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(see Executive Director's Report on page 2)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 24LACPA Conference where we host a booth. Volunteers welcomed.November 1520th Annual LGBTQI Psychotherapy Conference at Antioch LADecember 6Winter Social with SCLMA

Details for events given in this newsletter.

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We want to give special thanks to our Conference Sponsors:

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Without these sponsors, we could not put on the annual conference.

Providing for Our Members

LAGPA provides many services for our members. Such a simple statement, yet it does not begin to express how much LAGPA does to help its members and the LGBT community. For example, *Models of Pride* was held at USC this past weekend where LAGPA hosted a booth. I participated in the founding organizing of *Models of Pride* way back when it was conceived by the Los Angeles Board of Education Gay and Lesbian Advisory Committee. For that organization, I volunteered as the newsletter editor and attended all board meetings for a couple of years. The first *Models of Pride* was held at Occidental College and continued there for the next decade. Eventually it was absorbed into the Gay and Lesbian Center bureaucracy and moved to USC. This year, for the first time, LAGPA had a booth at the event. We created a special card that listed members with their contact information who specialized in adolescent coming out issues. About 500 cards were distributed to the 1500 students who attended. The listing on the card was provided free of charge to members. The board felt that this was the kind of outreach that could help our members promote their services.

LAGPA provides educational events that focus on our communities' needs. Where else are you going to go to attend a workshop on LGBT issues and earn CE credits approved by either APA or BBS? Our PrEP/PEP workshop earlier this spring was well attended and included a free lunch sponsored by Gilead. These kinds of events do not happen by themselves but through the efforts of board members and other volunteers. I'm impressed by the level of content presented at these workshops; often headed by Ph.D., M.D., and psychologists. LAGPA spends considerable money and effort to maintain its APA standing. We hope the membership appreciates the effort.

LAGPA provides many social events. Our summer social is becoming legendary. Thanks to the generosity of Liliane Quon McCain for use of her Beverly Hills home, I hear from so many people about how they look forward to the social event of the year. It is a wonderful opportunity for therapists, attorneys, and physicians to network and form important professional ties. Some clients need the help of all three professions and it is your opportunity to get your name out. At the event we have a "community table" where you may place promotional materials concerning your practice. The costs for the event has been kept down by securing sponsorships that cover almost half of the real expenses. It takes time and effort to obtain these sponsorships.

LAGPA provides an unsurpassed conference tailored to LGBT concerns. This year is our 20th annual LGBT conference. I've been involved with these for fifteen years laying out the program and more. The past few years I've been very involved at drumming up the sponsorships and more. It is through the sponsorships that we are able to keep the costs down. The event really does cost almost \$15,000 to put on. Be sure to thank our sponsors.

LAGPA is your organization. Elections are coming up. The candidates are listed in this newsletter for your consideration. It is not too late to become a board member. Just contact Chuck for more information. You do not need to be a board member to volunteer.

Hope to see you soon at one of our functions. And, remember, to become a member or renew your membership. Your support and input are important.

Chuck

Twentieth Annual LGBTQI Psychotherapy Conference

Full Information and Registration at www.LAGPA.org

The Twentieth Annual LGBTQI Psychotherapy Conference presented by LAGPA presents academic research and expertise on LGBTQI issues and concerns to professionals working with these clients in their psychotherapy practices. This one-day Conference meets the educational needs of psychiatrists, psychologists, LCSW's, MSW's, MFT's, CAADAC Certified and Registered addiction professionals, interns, and students of psychology.

Many Workshops on LGBTQI Issues by Professional Therapists and Educators



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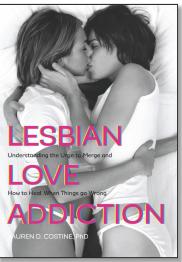






Costine lauren Keynote Speaker Author: Lesbian Love Addiction

Lauren Costine, Ph.D. is an educator, writer, activist, and founding member of The LGBT Specialization in Clinical Psychology at Antioch University Los Angeles and Chair of the Clinical Subcommittee and Clinical Director of The LGBT-Affirmative Track at BLVD Treatment Centers.





2. PAST SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

OutFest - July 12, 2015

This year, LAGPA was one of the community supporters for "In the Grayscale." The primary reason we participate in Outfest is because they grant us time and booth space to put out our banner and materials for free besides providing discounts on tickets. Hundreds of film buffs and many of our members come by and chat us up. Thanks to our volunteers—Gregory, Travis, Alessio, and Chuck—for spending a few hours at the booth. Until next year!





