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GENDER & SEXUALITY SERVICES

October Newsletter

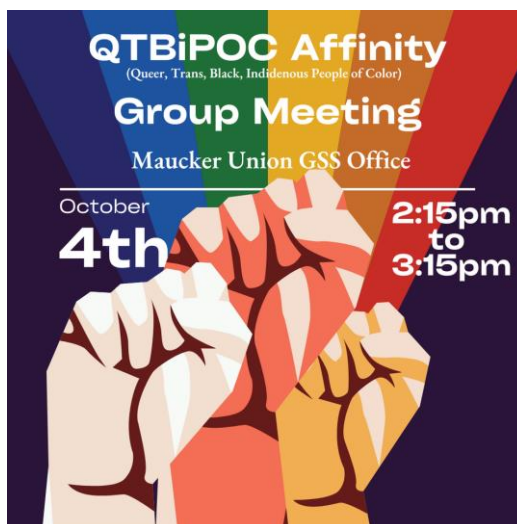
October is **LGBTQ+ History Month!** All are invited to join us throughout the month for programs, workshops, and more. Keep reading for more information about upcoming events, Safe Zone Ally registration, and other ways to connect.

Visit us in Maucker Union (plaza level, next door to NISG) to meet our staff, participate in a program, make some new friends, or just chill out. Gender & Sexuality Services will continue to provide both in-person and virtual support. If you would like to setup a meeting, please email lgbt@uni.edu.

QTBIPoC Student Affinity Group

Queer and trans Black, Indigenous, and students of color are invited to join us on October 4th from 2:15-3:15 PM in GSS for a QTBIPoC student affinity group. The aim of this group is to foster intersectional inclusivity and alliance.

Please contact cme-washidam@uni.edu with any questions about this program.





LGBTa Time

Taylor Brorby, author of [Boys & Oil: Growing Up Gay in a Fractured Land](#), will be our featured speaker for LGBTa Time on Tuesday, October 11 from 12-1 PM in the CME Classroom (109P). Lunch will be provided.

Can't make it? Brorby will also give a public talk at 7 PM on Wednesday, October 12 in Lang Hall Auditorium as part of the [Aldo Leopold Distinguished Lecture Series](#).

Botanical Center Scavenger Hunt

National Coming Out Day is October 11 and we've got multiple ways for you to mark the date with us! In addition to LGBTa Time, we've teamed up with UNI's Botanical Center for a very special scavenger hunt. Come in to the botanical center at any time during October 11th to go on a guided walk about the meanings of the pride flags and to get some cute pride pictures!

Weekly Programs

Triumphant Tuesdays: Join [Daria](#) on Tuesdays from 3:30-5 PM in GSS to share your good news and triumphs! This session serves as an opportunity to recognize the 'rainbows' in our lives as well as a space to seek encouragement through our storms.

QT Chats: Join [Kalyani](#) every-other Wednesday from 11 AM-12 noon in GSS for discussions about different queer and trans-related topics. Our next QT Chat is on Oct. 5 on the topic of LGBTQ+ relationships.

Queer Book Club: Join [Archer](#) on Wednesdays from 5-6 PM in GSS to discuss books with queer storylines and highlight LGBTQ+ representation in literature. All genres welcome!

Safe Zone Ally

Registration for our [Safe Zone Ally](#) program is open and we still have open seats in our October and November sessions! Please register in advance. All sessions are currently scheduled to be held in-person.*

Phase One

- Monday, October 10 - 2-3:30 PM
- Monday, November 7 - 1-2:30 PM

Phase Two

- Wednesday, October 12 - 2-4 PM
- Friday, November 11 - 1-3 PM

**As much advance notice as possible will be given in the event that a session is shifted to a virtual format.*

Seeking Volunteers

GSS frequently received requests for panels and presentations by and about LGBTQ+ students. If you are a student who would be interested in participating, let us know!

<https://forms.gle/pUW9QvRSoFufNMDPA>

GSS Out of Office

Gender & Sexuality Services will be going on a road trip later this month! A group of students and GSS staff will travel to Columbus, OH, to attend the [Midwest Bisexual, Lesbian, Gay, Transgender, and Ally College Conference](#) (MBLGTACC).

Staff will not be available in GSS on October 20, 21, and 24.

If you are a student in need of support, please stop by the CME to visit with a member of the Diversity, Inclusion & Social Justice staff team, or call the front desk at 319-273-2250.

If you would like to setup a meeting with a GSS staff member, please email lgbt@uni.edu and we will get back to you after we return to campus.

2022 Trans Survey

The [U.S. Trans Survey \(USTS\)](#) is the **largest community-led survey of trans and nonbinary people in the United States**. The USTS documents the lives and experiences of trans people in the U.S. and U.S. territories. The survey will launch on October 19, 2022 at ustranssurvey.org

The US Trans Survey is for all trans people ages 16 and up, and is for people of all trans identities - including binary and nonbinary trans identities.

USTS reports have been a vital resource, including the reports on the experiences of people of color and reports by state. In 2015, nearly 28,000 people took the USTS, making it the largest survey of trans people in the U.S. A lot has happened since then – and it's time to conduct the USTS again in 2022.

Upcoming Events

October 3-8: [Homecoming](#)

October 4: QTBIPoC Student Affinity Group | 2:15-3:15 PM | GSS

Triumphant Tuesday with Daria | 3:30-5 PM | GSS

October 5: QT Chat | 11 AM-12 noon | GSS

Queer Book Club | 5-6 PM | GSS

October 6: [Proud](#) meeting | 5-7 PM | Rod Library MakerSpace

October 10-14: Week of UNlty

October 10: [Safe Zone Ally](#) (Phase One) | 2-3:30 PM

Indigenous Peoples Day

October 11: [LGBTa Time](#) | 12-1 PM | CME Classroom (109P)

Triumphant Tuesday with Daria | 3:30-5 PM | GSS

Coming Out Day scavenger hunt | Botanical Center

October 12: Queer Book Club | 5-6 PM | GSS

[Safe Zone Ally](#) (Phase Two) | 2-4 PM

October 13: [Proud](#) meeting | 5-7 PM | Rod Library MakerSpace

October 18: Triumphant Tuesday with Daria | 3:30-5 PM | GSS

October 19: QT Chat | 11 AM-12 noon | GSS

Queer Book Club | 5-6 PM | GSS

October 20: [Proud](#) meeting | 5-7 PM | Rod Library MakerSpace

October 20-24: GSS @ MBLGTACC!

October 23-29: Ace Week

October 21: *International Pronouns Day*

October 26: Queer Book Club | 5-6 PM | GSS

Intersex Awareness Day

October 27: Out & Ally Network virtual coffee hour | 10-11 AM | Zoom

[Proud](#) meeting | 5-7 PM | Rod Library MakerSpace



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