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## Winter 2016 Newsletter

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As I write this for some of us the fall school semester is coming to a close and for me personally it has been a semester of highs and lows. As I discussed in last month's newsletter our 2<sup>nd</sup> ALGBTIC conference was a huge success which was definitely a high. We are currently discussing plans for the location of the next conference and you will soon be receiving an email concerning this as we are going to involve the membership in the selection process. Be on the lookout in your inbox, as well as on the Facebook page.

For me, a low this semester was the results of the election. Regardless of how each of us personally voted, the results have already had an impact on our clients and the reality is that the cabinet members currently selected by the tran-

sition team all have expressed anti-LGBT stances in some form or another.

In the upcoming years we are going to have to stand and fight together for the protection of rights for our clients and ourselves. Even under the current administration legislation like the HB 1840/SB 1556 in Tennessee which is directed at the LGBT community passed and now SB1 which expands on the infamous "Counseling Bill" has been presented in Tennessee. This legislation would prohibit the licensure board [from adopting](#) "any rule that incorporates by reference a national association's code of ethics, including, but not limited to, the American Counseling Association Code of Ethics." And we know that this will most likely not be an isolated incidence of anti-LGBT legislation.

It is now more important than ever that we show up and have a voice. With that in mind I ask that each of you please remember to vote in the current ACA general and division elections. Also, we are currently seeking volunteers to step up and run for office in the next cycle. We need dedicated and strong advocates willing to serve. You will be receiving emails asking for volunteers to run for our board. We hope to hear from many of you.

## Greetings from , ALGBTIC President, 2016-2017

We also hope to see many of you in San Francisco for the ACA conference. If you remember the conference was moved to San Francisco in response to the legislation in Tennessee and I think it is even more important that we support ACA's decision to make this move. As the conference theme suggests, this is "much more than a conference, it is a show of solidarity."

Things are going to be a bit different at the conference this year in that we will not be having our annual brunch but instead the awards will be given at our fabulous reception on Saturday night. In that regard,

you should have also received notification recently of acceptance of award nominations. This is the opportunity to nominate and honor those already diligently and passionately serving the community. Please take the time to nominate someone for at least one of the awards. The deadline for nominations is January 16, 2017.

For more information about the specific awards, please email Kris Goodrich at [kgoodric@unm.edu](mailto:kgoodric@unm.edu). Finally, I want to take the opportunity to thank all of you for your dedication and service. We are in this together!



## ACA Conference and Expo San Francisco, CA March 16 - 19, 2017

Just remember, LGBTQ+ related educational sessions will be spread throughout entire conference program, but in the meantime be on the lookout for the following:



- ◆ Board Meeting, Thursday, March 16th (8:00-12:00 pm)
- ◆ Open Member Meeting & Nominations, Friday, March 17th (3:00-4:30 pm)
- ◆ Queer People of Color Gathering, Saturday, March 18th (2:00-3:30 pm)
- ◆ Graduate Student Gathering, Saturday, March 18th (4:00-5:30 pm)
- ◆ Reception and Awards, Saturday, March 18th (7:00-9:00 pm)

## Membership Feedback Needed!!!!

The Executive Board for the Association of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, & Transgender Issues in Counseling (ALGBTIC) has begun initial planning of the 2018 ALGBTIC Conference. As you may be aware, planning and executing a successful conference takes a significant amount of work, with several variables which must be contemplated and addressed. Not the least of which is the location where ALGBTIC members are not only able to travel to, but feel comfortable doing so.

Over the past few years, national conference locations have required increased sensitivity to selecting cities which are welcoming to LGBTQ+ and Trans\* individuals. The current national socio-political climate suggests this will continue to be a significant factor in the foreseeable future, and the ALGBTIC Board seeks to ensure it selects an appropriate location for the 2018 ALGBTIC Conference. After much contemplation and discussion, the ALGBTIC Board has identified three potential locations for its conference in 2018. These locations are, to the best of the Board's knowledge, welcoming of all individuals including LGBTQ+ and Trans\*.

