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# YOUTH SUMMIT SCHEDULE

	ROOM 102	ROOM 104	ROOM 105	ROOM 106	ROOM 107B	ROOM 108	ROOM 109
11:00-12:00	Registration/Exhibitor Viewing in Atrium						
12:00-1:00	Lunch/Welcome Remarks/ <b>KEYNOTE:</b> Ripples of Possibility: Making the Most of Today! with Paul Wesselmann, The Ripples Guy						
1:00-1:50	Simple, Powerful, & Effective Classroom Activities	Safe Zone Training <b>COLLEGE FOCUS</b>	<b>EDUCATOR TRACK</b> Safe Space Kit Training <b>K-12 FOCUS</b>	Safe Relationships & Safe Sex for LGBTQ Youth	Faded Labels: A Dance-Theatre Workshop	Que(e)rying Religion to Create Change	Transgender 101
2:00-2:50	Being Queer in College		Asexuality 101	Self Defense (2:00-3:50) <b>107C</b>	A Nickel Tour of LGBT History	Safe and Supported: Ending LGBTQ Youth Homelessness	
3:00-3:50	PrEP, Choices, & Body Parts: Putting it All Together	GLSEN Youth Group	Linking the Queer Past, Present, and Future	Voice Therapy for the Transgender Individual			Shout It Out and Tell Your Story (3:00-3:50)
3:50-4:10	Mid-Afternoon Break Snacks/Drinks in the Atrium						
4:10-5:00	OutReels Cincinnati Youth Films	<b>EDUCATOR TRACK</b> Trans* 101	Put the Rrrr in Safe(r) Sex	Resumes 101	FaBuLoUs Soup for the Queer Youth Soul	The Different Colors Project: Teen Dating Violence	Understanding Transgender: An Evolving History
5:10-6:00	Everything You Wanted to Know About Sex...		It's In To Be Out	Gaytheism 101		What Does It Mean to Be an Ally?	(Trans)Gender and (Queer) Sexuality Worldwide
6:00-7:00	Dinner in Ballroom						
6:30-9:00	Drag Show/Fall Dance Party in Ballroom						





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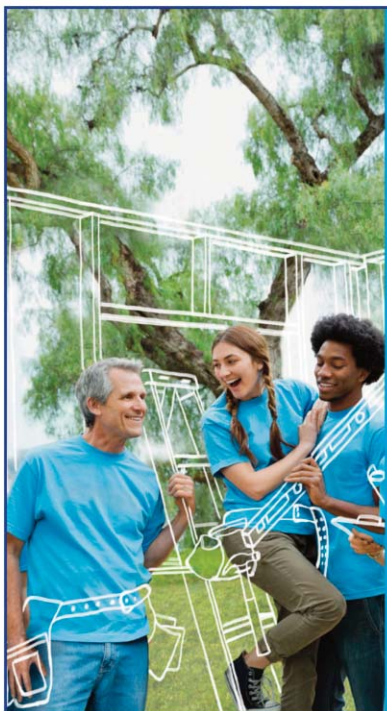
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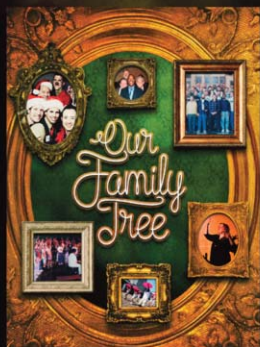
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**ROOM 102 Simple, Powerful, & Effective LGBT Classroom Activities**

*Paul Wessellmann, The Ripples Guy*

Quickly explore several engaging activities that jump start the sometimes difficult discussions around LGBT issues that students, staff and others need to have. For each activity the group will quickly experience and then discuss applications, variations, and suitability for a variety of settings/audiences. *Since 1990, Paul has been presenting conference workshops and designing staff training for a variety of organizations in the private and public sector. In 1997 he transformed a part-time hobby into a full-time career as a leadership trainer and keynoter. He currently works with 40 clients a year around North America with audiences ranging in size from a dozen to several thousand. In 1999, Paul created Ripples, an inspirational Monday morning email that transformed into The Ripples Project, an organization with over 30,000 members whose mission is to encourage small waves of kindness.*