IN THE GRAYSCALE

Directed by Claudio Marcone, 2015, Chile, Spanish with English subtitles, 101 min. **SYNOPSIS**

Some think sexuality is black or white, but many find themselves occupying shades of gray. Take Bruno, an ambitious, handsome architect who's just been given an assignment to create a memorable new landmark. Living apart from his wife and young son, Bruno begins collaborating with history teacher Fer. Bruno and the openly gay Fer soon fall for each other, but Fer's demand that Bruno declare his sexuality puts a wedge between them. This sexy, romantic drama takes a compelling look at life and love in the middle of the Kinsey scale and announces the exciting arrival of first time filmmaker Claudio Marcone.

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Annual Pool Party - August 9, 2015.

Another great success with about 180 people in attendance from LAGPA, SCLMA, and LGLA. Chuck was able to secure liquor sponsorship that saved us almost \$3,000. Of course, thanks to Liliane for use of her home, Eddie for catering, and Waide working as DJ providing the perfect sounds for a festival summer party. Enjoy the photos below.

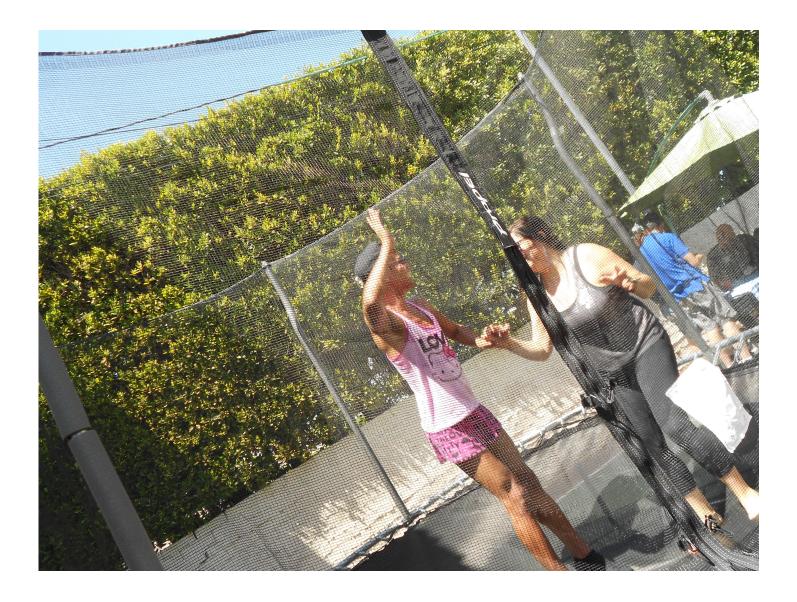
#OutfestLA















23rd Models of Pride – October 10, 2015.

Travis headed up the effort for hosting a booth at *Models of Pride*. More than 1500 adolescents attended the daylong event held at USC and coordinated by the LA Gay and Lesbian Center. The event is very successful attracting major donors and many many booths (such as ours). We printed out 500 cards to hand out to the attendees. The cards contained listings of LAGPA members who cater to adolescents coming out. This advertising was provided free to LAGPA members. Many MFTs and MFT students stopped by our table and were given information about our upcoming conference. Overall, hosting the booth was a smashing success. Thanks to all who participated. I'm sure we will participate in the event again next year. Travis is holding up the card that was distributed to the adolescents.





PRJUJ HERITAGE

People, Issues, and Documents of the LGBT Experience



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Request for Sponsorship by Mariam Munyirivu.

This Ugandan woman has been in contact with LAGPA over the past year and seeks sponsorship to attend our annual conference. You are welcome to contact her directly at: <u>mariahmunyi1@gmail.com</u>. We make no recommendation about this contact. We don't know if this is even legitimate.

"Chuck as I had told you earlier, am a national of a country where Homosexuality is illegal. My family deserted me because am not what they want me to be and am facing social stigma. That Conference will be good for me because i will be able to interact with people who accept me for who I am. I will need to pay for an air ticket from my country Uganda to the conference Venue, a place to stay during the conference time preferable a hotel, an invitation indicating willingness to support my travel for visa processing. I will be grateful Chuck for everything because there is nothing as good as feeling wanted and not deserted however much it will be a short live happiness i know it will be life changing for me.