Input by you, ALGBTIC members, is sought to assist in narrowing down a potential location. The conference is, after all, for you – ALGBTIC members. Please consider the following three cities and let your voice be heard on where you think is the most appropriate location. Your consideration of not only a city you could potentially travel to, but one to your knowledge is welcoming of LGBTQ+ and Trans\*

individuals, is helpful to the ALGBTIC Board.

Your input on this matter is greatly valued, and the ALGBTIC Board appreciates your time and consideration in this matter.

Please select one choice from the following locations. This will be your vote for the location of the 2018 conference:

- ◆ **Portland, Oregon**
- ◆ **New York City, NY**
- ◆ **Cleveland, Ohio**

Please go to: <http://tinyurl.com/ALGBTIC2018> to cast your vote.



# Call for Journal Submissions

## *The Journal of LGBT Issues in Counseling*

### **“Research and Assessment with LGBTQ+ Persons”**

Deadline for Manuscripts: May 31, 2017

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The Association of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues in Counseling (ALGBTIC), a division of the American Counseling Association (ACA) is inviting submissions for our next special issue of the Journal of LGBT Issues in Counseling. This issue will focus on Research and Assessment with LGBTQ+ Persons. The intent of this special issue is to provide relevant information of interest to counselors, counselor educators, and other counseling related professionals working across a diversity of fields, including schools, mental health settings, and colleges/universities. Submissions should be related to the research or assessment process with LGBTQ+ persons, pitfalls or challenges embedded within this work, new ways of thinking about or performing research or assessment with this community, or examples of best practices of this work. Manuscripts should be no more than 20 pages in length including title page, abstract, and references. Any questions or concerns should be directed to the special issue

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Submissions. Journal of LGBT Issues in Counseling receives all manuscript submissions electronically via its ScholarOne Manuscripts site located at <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/LGBTIC>.



## ALGBTIC Call for Award Nominations

The leadership of the *Association for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Issues in Counseling* would like to invite you to consider nominating a colleague for an ALGBTIC Award to be awarded at the ACA Conference in San Francisco, CA. Each year we recognize individuals and/or organizations that have made a significant contribution to the LGBTQQIA Community. Award winners are granted a complimentary ticket to the ALGBTIC event where they are recognized for their achievements.

**DEADLINE: January 16, 2017**

### **ALGBTIC Mentor Award**

This award is presented to an individual identified for their significant contribution to mentorship in the ALGBTIC community and to persons within the LGBTQQIA community.

### **ALGBTIC Service Award**

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

### **ALGBTIC Joe Norton Award**

This award is presented annually to a group or organization for outstanding contributions to the LGBTQQIA community in the city or region in which the ACA conference is held. This year we are seeking nominations in San Francisco, CA.

### **ALGBTIC Graduate Student Award**

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

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

To nominate, email (1) a short letter of nomination along with (2) *two supporting letters/documents*, and the (3) name and contact information of the nominee to me at [kgoodric@unm.edu](mailto:kgoodric@unm.edu). I ask that you use subject line "ALGBTIC AWARD NOMINATION" when providing the nomination. **Please respond directly to me rather than making your nomination known over the listserv.**

## Current Events

### **Cherokee Nation approves Marriage for Same-Sex Couples**

Attorney General of the Cherokee Nation, Todd Hembree, has legalized marriage for same-sex couples for the approximate 300,000 members of the Cherokee tribe. "The right to marry without the freedom to marry the person of one's choice is no right at all," Hembree wrote in his opinion.

### **Malta makes Reparative Therapy Illegal**

Malta has become the first country in Europe to make conversion or reparative therapy illegal. Any professional who attempts to alter one's sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression can be fined and or jailed for breaking the new law.



### **You Can Earn**

### **Continuing Education Credits for Reading the *Journal of LGBT issues in Counseling***

In order to receive CE credits for reading the current issue of the *Journal of LGBT Issues in Counseling*, you must respond to CE questions by circling the correct answer for each question, complete a form, and mail it with payment to:

Melissa Luke, PhD  
Syracuse University  
Counseling and Human Services  
440 Sims Hall  
130 College Place  
Syracuse, NY 13244

To receive a certificate for passing, 80% of your answers must be correct. ALGBTIC is approved by the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) to offer continuing education credits. We adhere to NBCC Continuing Education Guidelines.

