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THE MISSION OF THE UA INSTITUTE FOR LGBT STUDIES IS TO PROMOTE LGBTQ RESEARCH, CURRICULA, AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING. AS A RESEARCH INSTITUTE AT A PUBLIC UNIVERSITY, A PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY IS TO MAKE THE BENEFITS OF SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

OUR PROGRAMS

- Arizona Queer Archives Initiative, AQA
- Fall Symposium Series, FSS
- Deep Dish Lunch Lectures, DD
- Miranda Joseph Endowed Lecture, MJEL
- Transgender Studies Initiative, TSI
- Queer Migration Network Initiative, QMN
- Queer UA Art Zone, QUARTZ
- Visiting Scholars Program
- Seed Grants for Innovation & Collaboration
- Undergraduate Internships

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

February 2017 Greetings--

I begin in acknowledgement of the newly configured vulnerabilities for so many in our shared communities and am reminded that the work we do matters. I am grateful to have the support of the Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC), a growing number of institute affiliates, institute staff, and the Office for Research, Discovery and Innovation in my new role as Director of the Institute for LGBT Studies (iLGBT).

Our weekly newsletter and social media continue to introduce the FAC and their scholarly profiles to our readers and followers. As innovative thinkers; transnational scholars; expert mentors to burgeoning scholars; leaders of academic units, conferences, and professional organizations; FAC members and affiliates make iLGBT a space for thought and action. We recently collaborated to compose a post-election solidarity statement that creatively and critically addresses our most immediate and urgent concerns. Students, faculty, and community members continue to inspire me in the face of these new urgencies.

Much is happening at iLGBT. We are cultivating a robust research agenda and active engagements in and well beyond our local community. Our scholarly profile is rigorous and exciting and our intellectual community is growing as a result. We are fortunate to be hosting five international visiting scholars this year. Together with the Confluentcenter, we distributed \$12,000 in seed grant funding to cross-disciplinary faculty and graduate student research groups.

In 2016, iLGBT hosted Jafari Allen as our Miranda Joseph Endowed Lecturer. We also held a roundtable discussion on Black Queer Studies with Marlon Bailey, Rashad Shabazz, and L.H. Stallings; celebrated the 20th anniversary of Emma Pérez's *Gulf Dreams* with a pop-up party at La Pilita Cultural Center; and began our QUARTZ program in collaboration with the University of Arizona Museum of Art & Archive of Visual Arts (UAMA). We hosted a graduate student conference and a first-of-its-kind Trans*studies Conference. Institute staff, led by Program Coordinator Kristen Nelson, planned and expertly accomplished a

globally-focused event. We are thrilled, too, to continue to support the Lesbian Looks Film Series.

Alma Galindo, iLGBT Administrative Assistant, is coordinating our Deep Dish Lecture Series that continues to draw presenters who instantiate our transdisciplinary scholarly and community interests. Dani Stuchel, TSI Program Coordinator and Managing Editor of *Transgender Studies Quarterly*, is busy supporting Professor Eric Plemons with our Spring 2017 TSI speaker series. In October, Harrison Apple, GRA, helped to organize a three-day community-focused Fall 2016 Symposium, "Decolonize Your Diet: Recipes to Sustain Revolutionary Love" with Professor Luz Calvo. Institute affiliates are co-curating QUARTZ events as visual interpretations of LGBTQ scholarship.

I end in the midst of a Sonoran winter marveling at the expansive beauty of the nighttime desert sky. It is vital to seek out beauty at this time, and I am fortunate that all I have to do is look up. This simple gesture encourages me to continue to seek out and support the constellation of students, scholars, and community members engaged in the work of iLGBT research, teaching, and outreach. I would be happy to speak with you anytime and welcome your support as we continue to engage in inquiry, writing, and other creative productions that seek and produce new knowledge in LGBT Studies. We are working with a newly configured and university-wide development team that is prepared to work with individual donors and grant funders interested in promoting the scholarly and outreach endeavors of iLGBT. Please consider making a donation to the UA Institute for LGBT Studies today.

