Announcements from the RRC/Upcoming Events

→ **We have new books and media!** We are in the process of adding them to our library. Please be on the lookout for them! Feel free to stop by and use the RRC resources that are here for you and help support the center. Thanks to ASPIRE (regional TRiO association) for helping us get these new books and media. **SEE:** http://www.uwyo.edu/uw/news/2010/12/university-of-wyoming-rainbow-resource-center-receives-donation.html. We sought student input and the media is in now.

→ **Saturday, April 9: Shepard Symposium for Social Justice**

**CREATE: ACTIVISM TOWARD SOCIAL JUSTICE**

Yellowstone Ballroom, University of Wyoming Union
Saturday, April 9, 2011
9am-2pm
Register NOW [http://www.shepardsymposium.org](http://www.shepardsymposium.org) and click on Registration

**Mary Cowhey, Keynote, 12:45 PM**

What would a classroom look like if understanding and respecting differences in race, culture, beliefs, and opinions were at its heart? Welcome to [Primary Grades](http://www.pbs.org/wnet/primarygrades/). Mary Cowhey shares stories with fifth grade students and explains how Primary Grades view the entire curriculum through the framework of understanding the world and trying to do their part to make it a better place.

In her award-winning book [Black Arts and Buddhists: Thinking Critically and Teaching Differently in the Primary Grades](http://www.pbs.org/wnet/primarygrades/), Mary Cowhey rendered an unflinching and humorous account of her own roots in a large, struggling, Irish-Catholic family and her early career as a community activist. Mary’s teaching over the last dozen years has been infused with lessons of her heroes: Gandhi, Eleanor Roosevelt, Helen Keller, Martin Luther King, Jr. and others. Her students learn to make connections between their lives, the books they read, the community leaders they meet, and the larger world.

In a series of workshops and presentations at this year’s Teacher Tea, Mary Cowhey will make you think hard about how you spend your time with students. While she will offer no easy answers, she will share a wealth of resources that you can use to help students explore the big world of social justice. You will be provided with starting points for conversations about diversity and controversy in your classroom, as well as the larger community. Her work will also tie in to other workshops on Saturday in which you will learn about how to use theatre, photography and community-based participatory research as tools for social justice.

If you are inspired to become a teacher because you wanted to change the world and instead find yourself limited by test-score stress pressure, you will find this day both inspiring and practical.

For more information about Mary Cowhey, visit [http://www.marcowhey.com/index.htm](http://www.marcowhey.com/index.htm)

**Door prizes**

Meet the author at the book signing

Free lunch and continental breakfast

Workshops geared toward teachers and more!
Saturday, April 9: WyoAids Walk 2011 is the 10th annual walk to take place in Laramie. These walks are intended to raised support for men, women, and children living with HIV in Wyoming. Funds are used for medical, dental, vision, counseling and other emergency needs not covered by insurance or other programs. In the past ten years, more than 400 individuals have received assistance through walk funds. WyoAIDS Walk is the only statewide fundraising effort to provide help for HIV positive or AIDS diagnosed individuals in Wyoming. Registration begins at 9:30 am at the east side of the Wyoming Union, near Prexy’s Pasture. Opening ceremonies begin at 11 am and the walk begins at 11:30 leaving from Prexy’s Pasture. At 12:15 pm there will be a post walk barbecue in Prexy’s Pasture. More information can be found about the 2011 WyoAIDS Walk at www.wyoaidswalk.org.

Tuesday, April 12: Take Back the Night: TBTN sponsored by WAN, Women’s Center, RRC, ASUW, Gender and Women’s Studies Department and Albany County SAFE. The concert with The Betty’s and Patty Fiasco will be held in the Skylight Lounge after the walk.
→ Wednesday, April 13: Rainbow Resource Center (RRC) Town Hall. Please come and share your opinion about the RRC and what we can work on for next year. Held in the RRC from 12:00 pm – 1:00pm with a small lunch provided.

→ Day of Pink is the International Day against Bullying, Discrimination and Homophobia in schools and communities. We invite everyone to celebrate diversity by wearing a pink shirt and by organizing activities in their workplaces, organizations, communities and schools on April 13. UW QAN encourages everyone to wear pink on this day to show their support. We will also be looking for volunteers to help hand out flyers with information during lunch on this day.

→ Thursday, April 14, CASPER, Community-Police Relations Council (formerly Hate Crimes Group) meets at 7 pm in St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, 701 S. Wolcott (park in the back lot, use “red door” entrance in the back of the building and for more information contact Pamela Kandt, 307-377-7763.

→ Friday, April 15, RRC, Breaking the Silence Rally. On the National Day of Silence hundreds of thousands of students nationwide take a vow of silence to bring attention to anti-LGBT name-calling, bullying and harassment in their schools. The RRC will be hosting a Breaking the Silence Rally at 5:00 pm. Refreshments will be provided so please come share your experiences.

→ Sunday, April 17, Casper PFLAG Potluck. 5:00 pm at the United Church of Christ, 15th & Melrose in Casper, WY. Potluck & Discussion with Natrona County legislators. For more information on PFLAG in Casper, contact Ruth Leonard 307-265-5449.
Donuts for Diversity! Room 106 Wyoming Union every Friday 8:00 am– 11:00 am. Come by and check out the RRC! Everyone is welcome.

Financial Aid for next year is now available on WyoWeb if you filed the FAFSA for 2011-2012. To meet financial aid deadlines for next year, the FAFSA should have already been filed to determine eligibility for federal student aid. Go to http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/ to file. You can use estimates for tax information if you haven’t filed taxes yet. If you have, you can check WYOWEB to see what you will receive from UW for next year in terms of financial aid.