**ROOM 104 Safe Zone Training COLLEGE FOCUS**

*Meg Groat, Adam Denney*

The role of social justice allies are a critical factor in developing a positive sense of self, community, coping with discrimination, and improving campus climate. Safe Zone Training topics and exercises include becoming comfortable discussing sexuality and gender identifications, the importance of inclusive language, creating safe spaces, and how to be a supportive advocate and ally for LGBTQ social justice and equality. Participants are provided a resources packet, and those who wish to be LGBTQ allies are also given a Safe Zone magnet that acknowledges their space as safe to LGBTQ persons. *Meg is from Cincinnati, has a degree in secondary education from the University of Cincinnati and is a program coordinator at Hughes STEM High School. Adam is from Monticello, Kentucky and a 2013 graduate of Eastern Kentucky University. He is an MA student in the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies program at the University of Cincinnati.*

**EDUCATOR TRACK ROOM 105 Safe Space Kit Training K-12 FOCUS**

*Shawn Jeffers*

This workshop will equip educators with the resources and information needed to support all students by increasing their understanding of LGBT terminology, providing approaches to respond to hurtful language, and best practices for supporting students who come out in school. *Shawn is a volunteer for GLSEN Greater Cincinnati where he coordinates planning for the Youth Summit and trainings at schools and organizations in the community. He recently stepped down as director of Public Allies Cincinnati, an AmeriCorps leadership development program.*





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## **ROOM 106 Safe Relationships & Safe Sex for LGBTQ Youth**

*Sarah Painer, Shauna Lawlis*

An interactive presentation on the emotional and physical risks of dating and sex with an emphasis on healthy relationships. We will discuss emotionally healthy relationships, intimate partner violence, preventing STIs, and contraception for LGBTQ youth and young adults.

*Sarah is a full time social worker with the Division of Social Services at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. She received her master's degree in Social Work from the University of Kentucky in 2006 and a second master's degree in Community Health Education from the University of Cincinnati.*

*Shauna is a second year fellow in the Department of Adolescent and Transition Medicine at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. She earned her undergraduate degree at Pomona College, attended medical school at Baylor College of Medicine, and completed her residency in pediatrics at Texas Children's Hospital.*

## **ROOM 107B Faded Labels: A Dance-Theatre Workshop**

*Darnell Pierre Benjamin*

We're surrounded by labels as a way of life, a way of understanding and categorizing things and people as either good or bad, black or white. "Faded Labels" will personally identify the labels you put on yourself and those around you through theatrics and movement. After identifying those labels, we can make the choice of how we can change the restrictions of those labels or broaden them through looking into ourselves, our baggage, our stories. Come ready to move and play!

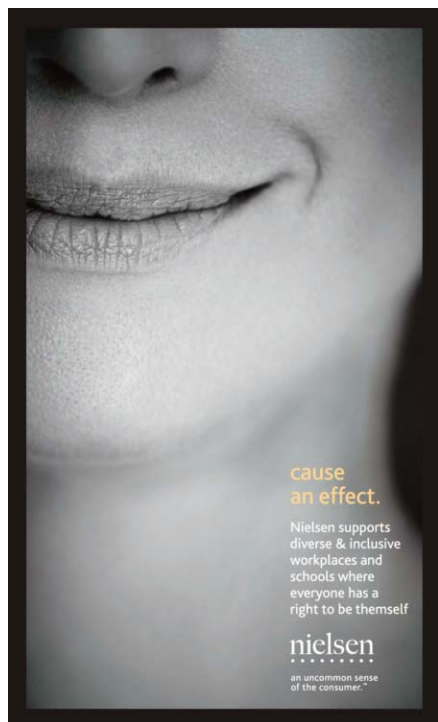
*Originally from Louisiana, Darnell is an actor, dancer, and teaching artist living in Cincinnati since 2009. He has performed with regional theaters in the midwest and beyond. Darnell is a proud member of Actor's Equity, Pones, Inc., and Queen City Queer Theatre Collective.*

## **ROOM 108 Que(e)rying Religion to Create Change**

*Dr. Katie Grant*

Religion often plays a formative role in individual beliefs about sexuality and gender, as well as politics. With an eye towards understanding the factors which shape religious beliefs on gender and sexuality, this presentation will acquaint participants with the diversity of religious perspectives that exist within the world's major religious traditions, including Islam, Hinduism, Judaism, and Christianity. By drawing conclusions about how religious belief systems function and change in response to human experiences and historical contexts, this presentation aims to help participants gain a greater understanding of religion which might enable them to be more effective in creating positive social change.

