Announcements from the RRC

→ We are in the process of having new books and media soon! Please be out on the look for them! Details soon! Stop by and use the RRC resources which are here for you and help support the center.

→ Welcome to our new RRC Student Coordinator, Laura Cundy, who will be in the center starting this week. Stop by to say hello and meet her. We were pleased to have competitive applicants for the position! It shows interest in the RRC.

→ Saturday, March 12: Hate Crimes Training hosted by the US Department of Justice in Casper, WY, 6-9 pm at Casper College, Wheeler Auditorium, Physical Science Building, 1st floor near theater. Dialogue areas include History & Nature of Bias Crimes, Legal Issues, Effective Police & Community Response, and Community Strategies. For more information, contact Community Relations Service, U.S. Department of Justice at 303-844-2974.

→ March 21-25: Advising Week - Remember to contact your academic advisor to make an appointment. Many advisors are already taking advising appointments before spring break. Start planning now.

→ Tuesday, March 22 on: Leslea Newman at UW: Leslea Newman will be coming to campus the week of the 22nd of March she will be providing three discussions: One about Matthew Shepard, another about her book Heather Has Two Mommies and lastly about being Jewish and being a Lesbian. This provided by the Good Mule, RRC and SPECTRUM and Gender and Women’s Studies.

→ March 21-April 1: RRC Evaluations. Stop by the RRC to complete an evaluation of the center. We value your input.

→ Volunteers are needed for educational panels at UW in classes, etc. Contact rrc-staff@uwyo.edu with name, email, phone number, & topics you can cover. We are building our OUTspoken Panels/Speakers database of volunteers who can address LGBTQIA issues. Special thanks to those of you who have responded. We’ve added you to the database.

→ 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.
→ **B.E.A.U.T.Y**: Check out a new student organization, B.E.A.U.T.Y, on Mondays at 5:00 here at the RRC.

→ **File the FAFSA for 2011-2012 now.** 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.

→ **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 LBGT 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 first 500 participants will have the option to claim a $10 gift code to use on Amazon.com. The survey website is: www.lgbhealthsurvey.com. For more information, contact John Blosnich at 304/293.1702 or email jblosnich@hsc.wvu.edu

→ **Evolving Equity.** This spring the Good Mule Project is bringing together a few of UW’s most esteemed experts in the field of social justice to offer students the opportunity to experience issues of privilege and power outside of the classroom experience. The Evolving Equity Series will feature simulations, games, interactive workshops and one-of-a-kind experiences that will help them locate their position on axis of oppression and develop a deeper understanding of the effects of power and privilege on everyday person’s lives. Food will be provided at each session and students will have the opportunity to interact with presenters in a safe space with room for questions. If you have questions about the series, the speakers we are featuring or how the series can supplement your classroom instruction please contact Kristen Owenreay at kowen3@uwyo.edu or (307)766-3117.
  - Thursday March 3, 2011- Identity Politics Today. 5:30-7pm Rainbow Resource Center/
  - Thursday March 10, 2011- Constructive Creativity: Paths to Resistance. 5:30-7pm Coe 506

→ **“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.

→ **Wyoming Equality** graciously invited UW students to serve on the board as they move towards mobilizing the state especially after the recent legislative session. We hope to have a QAN, Spectrum, and RRC student representative on the board.
Thanks. Special Thanks to the McNair Staff, Zackie Salmon and Susan Stoddard for presenting the graduate school preparation workshop this week. It was awesome. McNair serves a great resource for preparing early to enter graduate education. They are located in 330 Knight Hall. Thanks for sharing your expertise.

Special Thanks. We’ve watched wonderful activism on the part of students, student organizations, allies, etc. recently as they have become involved politically. That’s citizenship to be sure! Thank you for your good work.

Opportunities, Internships, Scholarships & Training

- **Monday, March 7:** Summer 2011 Wyoming NSF EPSCoR Undergraduate Research Fellowship applications are due. Focusing on biological, physical & social sciences, engineering & mathematics and selected areas in health sciences research with a stipend of $3,500. Application materials can be found on the EPSCoR website and clicking on the link to Undergraduate Fellowships for summer 2011: [http://www.uwyo.edu/epscor/Fellowships-and-Student-Programs/Undergraduate-Research-Fellowships/index.html](http://www.uwyo.edu/epscor/Fellowships-and-Student-Programs/Undergraduate-Research-Fellowships/index.html).

- **Monday, March 7:** Larsh Bristol Photojournalism Stipend Proposal. March 7 is the deadline for proposals for the project to take place between Summer 2011 and Spring 2012 for which a $5000 stipend will be awarded. Both undergraduate and graduates are eligible to apply. Contact Ken Smith, Chair, Communications & Journalism for more information at ksmith@uwyo.edu.

- **Friday, March 11:** Summer 2011 Wyoming INBRE Undergraduate Research Fellowships application deadline. Undergraduate students in the biological and physical sciences or mathematics desiring to conduct research during the summer of 2011 on biomedical or health science related topics. For additional information and application materials visit the Wyoming INBRE website: [http://www.uwyo.edu/inbre/Funding/index.html](http://www.uwyo.edu/inbre/Funding/index.html). For further information, please contact Dr. Scott Seville (sseville@uwyo.edu; 307-268-2543; 307-277-3106), INBRE Program Coordinator.

- **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/epscor/Fellowships-and-Student-Programs/Undergraduate-Research-Day/index.html](http://www.uwyo.edu/epscor/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://uwadmwnweb.uwyo.edu/registrar/Summer2011/index.html](http://uwadmwnweb.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.

- **Student Leadership Development Series.** Sponsored by SLCE, come to one session, or come to all and receive a certificate. Please email Rachael at rsherma3@uwyo.edu with any questions. No registration is required. All sessions are on Wednesday’s from 4-5:30 pm in Business 111.
  - **March 9, 4-5:30, Business 111:** Event Planning Budgeting. Does it seem like planning an event on campus is all paperwork and numbers? Come and learn some tricks and skills to planning and budgeting an event. We will look at planning on campus, but the skills are useful for more than just event at UW.
March 23, 4-5:30, Business 111: Motivation for Success! Mark Collins will be in to help you find ways to keep yourself and other motivated. Have you ever need to keep a group motivated, together, and in the same direction? Come and learn how to make this happen.

Upcoming Conferences


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 on March 25, from 3:30-4:30 pm, in the Union 202. 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 LBGTQ 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:
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 legislative issues and 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 9:00am to Noon and 1:00pm to 3:00pm.

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.

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