Multicultural Graduation: LGBTQ Students who are graduating are invited to participate in the Multicultural Graduation Celebration on Friday May 6, 2011. Please see Chicory Betchel in the MRC to get a form and let Dr. Cardona know. If you are graduating, make sure you file an Anticipated Graduation Date form at http://uwadmnweb.uwyo.edu/registrar/forms.asp. Commencement information can be found at: http://www.uwyo.edu/AS/commencement/index.html

National LGBT health survey: A research study funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) at the West Virginia University (WVU) Department of Community Medicine seeks participants to complete an online survey about sexual orientation, health behaviors and life experiences. We are looking for people who: 1) Are between 18-24 years of age, 2) Identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, or questioning (i.e., sexual minority), and 3) Have 15-20 minutes to complete an anonymous, online survey. The survey website is: www.lgbhealthsurvey.com. For more information, contact John Blosnich at 304/293.1702 or email jblosnich@hsc.wvu.edu

“Family for Fairness” Equality Gathering. Stay tuned for announcements about a state-wide gathering in Casper in April to brainstorm and plan for equality for all of Wyoming.

Get Involved in the ASUW Election Process as a UW Student. Check out the bulletin board in the Union with the ASUW candidate information and talk to the candidates. Use the power of your vote to make a difference.

Opportunities, Internships, Scholarships & Training

April 30 is Wyoming Undergraduate Research Day. Students can access instructions and forms for participation on the Wyoming EPSCoR web site: http://www.uwyo.edu/eps coral/ Fellowships-and-Student-Programs/Undergraduate Research-Day/index.html. Students must submit their Information Forms and their abstracts by March 23, 2011, in order to participate in Research Day.

Summer Session 2011 registration is open now. Preview of Courses being offered is online - http://uwadmnweb.uwyo.edu/registrar/Summer2011/index.html for summer session which runs from May 16-August 5th with a variety of courses lasting 1-4 weeks up to 12 weeks.

Upcoming Conferences

Schedule for Symposium

Wednesday
6pm: Movie (TBA)

Thursday
9:35-10:45am Concurrent Sessions
11-1:15pm Lunch & John Corvino
1:30-4:15 Concurrent Sessions
6:30pm Keynote: Cherrie Moraga (Ed Aud.)
8:30pm Slice of Rice, Frijoles, and Greens (Ed. Aud.)

Friday
9:00-3:30pm Concurrent Sessions
3:30-5:00pm Endnote: Student Panel
9:00pm-1:00am Dance Party: Mardi Gras for WyoAIDS Walk @ the train depot

⇒ July 28-31, 2011. Regional Old Lesbians Organizing for Change Gathering in Tacoma, WA. Workshops, speakers, banquet, dance, concert, etc. See www.psoloc.org for more information or email pnwgathering@psoloc.org.

Queer Resource Council at UW

The Rainbow Resource Center has set a collaborating meeting for entities on campus working on LGBTQ issues called the Queer Resource Council. Here are the meetings and opportunities to be involved on campus and our collaborating partners:

⇒ **Spectrum**: Meets Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the Union room 202 (The Bighorn Room). Check out http://uwacadweb.uwyo.edu/SPECTRUM/advice.htm for an advice column, and hear from others’ experiences by SPECTRUM.

⇒ **QAN**: New student activist group is forming on campus called QAN (Queer Advocacy Network) dedicating efforts to LGBT social justice in three key areas; politics, education and advocacy. Focusing mostly on the politics piece, in light of current legislation. For more information contact jadkins2@uwyo.edu.

⇒ **Safe Zone**: UW’s educational program for training students, faculty, and staff, and others in the state on LGBTQ issues. SEE: http://www.uwyo.edu/union/cac/safezone/

⇒ **GLBTQ Support Group**: UW’s counselor education department graduate students
assist with this support group on campus.

- **LGBTQ Studies**: The UW Gender & Women's Studies department is beginning work on developing a Queer Studies minor at UW.

- **GLSEN**: coming soon to Laramie. Contact keithcr@uwyo.edu for more info.

- **Rainbow Resource Center**: Located in 104 Wyoming Union, the center houses an extensive library of GLBTQ publications, magazines, and newsletters; a variety of GLBTQ movies; multiple computers; sponsorship of activities, events, presentations, displays, educational programs; proximity to Multicultural Resource Center, Women’s Center, and Non-Traditional Student Center; OUTspoken Panels; mentoring program; and will serve as the coordinating entity for the Queer Resource Council. See: [http://www.uwyo.edu/rrc/](http://www.uwyo.edu/rrc/)

### Other Resources available to you!


2. **Wyoming GLBT News**: Subscribe by emailing wyomingglbtnews@gmail.com. This group has sent info on Wyoming legislative issues out to the community as well as information from the Casper area.

3. **Human Rights Campaign**: Represents LGBT issues at a national level.


5. **Casper Social Change Committee**: Meets at the United Church of Christ, 1511 South Melrose in Casper and they are working on a “Pride in the Park” in June.

6. **University Of Wyoming Counseling Center**: It’s free, and walk ins are accepted. Go to 341 Knight Hall during WALK-IN HOURS for a brief initial interview session with a counselor. Daily walk-in times are 9:00 am to Noon and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

7. **Students’ Attorney Program**: 119 Knight Hall. Program offering free legal advisement and services to all fee paying students. Does not include student v. student or student v. university issues, but can help students with any other situation that involves the law. Please call ahead 766-6347 or visit Knight Hall 128 to schedule an appointment with an attorney.

*Please let us know of others who are in the LGBTQIA community who wish to be added to this newsletter email list. We’d be happy to subscribe them. Just email rrc-staff@uwyo.edu with their email address.*