*Katie holds a PhD in Religion, and has spent over a decade teaching courses focused on religion, power, race, gender, and sexuality at Florida State University, the College of Charleston, and Miami University. In 2014, Katie changed careers. Today she works as operations manager for Camp Quest, a summer camp aimed at youth from non-religious or mixed-religious families.*



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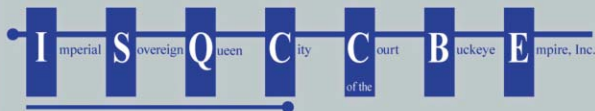
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## **ROOM 109 Transgender 101**

*Jonah Yokoyama, BSN, RN and June Huelskamp, MSW, LISW-S*

Transgender identities are getting more and more attention lately, but remain poorly understood. This workshop will present the basics of gender identity and expression, vocabulary, definitions, and pronouns. We will talk about transition and how different aspects of transition are accessed. We will also address how to be culturally competent, good allies, and trans-affirming, and why it is important for everyone to have a basic understanding of trans people. *Jonah is a registered nurse, transman, artist, avid gamer, nature-lover, and all-around geek. He is the director of Heartland Trans\* Wellness Group and a registered nurse at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.*

*June is a private practice therapist providing care and counseling through an eclectic, whole-person approach to transforming life situations to children, adolescents, adults, couples, and families at Latitude Therapeutic Practices, LLC.*

## **WORKSHOPS / 2:00 pm - 2:50 pm**

### **ROOM 102 Being Queer in College**

*Nicholas Wymer, Jason Hettesheimer, Nikki Cotton*

Though getting into college is rough, fitting into college can be just as stressful, especially as an LGBTQPIA student. Don't worry, though, odds are that you will find people who will be there for you and serve as your close-knit LGBTQPIA community, that is, if you have the right resources. Regardless of whether your college experience will be in the distant future, is happening right now, is or will be happening to your child, or you are just an educator hoping to facilitate this process for your students, this workshop can be just what you need to relieve that stress. All of the students on the panel lead and/or work closely with queer organizations on their respective campuses and are willing to extend a welcoming hand to you as you naviGAYte the mysteries of college.

*Nicholas is an alum of Walnut Hills High School, attending The Ohio State University. He is pursuing a degree in psychology and classics, and serves as treasurer of Sigma Phi Beta fraternity, a queer and allied men's fraternity.*

*Jason is an alum of Walnut Hills High School, attending the University of Cincinnati. They study a wide array of subjects and hope to pursue a STEM field of work. They also identify as the "genderqueer poet," breaking down barriers as a biracial genderqueer trans person.*

*Nikki is studying psychology at The Ohio State University, and president of Ohio State at Newark's Gay-Straight Alliance, the only LGBTQPIA organization on campus.*

### **ROOM 104 Safe Zone Training** *(Continued, new attendees welcome.)*

### **EDUCATOR TRACK ROOM 105 Safe Space Kit Training**

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## **ROOM 106** Asexuality 101

*Jo Teut*

This training gives an in-depth look at the asexual community with activities focused on defining asexuality, learning specific vocabulary, reviewing the history of the asexual movement, and how to be an ally to the asexual community. Participants will be able to ask questions and have a discussion afterward about things they can do to bring asexual awareness and education to their school, college, or organization.

*Jo is a graduate student at the University of Cincinnati in the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies program. While generally interested in the human experience, her research focuses on recovering asexual identities within contemporary literature.*

## **ROOM 107B** Self Defense

*Jason Brown*

Certified instructors with the American Taekwondo Association will present hands-on self-defense training for use in common scenarios. Hands-on participation is encouraged, but not required.

*Jason is co-owner, third degree certified instructor of ATA of Anderson Taekwondo. He has presented a self defense workshop at the Youth Summit for many years.*

## **ROOM 108** A Nickel Tour of LGBT History

*Deborah Meem, PhD*

This workshop is designed to introduce parents, families and friends of LGBT people to LGBT history and culture. Here is "Everything I Should Have Known But Nobody Bothered to Teach Me." There will be lots of (new) information, and plenty of opportunity for attendees to ask questions, make comments, and engage with each other.

