use interact to increase risk within relationships and sex as well as strategies to reduce this risk.

Presenter: Kelsey Kangos, Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Graduate Assistant
Counseling and Psychological Services

“CONDOM SENSE”
9:00 PM – 10:15 PM, Campus Center 375
Think you know all about condoms and their use? Think again! In this very interactive program, you will learn all of the common errors people make that cause condoms to break. Students will take part in team competitions with tasks like putting the condom on using “beer goggles” and condom relays to name a few. Come to this fun program, laugh, and learn a lot of useful information.

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
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13th

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

HOSPITALITY EVENTS TO CELEBRATE OUR IDENTITIES: ASEXUAL MIXER
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM, Campus Center West 0190
Host: Gender and Sexuality Resource Center

EVERY BODIES WELCOME YOGA
7:30 PM - 8:45 PM, Dance Studio, P.E. Building
Join us for a yoga class accessible for all bodies, where we will focus on appreciating the flow our bodies have and recognizing where our strengths may lie. This class will be a comfortable space for anyone of any sexuality and ability to find their strengths and love for themselves.

Presenter: Kristin Collins, Group Exercise Instructor
Campus Recreation

DOES EVERYBODY WANT TO HAVE SEX? A CONVERSATION ABOUT (A)SEXUALITY
9:00 PM - 10:15 PM, Campus Center 375
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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14th

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

HOSPITALITY EVENTS TO CELEBRATE OUR IDENTITIES: QTPOC MIXER
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM, Campus Center West 0190
Host: Gender and Sexuality Resource Center

SAME LOVE, SAME PAIN: RECOGNIZING ABUSE AND VIOLENCE IN SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS
7:30 PM - 8:45 PM, Campus Center 375
Can you identify a healthy same sex relationship? Abuse in same sex couples is often written off or completely ignored. Join Middle Earth Peer Wellness Ambassadors to learn and discuss how to better identify abuse in same sex relationships and the impact abuse can have on personal, social, and school functioning.

Presenters: Peer Wellness Ambassadors, Middle Earth Peer Assistance Program
Dylan Corp, Senior Graduate Assistant
Middle Earth Peer Assistance Program
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, Continued

RELATIONSHIP ENHANCEMENT: HOW TO TURN ON DELIGHT
9:00 PM – 10:15 PM, Campus Center 375

We are all so busy these days it is difficult to find time to devote the energy required in our most important relationships. When juggling so many priorities, often our relationships and our selves fall to the bottom of the list. This workshop will discuss specific ways that persons can enhance all of their relationships - with partners, friends, and family members - by adding more fun, more delight, more surprise and excitement. We will discuss ways to create events that will be memorable and meaningful to those you care about. Participants will have an opportunity to share their own perspectives and will leave the workshop with specific ideas that they can implement immediately to add delight to their life. Join us and have some fun!

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15th

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

HOSPITALITY EVENTS TO CELEBRATE OUR IDENTITIES: POLY MIXER
12:00 Noon, Campus Center West 0190
Host: Gender and Sexuality Resource Center

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS
7:30 PM - 8:45 PM, Campus Center 375

This program encourages students to individually and collectively think about their views of healthy relationships and what they value in an intimate partner through interactive discussion. Participants are challenged to think about their own personal boundaries in relationships. Discussion focuses on the healthy dynamics of relationships while also highlighting common warning signs of an unhealthy relationship, how to provide options and support to a friend or loved one who may be in an unhealthy relationship, as well as campus and community resources.

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

COMING OUT TRANSGENDER/GENDER, GENDER NON-CONFORMING, OR NONBINARY
9:00 PM - 10:15 PM, Campus Center 375

It seems like more and more Trans, GNC and NB identified people and issues facing these communities are coming to the forefront in our news and culture. Even with all the public focus, both positive and negative, coming out as TGNC/NB is still a very personal journey. This program seeks to welcome those navigating gender difference into an open conversation about what it means to hold these identities in today’s climate. Students will learn what resources are available on campus to assist those interested in transition or in navigating gender differently. Allies are welcome to attend, some basic terms will be reviewed.

Facilitator: Courtney D’Allaird, Assistant Director and Program Coordinator
Gender & Sexuality Resource Center, Office of Intercultural Student Engagement
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18th

SAFE SPACE: LGBT 101 TRAINING
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM, Campus Center 375
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 19th

ONE LOVE ESCALATION WORKSHOP
7:30 PM - 8:45 PM, Campus Center 375
Join us for an important conversation surrounding intimate partner violence. This nationally recognized workshop addresses the story of Yeardley Love and discusses the how to recognize the signs of an unhealthy or abusive relationship in a discussion focused format. This workshop will also provide audience members with more information about the Sexual Violence Prevention Ambassadors program, new to the Advocacy Center!

**Presenter:** Mary McCarthy, M.A., Assistant Director
Advocacy Center for Sexual Violence

BDSM & KINK CULTURE WITH MASTER R AND MISS COUPLE
9:00 PM - 10:15 PM, Campus Center 375
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:** Master R, Owner and Head Master, La Domaine Esemar
Miss Couple, Head Mistress, La Domaine Esemar

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20th

SEXUALITY MONTH KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: “MY JOURNEY”
With Trace Lysette, Actress and Transgender Advocate
8:00 PM, Campus Center Ballroom
Reception to Follow Presentation
(See page 3 for details)
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21st**

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

**SEXUALITY MONTH FEATURED EVENT**
*Punishing Disease, HIV and the Criminalization of Sickness*
*With author Trevor Hoppe*
12:30 PM, Humanities 354
*Sponsored by: Dr. Janell Hobson, Department of Women’s Gender and Sexuality Studies*
*(See page 4 for details)*

**THE EMPOWERED BYSTANDER: WE NEED YOU TO PREVENT SEXUAL VIOLENCE**
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM, Campus Center 375
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: Mary McCarthy, M.A., Assistant Director, Advocacy Center for Sexual Violence*
*Carol Stenger, M.Ed., M.A., Director, Advocacy Center for Sexual Violence*
*Director, Project SHAPE: Sexual Health and Peer Education*

**ADVANCED EMPOWERED BYSTANDER TRAINING: BUILDING ON WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT INTERVENTION AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION**
9:15 PM – 10:45 PM, Campus Center 375
Sexual violence is occurring at alarming rates at college campuses and you have the power to stop it! This advanced workshop will build on the introductory empowered bystander workshop and will focus on Intimate Partner Violence and how to intervene in situations surrounding an unhealthy or abusive relationship.

*Presenter: Mary McCarthy, M.A., Assistant Director, Advocacy Center for Sexual Violence*

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd**

**SEXUALITY MONTH FEATURED PRESENTATION**
*“Gender and Sexuality from a Jewish Lens”*
*Presented by Abby Stein, Transgender Activist*
7:00 PM, Campus Center 375
*(See page 5 for details)*
ABOUT SEXUALITY MONTH

During the 35 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.

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