

# Progress Notes.



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## **1. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: 2014 December**

The year is wrapping up. The Annual LGBTQI Psychotherapy Conference on November 16 was a smashing success. Almost 100 people attended, which was a new high. Also, we had eight sponsor tables—again, a new high for us. Rob Weiss gave a rousing and informative speech. I heard only positive comments about the workshops from the people as they left. There are so many people to thank—Antioch University Los Angeles and the LGBT Specialization; Rob Weiss and his group of companies—Elements Behavioral Health and Sexual Recovery Institute; Omar Minwalla and his company the Institute for Sexual Health sponsored booths and presentations by PFLAG and Trevor Project; for the first time CAMFT had a booth; and at the last minute Visions Adolescent Treatment Centers and Vista Del Mar participated. Twin Town Treatment Centers has been a decade-long supporter of LAGPA. They continue to provide their office in West Hollywood for board meetings and educational workshops.

Talking about educational workshops, we are planning a workshop on PrEP and PEP. We are hearing more and more about these approaches to reducing the spread of HIV yet there is some controversy if the medical approach is leading to more unsafe sexual practices. The details are being worked out and you will hear about them soon. Likewise, Dr. Martin McCombs, who was not able to give his workshop on gay male survivor syndrome at the Conference, will be giving it sometime in the spring. Do you have other ideas? Remember, LAGPA is your organization. If there are topics you would like us to address in the educational forums, just let us know.

Elections are upon us. Each December elections are held for the LAGPA board. Everyone who is a current member is encouraged to vote or, better yet, run for the board. Ballots will be sent out soon.

The Winter Social is in just a few days. The flyer is included. This year Mark and Robert are opening their home to us in Van Nuys. It is great to spread our events in different locations of Los Angeles so as to reach out to some of our far-flung members. We are currently talking with members in Palm Springs who want to host a social gathering to mostly introduce therapists in the area to our activities. We are always open to your suggestion. In just a few months we will begin planning for 2015 Annual Conference. It will be our 20<sup>th</sup> and an important marker of our progress. Come and join with the planning and fun.

By Chuck Stewart, PhD

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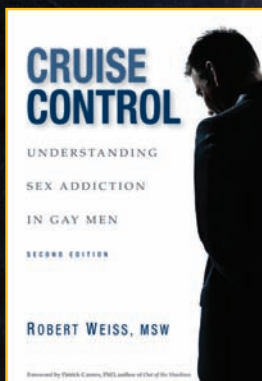
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## 2. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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### 2014

December 7 Winter Social

### 2015

February Educational Workshop – “PEP & PrEP”  
March Educational Workshop – “Gay Male Survivor Syndrome”  
April/May Lesbian and Gay movie nights at Chuck’s  
June Participate in CSW parade  
July Outfest – Community Supporter  
August/September Annual Summer Social with SCLMA and LGLA  
October LACPA Conference where we host a booth.  
November 20<sup>th</sup> Annual LGBTQI Psychotherapy Conference

## 3. PAST EVENTS

October 18 LACPA - Booth Hosted by LAGPA



**November 16**

**Nineteenth Annual LGBTQI Psychotherapy Conference**

The Lesbian and Gay Psychotherapy Association of Southern California, Inc. (LAGPA) announces its Nineteenth Annual LGBTQI Psychotherapy Conference. The conference is a one-day event co-hosted and co-sponsored by Antioch University Los Angeles and the LGBT Specialization. The conference is being held Sunday November 16, 2014 in Culver City, CA at Antioch University 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, MFT, 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. Prior conferences have been held at Philips Graduate Institute, University of Southern California, and the Gay and Lesbian Center.

Our keynote speaker, Robert Weiss, LCSW, CSAT-S, is an international sexual addiction expert, renowned author and educator, and founder of the Sexual Recover Institute. He has authored many books, including: *Cruise Control: Understanding Sex Addiction in Gay Men*; *Sex Addiction 101: A Basic Guide to Healing from Sex, Porn, and Love Addiction*; *Untangling the Web: Sex, Porn, and Fantasy Obsession in the Internet Age*; and *Closer Together, Further Apart: The Effect of Technology and the Internet on Parenting, Work, and Relationships*. He is a regular contributor to *Psychology Today*, *The Huffington Post*, and *CounselorMagazine.com*, writing primarily about the intersection of technology with sex and intimacy.



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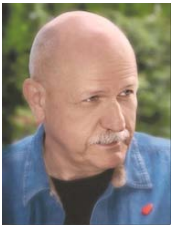
## 5. ELECTIONS



**Robbert Schalekamp**, MFT, PsyD, (current President) is working as a psychotherapist in the Clinical Counseling Center in Sherman Oaks with a variety of clients. He is also the assistant clinical director of the counseling department of the Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic in Silverlake, where he did his internship prior to being licensed as an MFT in 2001. He received his PsyD in 2005 from the California Graduate Institute. He is from Holland and has lived in the USA since 1994. He lives in Santa Monica with his partner Jay. Robbert has served on the LAGPA board for one year and is currently Co-President.