*Deb is professor of English and Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies at the University of Cincinnati, and chair of the WGSS department. A Victorianist by training, she now specializes in the rise of queer sexualities during the last third of the 19th century.*

## **ROOM 109** Safe and Supported: Ending LGBTQ Youth Homelessness

*Christian Jackson, Jack Theuerling, and Lora Wolfe*

Did you know that every night there are about 100 homeless youth on the streets of Cincinnati and that up to 40% of them are LGBTQ? Youth often leave home because their family doesn't accept them. There's a lot of good work happening locally to end LGBTQ youth homelessness. Come learn about some of our work including the Safe and Supported partnership, Host Home alternative housing for LGBTQ youth experiencing homelessness, a new android app to connect LGBTQ youth to resources, the Family Acceptance Project helping families accept and support their LGBTQ youth, and cultural competency training for professionals. The presentation will also include a housing privilege walk.



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**ROOM 102 PrEP, Choices, & Body Parts: Putting it all Together**

*Bob Ford, M.Ed.*

Our LGBT identities color our sexual choices, expression, and partners. Our physical bodies, the body parts we have, and the choices we make about using those body parts during sexual activity determine how much or how little risk we are taking for getting infected with a sexually transmitted disease or infection (STI). This session will accurately review the basic information about transmission of STIs and help participants consider strategies to reduce their risk of STI acquisition while being true to their identity. Condom use, relationship agreements, PrEP, PEP, and TasP will be discussed.

*Bob Ford was born and raised in Kentucky and received an M.Ed. in human sexuality and adult education from Widener University in 2008. He has been a health educator in HIV and sexuality for over 20 years. He and his husband live in Park Hills and have been married since 2011.*

**ROOM 104 GLSEN Greater Cincinnati Youth Group**

*Adrian Bargo, April Callis, Crystal Loomis, Caroline Muller*

Youth Group is a safe and welcoming space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) youth and their allies to gather. Each week we explore a topic of interest to high school-aged youth with an emphasis on LGBTQ issues. Youth group also includes weekly social time and a quarterly social outing or activity. The workshop provides an abbreviated version of a weekly Youth Group meeting. The focus for this session will be how to ask parents and educators for support.

**ROOM 105 Linking the Queer Past, Present, and Future**

*Nancy Yerian and Annabelle Arbogast (Ohio Lesbian Archives)*

This workshop will provide a brief introduction to LGBTQ history, especially in the Greater Cincinnati area. Participants will learn about some of the important themes in LGBTQ history, the resources available at the Ohio Lesbian Archives, and how to discover more of the queer past on their own, as well as exploring some of the historical materials and local lesbian and gay publications. Learn about marches, political committees, community newsletters, feminist bookstores, sports teams, lesbian communes, commitment ceremonies, and conferences, all from right here in town.

*Annabelle is a doctoral student in social gerontology at Miami University. She completed a master's in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at UC in 2014, and is a volunteer at the Ohio Lesbian Archives (OLA) in Cincinnati.*

*Nancy is a public historian with a passion for queer history and community. She has worked with a variety of local history organizations, and has been volunteering at the Ohio Lesbian Archives since 2014.*

*The Ohio Lesbian Archives is open to everyone! It is an educational organization that collects and preserves material related to lesbian and LGBTQ history in the midwest. [ohiolesbianarchives.wordpress.com](http://ohiolesbianarchives.wordpress.com)*

## **ROOM 106 Voice Therapy for the Transgender Individual**

*Carly S. Cantor, M.S., CCC-SLP and Erin N. Donahue, B.M., M.A., CCC-SLP*  
This workshop will describe and explain aspects of voice that are unique to the transgender community and the benefits of voice therapy for this population. Information regarding what voice therapy is, why it is beneficial in attaining one's individualized voice-related goals, how it works, and various relevant aspects will be provided. Specifics include discussion of effectiveness of hormones for both MtF and FtM transgender individuals on voice; physiology of the male/female larynx and how the muscles can be trained to adapt to a desired voice; aspects of voice feminization vs. masculinization; and value of using a professional to modify voice.

