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20th Annual LGBTQI Psychotherapy Conference

The Lesbian and Gay Psychotherapy Association of Southern California, Inc. (LAGPA) announces its Twentieth Annual LGBTQI Psychotherapy Conference. The conference is a one-day event co-hosted and co-sponsored by Antioch University Los Angeles (AULA) and the Masters in Psychology/Clinical Psychology LGBT Specialization. The conference is being held Sunday November 15, 2015 in Culver City, CA at AULA and presents academic research and expertise on LGBTQI issues and concerns to professionals working with these clients in their psychotherapy practices. The conference is designed to meet the educational needs of psychiatrists, psychologists, LCSW, LMFT, MSW, CAADAC Certified and Registered addiction professionals, interns, and students of psychology, and earns continuing education credits from APA, BBS, and CAADAC. Approximately 100 working professionals are expected to attend.

For our twentieth anniversary conference, we wanted a truly special speaker. Lauren D. Costine, Ph.D., is not only a graduate of AULA and past board member of LAGPA, but her soon-to-be released book—*Lesbian Love Addiction: Understanding the Urge to Merge and How to Heal When Things Go Wrong*—establishes her as a leading expert in the field. Besides being one of the founding members of *The LGBT Specialization in Clinical Psychology* at AULA in 2006, she is currently the Chief Clinician of BLVD Treatment Centers - an intensive outpatient treatment center based in Hollywood, CA - where she founded their LGBTQ-Affirmative Track - one of the first of its kind on the West Coast. Dr. Costine is a recognized expert in LGBTQ-Affirmative Psychotherapy and pioneer in Lesbian-Affirmative Therapy.

Sponsors this year include: Sexual Recovery Institute, Elements Behavioral Health, The Institute for Sexual Health, The Trevor Project, Vista Del Mar, PFLAG, Twin Town Treatment Centers, and the Los Angeles LGBT Center Mental Health Services.

About LAGPA

The Lesbian and Gay Psychotherapy Association of Southern California, Inc. (LAGPA) was established in 1992 as an organization of mental health professionals interested in the psychological well being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals. LAGPA provides a wide variety of activities designed to strengthen professional knowledge and competence in the provision of mental health services. LAGPA exists to join mental health professionals together for academic and social events, to provide educational community outreach, and to foster and promote a positive identity for members of the LGBT community. LAGPA events include: academic forums, social events, professional women's events, and the annual LGBTQI Psychotherapy Conference. Members also receive a quarterly newsletter, a membership listing on the LAGPA website and the on-line directory. LAGPA is an accredited provider of continuing education for Clinical Psychologists, Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW), and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFT) through the American Psychological Association (APA) and Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS). For further information, visit our Website at: www.lagpa.org



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Keynote Speaker
LAGPA's 20th Annual LGBTIQ Psychotherapy
Conference
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