## State/State Chapter News

### *Florida*

Dr. Crowley was the recipient of the “Jeff Siskind” Leadership Award presented at the Florida Counseling Association (FCA) Annual Conference in October 2016. Dr. Crowley has been an advocate and hard-working leader for the newest division of FCA, FALGBTIC! Since the first day they became an interest group, Ami has worked tirelessly to secure the 50 members needed for the group and to provide all needed documentation to initiate the division development process.

From working on the group’s bylaws, budget and more, Ami has made FALGBTIC a priority and truly believes in all the division stands for. As an interest group, FALGBTIC held PDI's, sent out newsletters and created a Facebook page. Many of these actions are because of the leadership of Ami and her team. She is an advocate for FCA and the new division.

Dr. Crowley was recognized by Mrs, Anne Flenner, President of FCA, for her leadership and all she does for the counseling profession. Dr. Crowley is current a full-time online adjunct faculty member and owner of Infinity Counseling Services, LLC where she provides training, consultation, and counseling services.

### *Georgia*

The state of Georgia is currently in the pre-planning stages of starting a professional ALGBTIC chapter. Please contact Joshua Littleton at

[Joshua.Littleton@dbhdd.ga.gov](mailto:Joshua.Littleton@dbhdd.ga.gov)

for inquiries and interest regarding the start of the chapter

# The ALGBTIC Newsletter is Welcoming Submissions!

Please review our guidelines for submission. We would love to hear from professional counselors, counseling students, counselor educators, and counselors working in research settings. Contribute your voice to the next ALGBTIC newsletter. Please contact Franco Dispenza, Newsletter Editor at [fdispenza1@gsu.edu](mailto:fdispenza1@gsu.edu) with any questions.

## Guidelines for Newsletter Submissions

All submissions must be electronic, written in Microsoft Word document formats (.doc or .docx) and included as an email attachment.

All submissions must be in 12-pt Times New Roman font with 1" margins.

All submissions must adhere to word limits for article category.

All submissions must include author's name, degree(s), academic or institutional affiliation, telephone number and email address in a cover email.

Any citations must follow APA Style Manual, 6th Edition, and language should be free of bias in accordance with APA's style guidelines.

Any articles not adhering to #1-5 above will be returned to the author for revision before review.

We welcome all submissions that would be of interest to our readership and ALGBTIC members. Information should be current and informative.

Submissions that promote dialogue and opinion are especially encouraged.

## Submission Categories

**New and Noteworthy** – this category is for upcoming social, political or advocacy current events. Events may be local, statewide, or national in scope. Also may include synopses of current news items or media (films, art, music) that may be of interest to our readers. 500 words or less.

**State Chapter News** – this category is for legislative and scope of practice updates from our state chapter leaders, and for any counseling-related or LGBT-affirmative events that the state wants to publicize. For example: rallies, benefit walks, legislative action days, etc. 500 words or less.

**Fresh off the Presses** – this section highlights chapters, books, and articles (peer-reviewed or not) written by ALGBTIC members and student members. Only 3 publications per member will be included in an issue of the newsletter. Full citations, please.

**Practice Matters** – this category is for practicing professional counselors, counseling interns or counseling psychologists to address topics of relevance to practitioners in agency or private practice settings. Examples include multicultural concerns, insurance involvement in client care, DSM-V impact, ethical issues. 1,000 words or less.

**Major Contribution** – this category is for academic articles on the theory or practice of counseling or counselor education. Submissions welcomed from faculty, graduate students, and LGBT scholars and allies. 1,500 words or less.

**Difficult Dialogues** – this category is for controversial topics of interest or discussions between professionals on two sides of an issue. For example, medically assisted hormone blockage for trans-identified children. 1,000 words or less.