Thank you. Mariam"

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3. ELECTIONS

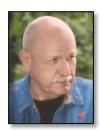
It's that time again to hold elections to the LAGPA board. There is still time to put your hat in the ring. Just contact Chuck.



Robbert Schalekamp, MFT, PsyD, (current co-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 four years.



Damien Gonsalves, MFTi, (current co-President) 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, MFTi, (current board member) Christopher is honored to be on the board for LGPA for many reasons the main one is to help the LGBT community in having access to therapists who are in some way part of the LGBT community. Christopher is a graduate of Antioch University Los Angeles and attained a Masters in Clinical Psychology with a concentration in LGBT-Affirmative Theory and Practice. Christopher is currently working as a pre licensed therapist/MFT Intern with Providence Community Services. Christopher is gaining 3000 plus hours to be able to take the exams to get the L(Licensed) in front of the MFT and take away the I(intern) in the near future.



Nicole Gershenson, MA, MFTi (current board member), received her BA in Psychology from the University of California Los Angeles. She received her MA degree in Psychology with an emphasis on Marriage and Family Therapy, with a concentration in Mindfulness Based Practice from Phillips Graduate Institute. Currently Nicole works at BLVD Treatment Centers in Hollywood and West Valley Counseling Center in Tarzana. In her free time Nicole enjoys exploring art galleries, seeing live music, hiking, yoga, and traveling. Her passion is about empowering others to create the life they want to live.



Mary Guillermin, LMFT, was a founding member of a Gay Liberation Front university group in the heady years of unity in the early 1970s in the UK. We all learned and fought together; gay men, lesbians, trans women and bisexuals. Mary trained with Peter Fleming, Director of the Pellin Institute in Italy and the UK and earned a Diploma in Gestalt and Contribution Training in 2001. She is a Senior Pellin Practitioner. After working at Didi Hirsch CMHC as a Clubhouse Counselor for several years, she studied for her MA at Antioch University, LA and graduated in 2007. Mary took Extension Classes in Self Psychology and other Contemporary Psychoanalytical

theories at ICP in Los Angeles for five years. Mary has experience as a Certified Domestic Violence Facilitator working with both women and men at Another Way. She is also a collage artist who is inspired by the Divine Feminine. She is the Founder of The Femininity Project.

4. ARTICLES

Federal Report Calls For End To 'Conversion Therapy' For LGBT Youth The practice is "inappropriate and reinforces harmful gender stereotypes."

Amanda Terkel Senior Political Reporter, The Huffington Post

Posted: 10/15/2015 11:34 AM EDT

EVAN VUCCI/ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON -- The federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration released a report Thursday calling for an end to the practice of "conversion therapy" for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth.

Advocates of conversion therapy argue that gay people can change their sexual orientation with help, which often includes religious efforts. The therapy stems from the once accepted -- but now discredited -- belief that homosexuality is a mental disorder that can be cured.

SAMHSA's report concludes that "none of the existing research" supports that premise.

"Directing the child or adolescent to conform to any particular gender expression or identity, or directing parents and guardians to place pressure on the child or adolescent to

conform to specific gender expressions and/or identities, is inappropriate and reinforces harmful gender stereotypes," SAMHSA's report says.

The report follows the White House's criticism of the practice in April, in response to an online petition following the death of 17-year-old transgender youth Leelah Alcorn, who died after her parents forced her to attend conversion therapy. Senior adviser Valerie Jarrett said at the time that the administration "supports efforts to ban the use of conversion therapy for minors."

On Thursday, she told reporters that the administration was pleased to present SAMHSA's report, which is the first in-depth federal look at conversion therapy.

"It's not our job to tell parents how to raise their children. But it is our responsibility to provide parents with the scientific evidence necessary in order for them to make the best possible decisions when raising their children," Jarrett said. "We do strongly believe that young people should be valued for who they are, no matter what they look like, where they're from, the gender with which they identify or who they love."

In May, Rep. Ted Lieu (D-Calif.) introduced the Therapeutic Fraud Prevention Act, which would classify conversion therapy as a fraudulent practice that would be illegal under the Federal Trade Commission Act. If passed, Lieu's bill would also ban all advertising that claims the therapy can successfully change a person's sexual orientation or gender identity.

SAMHSA recommends a number of steps to end conversion therapy for minors, including reducing discrimination toward LGBT individuals and providing better information and training for behavioral health providers, as well as taking legislative or legal action.

Four states and the District of Columbia have already passed laws banning the practice for minors, and 21 other states have introduced similar legislation, according to the report.