*Carly is a voice pathologist at the Professional Voice Center of Cincinnati. She holds a BA in theatre from Northwestern University and an MS in speech and language pathology from New York University. She co-founded the NYU Transgender Voice and Communication group.*

*Erin is a voice pathologist at the Professional Voice Center of Cincinnati. She holds a bachelor of music in vocal performance from University of Florida and a master's in speech-language pathology from Miami University.*

## **ROOM 107B Self Defense** (Continued, new attendees welcome.)

## **ROOM 107C Shout It Out and Tell Your Story**

*K.A. Simpson*

This session will assist emerging authors in building a solid foundation for publishing their work and creating a financially sound plan for managing their new source of income. This session will also assist active writers in growing their published work portfolio or getting a struggling author back on track.

*Kareem is an author with over a decade of experience working with companies in the Greater Cincinnati area, and is the owner and lead consultant of BookMark Online. He has written and published "Chronicles of a Boy Misunderstood" and was a Books by the Banks featured panelist.*

## **ROOM 108 A Nickel Tour of LGBT History** (Continued, new attendees welcome.)

## **EDUCATOR TRACK ROOM 109 Depression and Suicide Prevention**

*Jason Wright, MA, LPCC and Sarah Painer, LISW-S*

Presentation will provide information about the signs and symptoms of depression, and what to do when signs and symptoms of depression and suicide are present. Suicide prevention will also be discussed, and participants will learn how to connect to counseling or mental health resources.

*Jason is a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. He holds an MA in clinical mental health counseling from Xavier University.*

*Sarah is a full time social worker with the division of Social Services at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. She received her master's degree in Social Work from the University of Kentucky and a second master's degree in Community Health Education from the University of Cincinnati.*



**ROOM 102 OutReels Cincinnati Youth Film**

*Chuck Beatty, OutReels Founder*

"Unconditional" is a short, fictional film drawn from actual experiences of homeless LGBT youth in Atlanta. The main character, Bradley, is left on the side of the road with nothing. OutReels Cincinnati (formerly CNKY Film Festival) was founded in 2012 and fosters a creative outlet for the tri-state area where LGBT issues are expressed and discussed through the art of film. The 2015 film festival is November 13-15 at the Aronoff Center for the Arts, showcasing more than 20 short and feature films from around the world.

*Chuck founded OutReels Cincinnati (formerly CNKY Film Festival) in 2012 to provide an outlet for the LGBT community to highlight their story with the art of film. He continues to serve as director and works as editor-in-chief for UNITE Cincinnati, the local LGBT magazine.*

**EDUCATOR TRACK ROOM 104 Trans\* 101**

*Jo Teut and Morgan Clapp*

Trans\* 101 seeks to increase the awareness of trans\* and gender non-conforming identities. We will explore issues specific to gender identity and expression in an effort to increase the visible presence of student, staff and faculty trans\* allies who can help build a more equitable and inclusive campus. Training topics and exercises include: becoming comfortable discussing gender identifications and expressions, the importance of inclusive language, creating safe spaces and how to be a supportive advocate and ally for trans\* and gender non-conforming individuals.

*Jo is a graduate student at the University of Cincinnati in the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies program. While generally interested in the human experience, her research focuses on recovering asexual identities within contemporary literature.*

*Morgan is also a graduate student at the University of Cincinnati in the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies program. She is a peer facilitator in the LGBTQ Center and has degrees in criminal justice and psychology.*

**ROOM 105 Put the Rrrr in Safe(r) Sex**

*Em Joy and Shannon Morano*

Do you know what a dental dam is? Have you ever wanted to see someone put a condom on a cucumber? Here's your chance to see LIVE demonstrations (on consenting vegetables only) of safe and effective barrier methods! Participants will learn how to keep sex safe and sexy by using four different barriers to reduce their risk of sexually transmitted infections and/or unintended pregnancy.

*Em and Shannon are sexual health educators with Planned Parenthood of Southwest Ohio. They teach comprehensive sexual health to youth and adults, which includes: anatomy/physiology, healthy communication skills (consent and refusal), and STI and pregnancy prevention.*

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## **ROOM 106 Resumes 101**

*Presented by Nielsen*

Learn about effective resume writing techniques as well as what not to do on your resume. Learn how to talk about volunteer activities including participation in LGBTQ groups.

