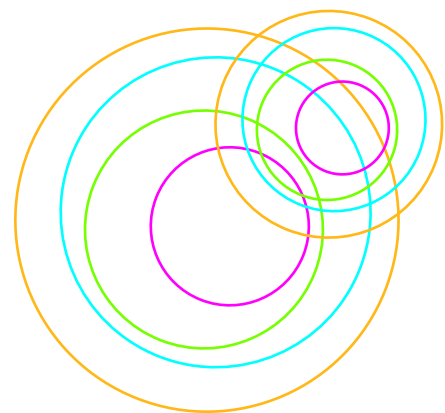


## The Institute is Growing!

After a cutback last year, our staff is growing again. Of our continuing staff members, Tom Buchanan has been Director of Development for three years, Susan Stryker has been Director for two years, and Laura Caywood Barker has been Administrative Assistant for a year. After overhauling our website last year, webmaster John Polle continues to update the site as needed. We'd like to welcome a new fulltime staff member, Cherie McCollum Parks, Executive Assistant to the Director. Kate Freeman will be our new Office Assistant in 2013-14. Graduate student assistants Jamie Lee and Alex Barksdale will be working on our archives project. Abe Weil is managing editor of *TSQ*. We'd like to thank graduate student assistant Lisa Logan, who has been an invaluable part of our team for the past two years; Lisa recently finished her M.A. in Gender and Women's Studies and is returning to Spokane to take a job as Development Director for a non-profit environmental justice organization. We'd also like to thank Christie Kelly, who worked as office assistant during spring semester 2013.



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## A Message from the Director

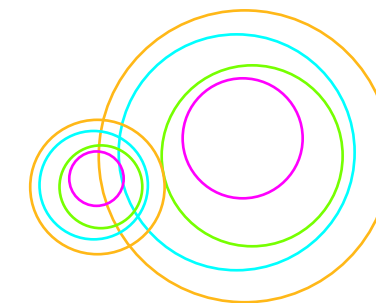
The past year at the Institute for LGBT Studies has been the most eventful in its history. It's been tremendously satisfying for me to work with the Institute's staff, donors, and faculty advisors, and with the LGBT community at UA and throughout Tucson, to build our program up. I'm looking forward to many years of future growth. In the year ahead, we expect to add two new programs—a visiting scholar position, and an annual symposium.

While the Institute will continue to promote work and support research in all areas of LGBT scholarship, an unprecedented opportunity has recently emerged that places the Institute at the forefront of transgender-related research and scholarship in particular. In addition to supporting the development of a new peer-reviewed academic journal, *TSQ: Transgender Studies Quarterly*, the university administration has approved the hiring of four new tenured/tenure-track faculty members in transgender studies, giving UA a greater concentration of expertise in this area than any university in the world. We expect to launch a new master's degree program in transgender studies, as well as a new research center on critical studies of the body.

I can't imagine having a better job. Through the support of our donors, constituents, and the University of Arizona itself, the Institute for LGBT Studies is well on its way to becoming the most innovative and exciting such program anywhere in academe. Please follow us online and fuel the difference engine with your support at [www.lgbtarizona.edu](http://www.lgbtarizona.edu).

With gratitude,

Susan Stryker, Ph.D.  
Director, UA Institute for LGBT Studies



## Co-Sponsorships

We've provided financial support to 17 different events over the past year that in whole or in part addressed LGBT, gender, and sexuality issues. These include the first national conference of The Association for Joteria Arts, Activism, and Scholarship (AJAAS); the first ever national symposium on transgender and genderqueer poetry; another national academic conference on hip-hop, to inaugurate UA's pioneering minor in Hip-Hop Studies; the international "Somatechnics of Decolonization" conference in Linköping, Sweden, at which several UA scholars presented work; a symposium celebrating the work of *Feminist Formations* journal, now edited at UA; and the "Moveable East" symposium on the permeable and shifting boundaries of North Africa, the Middle East, and Europe. We also supported the Conflucenter for Creative Inquiry's innovative downtown Tucson events program at Playground nightclub; helped sponsor the annual gala of Wingspan, Tucson's LGBT Center, and contributed to the Out in the Desert LGBT Film Festival, as well as to other cultural activities at Fluxx Studios. We also helped underwrite special campus screenings of the films *Gen Silent* and *Gun Hill Road*, sponsored educational programs on LGBT issues in Israel/Palestine, and helped support activist training for grass roots organizations working on issues of social and economic justice.

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Thank you all for your generous support!