**Travis Stobbe**, BFA (current Secretary/Treasurer) Travis is a native of the San Fernando Valley and graduate of California Institute of the Arts (1999). His current career is real estate management. His real love is motion picture art. He has been involved with PFLAG, Toast Masters International, and various classic car clubs. Travis is a big supporter of LAGPA because of the important work the members perform for the LGBT community.

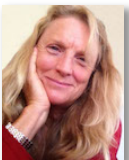


**Fred Wilkey**, EdD (current board member). A licensed clinical psychologist, Fred has a solo private practice doing cognitive behavioral psychotherapy in West Hollywood. Fred has been counseling as a licensed practitioner for over thirty years, has been on the LAGPA board for three, and is currently the Secretary/ Treasurer.



**Damien Gonsalves**, MFTi, (current board member) born and raised on the East coast. Damien completed his undergraduate studies at West London College UK and graduated from Emerson College with a BA. In June 2013 he graduated from Antioch University with a Masters in Marriage Family Therapy and a specialization in LGBT affirmative psychotherapy. Damien completed his clinical traineeship working with clients at Being Alive in West Hollywood has been an active member in the Sober community for over 25 years. Damien presently works at Promises Treatment Center where he has been for over the past 4 years as the S.A.I.D. (Substance Abuse Intimacy Disorders) Clinical Case Manager since May 2013 and joined the LAGPA board in January 2014.

**Christopher McKeown** (current board member)



**Price Marshall**, LMFT, works in private practice in Santa Monica CA. She specializes in addiction recovery and trauma. She is a Master Trainer for The Trauma Resource Institute for their Community Resilience Trainings, is trained in EMDR, and former Adjunct Professor for the Antioch University MAP

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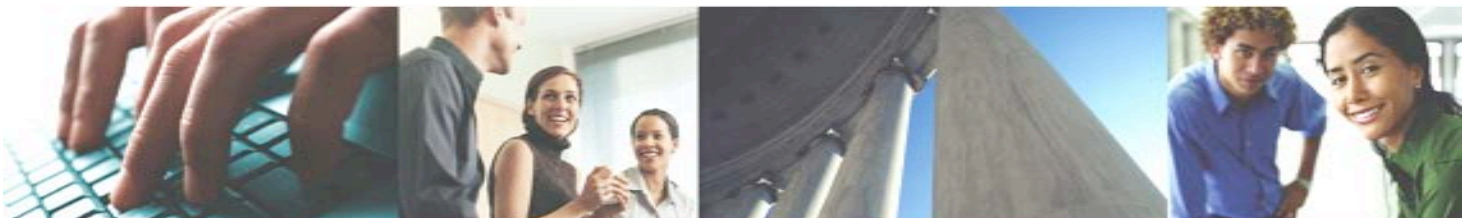
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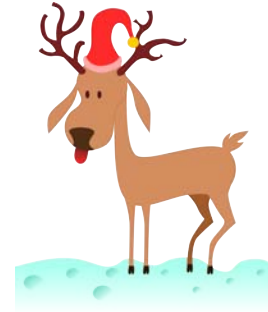
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All LAGPA members, supporters and friends are invited. This year's winter social is an exclusive LAGPA event.

Date: Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014

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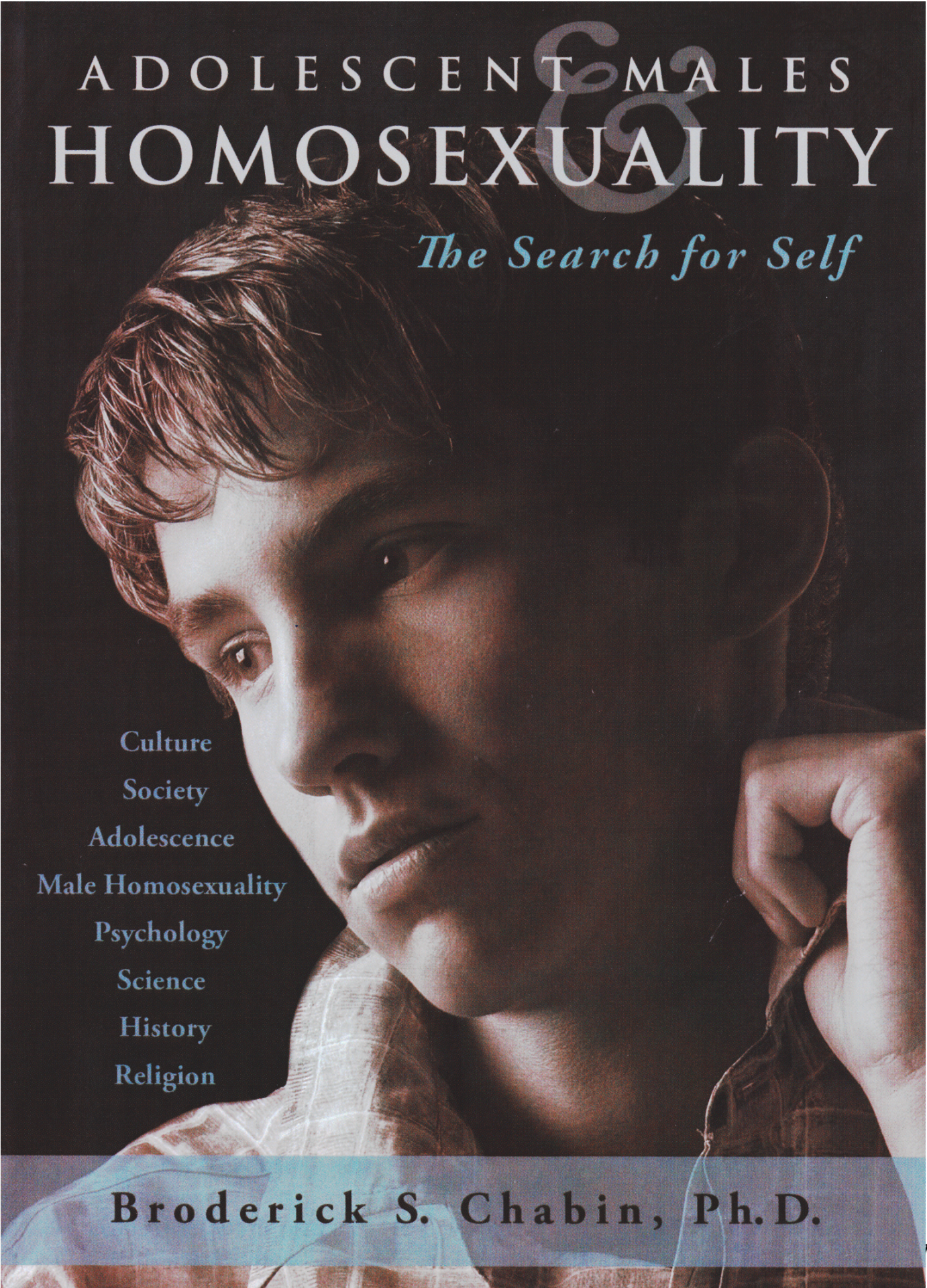