Saludos,

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2016-2017 INITIATIVES

SEED FUNDING TO SUPPORT FACULTY

In partnership with the UA Confluentcenter for Creative Inquiry, iLGBT awarded four Faculty Seed Grants totaling \$12,000 to support the work of iLGBT's Faculty Advisory Committee, Affiliated Faculty, and their graduate students from across campus and the community for collaborative research. The seed grants, \$3,000 each, are to support innovative and interdisciplinary research and writing projects.

VISITING SCHOLARS

We are fortunate to be hosting three international visiting scholars at iLGBT in 2016-17. We will also be welcoming our first set of scholar-interns from local high schools and from the undergraduate student population across campus. Our goal will be to offer them insights into what it takes to run a university-wide research institute as well as to introduce them to scholars and scholarship that circulate in and through our institute.

CAMPUS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Institute awarded its 2016 Mini Grants to support: Trans Women of Color Speak Out in Arizona (African American Student Affairs); Camp Born This Way (Community Project); Surviving as Choose Your Own Adventure with Piepzna-Samarahinha (Casa Libre); Queering Arizona Conference (LGBTQ Student Affairs); and Female to 'Male' with Wynne Neilly (UA School of Art). The Institute co-sponsored a diverse variety of projects on the UA campus and beyond including: *Transgender Studies Quarterly* (Duke University Press); LUNAFEST (UA Department of Gender & Women's Studies); Southern Arizona Senior Pride's Forum (Southern AZ AIDS Foundation); QTPOC Speaker Series with Bamby Salcedo & Wildcat Welcome (UA LGBTQ Affairs); 10th Annual Transgender Awareness Week (Southern Arizona Gender Alliance); American Literary Translators Association (Indiana University); Inaugural Black & White Ball and TORCH Awards (Power Source Tucson); Barbara Hammer's "Welcome to this House" (UA Poetry Center); National Association for Ethnic Studies (UA Department of Mexican American Studies).



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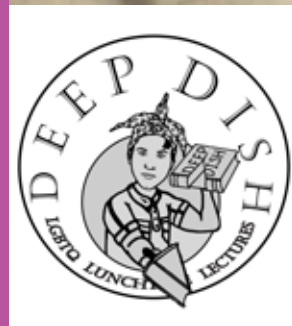
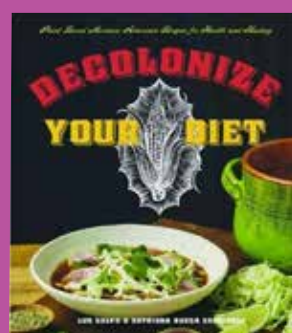
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IN GRATITUDE TO DR. PATRICIA MAIL

Thank you to Patricia Mail who has generously committed a portion of her estate to support the Institute for LGBT Studies at the University of Arizona. This bequest, to be realized upon her passing, will help support LGBTQI research and scholarship. Professor Mail has been a long-time friend and supporter of the Institute and has contributed to the media holdings of the Arizona Queer Archives, one of the primary initiatives at the Institute. She has regularly donated items, such as the PBS “In The Life” VHS and DVD collection, for LGBTQI scholars and community researchers. We are grateful to Professor Mail for her interest and ongoing support of the Institute.

2016-2017 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



FALL SYMPOSIUM SERIES, FSS

In 2016, the Institute for LGBT Studies began the new FSS with Professor Luz Calvo, UC Santa Cruz, to share their research and co-authored text *Decolonize Your Diet* with the UA and Tucson Community. The symposium, “Decolonize Your Diet: Recipes to Sustain Revolutionary Love,” included several public lectures, a student-led talking circle, and community cooking demonstrations with Tucson High School and the El Rio Community Health Center. In each event, attendees discussed colonial histories, the American diet, and Chican@ heritage. Information about the 2017 FSS coming soon!

MIRANDA JOSEPH ENDOWED LECTURE, MJEL

Named in honor of founding member and leading scholar of LGBT Studies at the University of Arizona, Professor Miranda Joseph, our signature annual event brings to UA an internationally acclaimed scholar who works at the intersections of sexuality, race, and globalization. The 2016 MJEL, “A Narrative From the Middle, For The First Time: Black Nations?/ Queer Nations? in the Long 1980s” was delivered by Professor Jafari S. Allen, founder of the Miami Initiative on Race, Gender, and Sexuality, at the University of Miami. The 2017 MJEL, “The Extractive Zone: Queer Decolonial Femme Perspectives in the Américas” will be delivered by Professor Macarena Gómez-Barris, Chairperson of Social Science and Cultural Studies at Pratt Institute & Professor of American Studies & Ethnicity at the University of Southern California.