"We recognize that the significant health disparities faced by LGBT youth -- in particular, issues related to suicide, depression, substance abuse and homelessness, among many others -- often relate to

experiences of family orientation, their gender expression," expert on LGBT affairs Major health conversion therapy as that it can cause psychological harm.



rejection due to their sexual gender identity or their said Elliot Kennedy, special at SAMHSA, on Thursday. organizations have rejected well, with many concluding significant physical and

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2. Webinar Series: With 2 webinars remaining, next week we get to hear from special guest speaker 16 Dr. Keely Kolmes on Oct. 7th at 2pm EDT.

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Let's celebrate the end of a successful year and the great turn out at the Annual Psychotherapy Conference with a party at the lovely home of Mark Flanders & Robert Wilford.

All LAGPA and SCLMA members, supporters, and friends are invited.

Date: Sunday, December 6th, 2015 Time: 1–4 PM Location: Mark Flanders & Robert Wilford 13916 Cohasset St. Van Nuys CA 91405 The nearby major intersection is Sherman Way & Woodman Ave.



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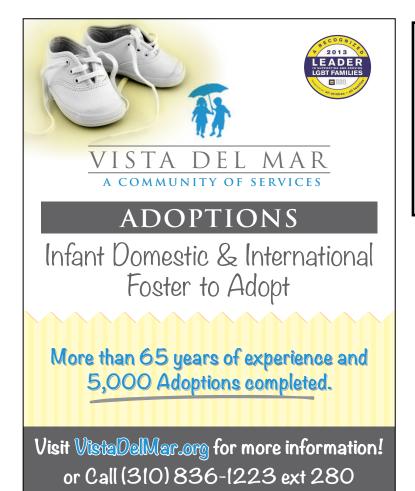
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6. CLASSIFIED ADS

The **Classified Section** of the *Progress Notes* allows members and non-members to advertise available therapy services, employment, and office space. This section is **free for members** and \$15 for non-members.

THERAPY

Social Anxiety Group

This group will be making use of the latest empirically validated treatment for social anxiety. The group will be mixed (both gay, lesbian, and straight clients) and time limited to 10-12 sessions. Contact Joel Becker 310-858-3831.

Emotional Regulation Skills Group

This group that is based on the work of Marsha Linehan, Ph.D. with patients who have the diagnosis of Borderline Personality Disorder. It is appropriate for all clients who have problems in this area, which may include patients in a wide range of disorders including substance abuse, etc. This group is adjunctive and the client must have a primary therapist who will remain in the picture as "therapist of record." Contact Joel Becker 310-858-3831.

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<u>Group</u>

Gay Men's Mastermind Career Support Group for support professional dreams and goals. Held on Monday evenings, 6:00-7:30 p.m., fee slides from \$50 to \$65. Approximately 25-45 age range, but flexible. Intake interview by phone required. Group is in progress. Call 310-726-4357, or email Ken@GayTherapyLA.com.

Affirmative Group in Westwood

Dr. Lani Chin is now accepting new clients in Westwood. Dr. Chin has worked with various members of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender community specializing in affirmative therapy for the treatment of anxiety, depression, substance abuse and anger management. Dr. Chin works with both individuals and couples. Lani Chin, Psy.D. Licensed Clinical Psychologist PSY 24971 1328 Westwood Blvd., Unit 9 Los Angeles, CA 90024 310-344-5550 www.drlanichin.com

Westside Psychotherapy Group

Westside co-ed psychotherapy group meets Mondays 6-7:30pm near Westside Pavilion. Established interpersonal process group with current openings. Contact Andrew Susskind, LCSW, SEP, CGP for more details. 310-281-8681 or andrew@westsidetherapist.com.

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EMPLOYMENT and INTERNSHIP

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- "Stand-Alone" office space (i.e., not a shared waiting room) in. Quiet Garden Courtyard of therapists & designers near Cedars-Sinai
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- * Utilities included with reasonable rent

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West Hollywood

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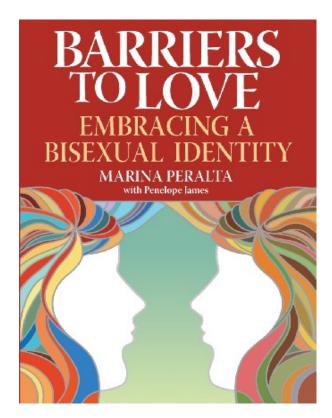
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