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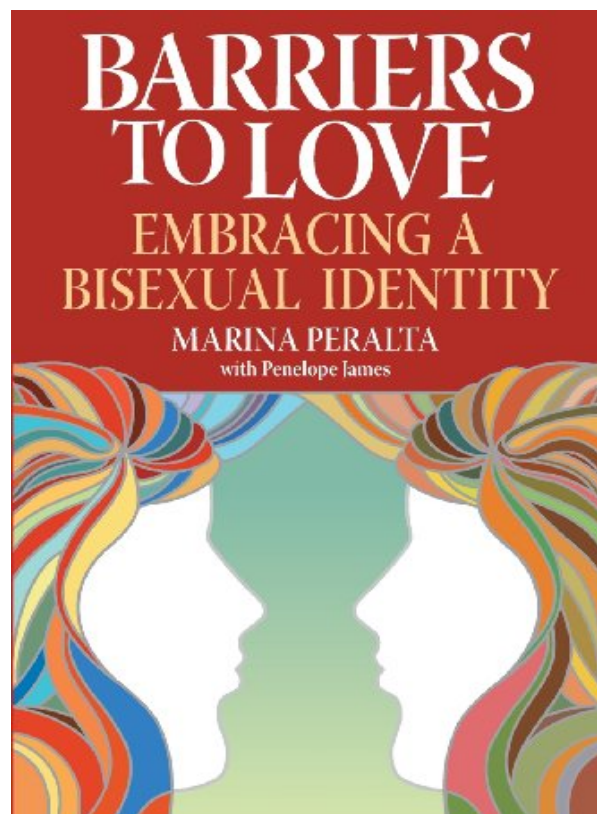
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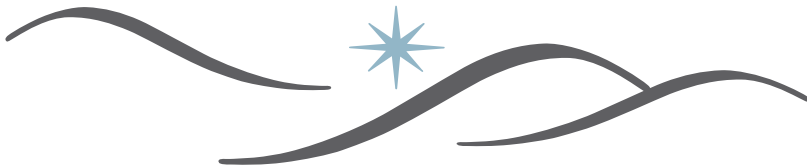
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Next, establish how much time and money you can spend on your newsletter. These factors will help determine how frequently you publish your newsletter and its length. You should publish your newsletter at least quarterly so that it's considered a consistent source of information. Your customers or employees will look forward to its arrival. ▼

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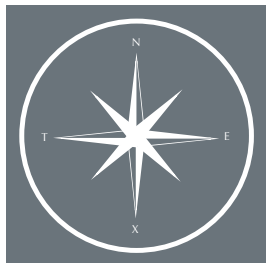
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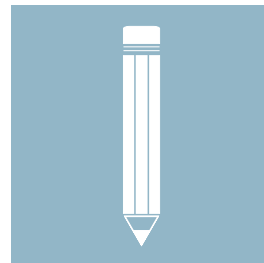
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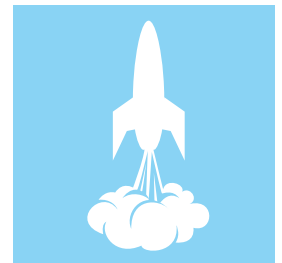
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