ARIZONA QUEER ARCHIVES INITIATIVE, AQA

In 2016, the AQA received a number of new multimedia collections. With guidance from Professor Jamie A. Lee, Founding Director/Archivist, this year’s City High School senior intern has been digitizing collections and developing finding aids. Additionally, Harrison Apple, GRA, has designed the AQA’s monthly e-newsletter and has been developing a social media outreach plan. The AQA continues to grow rapidly as a vital research and training tool for visiting scholars, researchers, and local LGBTQI communities.

DEEP DISH LGBTQ LUNCHTIME LECTURES, DD

Think deep (like “smart”) and dish (like “gossip”), DD is our lunchtime speaker series that focuses on sharing and discussing LGBT-related research, community initiatives, and social justice issues. It’s casual, conversational, informal, and best of all, there’s free food. DD is our homage to an old-fashioned lesbian potluck, where we can build diverse networks and share information among faculty, students, staff, and community members interested in LGBT research and social issues. Most presenters are local, though we sometimes feature presentations from visiting scholars.



TRANSGENDER STUDIES INITIATIVE, TSI

Established by past director and leading scholar in Trans* Studies, Professor Susan Stryker, the work of the TSI continues with TSQ: Transgender Studies Quarterly (Duke University Press), the TSI Speaker Series, visiting scholars, and the Trans*studies Conference. Volume 3 of TSQ contained two double issues and offered translations of international trans* studies scholarship and theoretical innovations within trans*feminisms. Volume 4 will consider political economies, the “issue of blackness” in trans* studies, and trans* interventions into psychoanalysis. Our TSI Speaker Series began with a presentation by Lino Arruda, the Institute’s 2016-17 Fulbright visiting scholar from Brasil, and will continue in 2017 with presentations by Professors Sel Hwahng and David Getsy.

QUEER MIGRATION NETWORK INITIATIVE, QMN

Established by past director and leading scholar in Queer Migration Studies Professor Eithne Luibhéid, QMN is an interdisciplinary research initiative that critically examines how migration processes fuel the production, contestation, and remaking of sexual and gender norms, cultures, communities, and politics that articulate hierarchies of race, class, and geopolitics. QMN builds from the Institute’s proximity to the U.S./Mexico border; our location within transnational and transborder circuits and cultures; and multiple migrant, refugee, queer, trans, racial justice, and resistant communities. In addition to its interdisciplinary research emphasis, the QMN initiative includes conferences, publications, scholarly presentations, outreach, and curricular development.

QUEER UA ART ZONE, QUARTZ

QUARTZ is a collaborative initiative between iLGBT and the University of Arizona Museum of Art & Archive of Visual Arts (UAMA). It has been designed to support iLGBT faculty and their students in the active engagement with UAMA collections. QUARTZ will be held on four Thursday nights each semester. FAC and Affiliated Faculty of iLGBT are invited to work with their students and UAMA staff to co-curate an art viewing specifically designed to complement their LGBTQ class content in the “Queer Art Zone” of the UAMA gallery with a small reception.

TRANS*STUDIES: AN INTERNATIONAL TRANSDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE ON GENDER, EMBODIMENT, AND SEXUALITY

The inaugural Trans*studies Conference was hosted by iLGBT in September 2016 and attracted over 400 scholars, activists, and artists from 20 countries. This transdisciplinary conference invited scholars whose work intersects with “trans” – either as a subject of inquiry or a methodology. Over the four-day conference, 210 presentations were given on work pertaining to transgender issues, sex/gender variance, gender nonconformity, and diverse embodiments. It included keynote presentations by Sandy Stone and Mauro Cabral. More than 20 co-sponsors, including UA departments, institutes, and centers alongside external institutions, provided us with significant financial, logistical, and promotional support.