

OCTOBER 2013

LGBTQ History Month

Fairfield University Celebrates LGBTQ History Month

In honor of National Coming Out Day on October 10, Fairfield University will be celebrating LGBTQ History Month this October with a wide-reaching and engaging series of events that focus on the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer/Questioning (LGBTQ) community. In a long-standing partnership between Academic and Student Affairs, the programs intend to bring together all members of our community to reflect on the history, culture, and future of the LGBTQ community.

LGBTQ & Ally Art Show and Performance

Tuesday, October 1 at 7 p.m. – John A. Barone Campus Center, Lower Level

Coming off the success of last year's art show, the campus community is invited to view artwork created by LGBTQ and Ally artists. All are welcome to the reception to view the artwork and enjoy presentations by Performing for Change (PFC).

Peer Assisted Safe Space (P.A.S.S.) Training

Monday, October 7 at 7 p.m. – 70 McCormick Lounge

Join us for the first ever peer-led, peer-focused Safe Space Training. Students will learn about the experiences of LGBTQ individuals, develop cultural competencies relative to the LGBTQ community, and learn effective tools to serve as allies to the community. This is an excellent leadership opportunity for all students.

History of LGBTQ Film: Lecture and Exhibition

Tuesday, October 8 at 7 p.m. – Lukacs Gallery

Film, Television and Media Arts affiliate faculty member Professor Wes Davis will be conducting a visual tour of LGBTQ film history through his extensive personal collection of film memorabilia. Professor Davis will use Vito Russo's seminal work, *The Celluloid Closet*, to frame a discussion on LGBTQ characters in film throughout history using his film posters, lobby cards, and other memorabilia. This event is made possible by a generous collaboration between the Studio Art and Film, Television and Media Arts departments within the Visual and Performing Arts Department in the College of Arts and Sciences.

LGBTQ History Month Keynote Speaker: Chris Stedman

Thursday, October 10 at 7 p.m. – Kelley Center Presentation Room

Chris Stedman is the author of *Faithist: How an Atheist Found Common Ground with the Religious*. Chris is the Assistant Humanist Chaplain at Harvard University and Emeritus Managing Director of State of Formation at the *Journal of Inter-Religious Dialogue*. He is also the founder of the first blog dedicated to exploring atheist-interfaith engagement, *NonProphet Status*. Chris writes for *Salon*, *CNN*, *MSNBC*, *The Advocate*, *USA Today*, *The Rumpus*, *The Huffington Post*, *The Washington Post On Faith*, and more. Chris is a queer atheist working to foster positive and productive dialogue and collaborative action between faith communities and the nonreligious. In 2011, the *Huffington Post* listed Chris's work as one of the Top 11 Religion Stories of the year and named him one of the top interfaith activists on Twitter.

Out at the Workplace: An LGBTQ Alumni Group Panel

Wednesday, October 16 at 7 p.m. – Dolan School of Business, 110A

In this interactive panel, Fairfield University alumni will address students about being openly gay in the workplace and offer strategies for career success while embracing diversity.

An LGBTQ Film Series



Gun Hill Road (2011)

Wednesday, October 2 at 7 p.m. – BCC 200

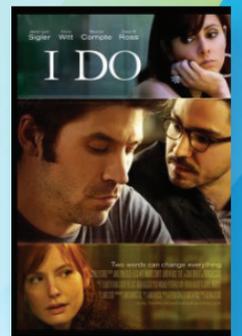
Starring Esai Morales and 20-year-old trans actor Harmony Santana in a nuanced performance. An ex-con returns home to the Bronx after three years in prison to discover his wife estranged and his teenage son exploring a sexual transformation that will put the fragile bonds of their family to the test. Writer/

director Rashaad Ernesto Green's first feature film is an intricate portrait of a family divided told with sensitivity, gentle humor, and a deep understanding of the environment that shapes its people.

I Do (2012)

Wednesday, October 23 at 7 p.m. – BCC 200

Fresh off the Supreme Court decision this past summer, *I Do* explores issues surrounding bi-national same-sex couples and immigration. A gay Brit living in New York marries his lesbian best friend to remain in the country and stay with his family, but things get complicated when he meets the love of his life and is forced to make an impossible choice. Starring writer/producer David W. Ross and featuring Alicia Witt and Jamie Lynn Sigler, *I Do* is a beautiful film that will resonate inside you long after you've seen it.



Cloudburst (2012)

Wednesday, October 30 at 7 p.m. – BCC 200

Oscar winners Olympia Dukakis (in a powerhouse career-defining performance from the 80-year-old Dukakis) and Brenda Fricker star as an elderly lesbian couple whose clueless granddaughter wants to send Fricker's character into a nursing home. In between the laughter is an amazing 31-year love story that has survived through unbelievable odds. This is a must-see, tell your friends and family kind of movie. You'll be glad you saw it first with us!

Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975)

Friday, November 1 at Midnight – Gonzaga Auditorium

Join us for an emerging campus tradition - the late-night, dress up, participatory fun fest that is the *Rocky Horror Picture Show*! Come in wild costumes, yell at the screen, and enjoy the 1975 cult favorite starring Tim Curry as a sweet transvestite from transsexual Transylvania. This is **not** an event to be missed!



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