## Funders

Only 15% of our budget is provided directly by the State of Arizona. Most of our funds come from private individuals. Tucson philanthropist James J. Leos continues to be Institute's primary benefactor, and we'd like to thank Jim for increasing his annual level of support from \$40K to \$60K. His generosity not only helps us to deliver programs that serve LGBT communities, but also helps us build our staff to handle the increasing workload.

Jim's planned giving to the Institute, which is expected to someday result in a multi-million-dollar support fund, will secure a place for UA in the front ranks of the field of LGBT Studies worldwide. Many other individuals, organizations, and university units have helped the Institute grow toward this future potential through their financial contributions over the past year. Thank you to all of our donors!

## Faculty Advisory Committee

Sally Dodds, Associate Professor, Arizona Center for Integrative Medicine

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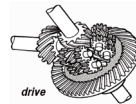
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Susan Stryker, Director, Institute for LGBT Studies; Associate Professor of Gender and Women's Studies, and Family and Consumer Sciences

## 2012 - 2013 Highlights



**drive:** Because the pace of our activities and program development has picked up so dramatically, we've launched a new Director's blog, *drive*, to keep our constituents informed about where we're heading. Check our website for irregular but frequent updates.

**Miranda Joseph Endowed Lecture:** Named in honor of a founding figure in LGBT Studies at the University of Arizona, our signature annual event brings to UA an internationally acclaimed scholar who works at the intersections of sexuality, race, and globalization. The 2013 Joseph Lecture was delivered by queer indigenous studies scholar Andrea Smith, who also participated in several well-attended community events.



**Queer Connections:** This speakers series supports public lectures at UA. Presenters included AIDS researcher Cindy Patton, Paisley Currah on transgender legal issues, Evren Savci on LGBT honor killings in Turkey, Karma Chavez on queer migration studies, Red Tremmel on the neo-burlesque revival, and Dutch feminist science studies scholar Iris van der Tuin.



**Deep Dish LGBTQ Lunchtime Lectures:** Deep (like "smart") and dish (like "gossip"), this 10-times-a-semester informal get-together Thursdays at noon features both local and visiting artists, activists, academics, staff, and students deeply dishing about their LGBT-oriented work. Of course, "Deep Dish" also means pizza—and everybody who comes gets a free slice.



**Teach-Out!:** Teach-ins provide background information and bring together a range of informed opinions about a timely and divisive topic. Once a semester, our LGBT-themed Teach-Out! tackles a cutting-edge controversy in the queer community. In fall 2012 we addressed whether Chick-Fil-A should be kicked off campus for its support of homophobic causes, and in spring 2013 we explored the debate about pre-exposure prophylaxis (PreP) in the fight against AIDS.



**Lesbian Looks:** Tucson's very own lesbian film series originated in and has been supported by the Institute and its predecessor for twenty years. This year we were proud to sponsor the visit of legendary lesbian filmmakers Greta Schiller and Andrea Weiss to discuss their pathbreaking documentary, *Before Stonewall*.

**Research Clusters, Reading Groups, and Curriculum Support:** We support faculty and graduate student research and teaching through a mini-grants program. Last year we supported the work of a student-led task force on anti-racist LGBT organizing, an upper-division seminar on contemporary French queer literature, one reading group on translation issues related to sexuality and gender, and another called "Queering Economic Development."

**Archives:** Over the past two years, we've been slowly laying the groundwork for an archive of LGBT experience in Southern Arizona. We've created an archival storage facility in our office suite, and are working with community leaders and organizations to donate their papers. Through a grant from the LGBT Alliance Fund of the Community Foundation of Southern Arizona, we've also digitized an important collection of oral history interviews that soon will be accessible on our website.



**AZ@SF:** We have long-range plans to develop a presence for the Institute in San Francisco. Our goal is to bring UA faculty to the Bay Area during the June Pride celebrations to teach LGBT Studies summer classes to UA students and others. We've started by teaming up with the California Institute for Integral Studies, and participating in their annual Expanding the Circle conference on LGBT issues in higher education. This year, Development Director Tom Buchanan organized a panel discussion on major donor giving to support LGBT education. We also held a reception with the Bay Area chapter of PrideCats, the new UA LGBT alum group, to help build support for our San Francisco summer program.



**TSQ:** As part of its commitment to develop a cutting-edge focus on transgender studies, the Institute hosts the editorial office of *TSQ: Transgender Studies Quarterly*, a new peer-reviewed journal to be published by Duke University Press starting in 2014. We recently completed a successful Kickstarter online fundraising campaign that brought in nearly \$25K to underwrite start-up costs.