## **ROOM 107B FaBuLoUs Soup for the Queer Youth Soul**

*Lindsey Deaton and Diverse City Voices*

Seeking community? Acceptance? Don't wait for it to get better. Come join Diverse City and write your own *Souper* story and voice it in this active workshop for LGBTIQ youth, parents and allies. Lindsey Deaton and Diverse City Voices lead a fast paced inspiring workshop mixing storytelling, drama and humor. Oh, and music. With some tunes by Brian Lee, Laura Jane Grace and Against Me. *Lindsey Deaton is founder of Diverse City Voices in Cincinnati, Ohio. She is an advocate for queer youth and those who work with them. Over the last 25 years Lindsey has toured the US and Canada performing for over six hundred thousand people in hundreds of cities, organizations, and schools. Diverse City Voices encourages and fosters artistic expression, personal development, and leadership in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer/questioning and allied youth ages 13- 22. Diverse City creates community and a safe space for LGBTIQQA youth to write, create and perform spoken word, drama, song, movement and poetry.*

## **ROOM 108 The Different Colors Project: Teen Dating Violence**

*Kyle Kleisinger*

In this interactive, empowering workshop, participants will discuss the dynamics of teen dating violence, the characteristics of healthy and unhealthy relationships, and barriers to getting help. Through a series of discussion topics and activities, workshop participants will be given the opportunity to brainstorm goals and strategies for ending LGBTQ teen dating violence in Cincinnati as well as define the overall direction of The Different Colors Project.

*Kyle is a graduate student in public health at the University of Cincinnati. Before coming to UC, Kyle was the prevention coordinator for the Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center in Lexington, and the director of OUTsource, the LGBTQ\* student activist group and resource center on the University of Kentucky's campus.*

## **ROOM 109 Understanding Transgender: An Evolving History**

*Dr. Laura Ann Weaver*

This program looks at how transgender is defined from a historical perspective. The perception that people have of transgender images of their time is influenced by their chronological age and experiences with transgender issues.

There is a generational shift in how we view ourselves, making our age and exposure important factors in who defines who we are and how secretive we need to be to function in a society with adverse but changing transgender views.

*Laura Ann is a practicing transgender dentist in Ohio, a member of Crossport and active participant in transgender events in Cincinnati. She graduated college and dental school as a male as well as served in the United States Air Force.*

**ROOM 102 Everything You Wanted to Know About...**

*Miranda Fash, Bob Ford, Mary Jean Pierson*

This workshop will use anonymous written questions, delivered through a "question box" to a panel of sexuality educators and professionals. We can cover issues of safer sex, STIs or STDs, relationships, pregnancy and pregnancy prevention, gender, religious viewpoints, biology, local resources, and if we don't know the answers we may have the ability to find them. We will have index cards available at the registration table so you can even prepare your questions in advance or you can fill out questions in the class.

*Panelists have experience in gender-inclusive comprehensive sexuality education; HIV, sexually transmitted infections, and strategies to communicate about what you want sexually; and religious viewpoints on sex and sexuality.*

**EDUCATOR TRACK ROOM 104 Trans\* 101** *(Continued, new attendees welcome.)*

**ROOM 105 It's In To Be Out**

*Brandon Ulm and Sarah Egbers of Kroger*

This workshop uses fun and interactive games to demonstrate the beauty in diversity, our ability to love, and the ways in which we are all unique.

Designed for all ages and gender identities, we will spend time discussing the

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positive aspects of showing the world who you really are and sharing your whole self with friends, family, coworkers, and classmates. There will also be discussion about the importance of discovering and fostering an inclusive workplace, centered around core values of diversity, inclusiveness, and respect. *Brandon is a data analyst at Kroger and studies operations management at UC. He has been involved in Junior Achievement and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Cincinnati, and is very passionate about educating and mentoring youth.*

*Sarah is an administrative assistant in the Deli-Bakery department at Kroger. She serves as the volunteer coordinator for the Alliance of Kroger, a group dedicated to the support and benefit of all GLBTQ Kroger employees.*

## **ROOM 106 Gaytheism 101**

*Callie Wright*

Do I need to find an open and affirming faith community to have support as a queer or trans person? If no religion makes sense to me, do I need to go to church anyway to find my community? Can I have a fulfilled and happy life without gods and spirituality? This workshop will provide an overview of the atheist worldview, its intersection with LGBTQ identity, and how the secular/atheist movement contributes to the march toward equality for all.

*Callie Wright is an activist, public speaker, and host of The Gaytheist Manifesto podcast, which explores the intersection of issues intersecting the LGBTQ and atheist movements. Her mission is to be a voice for the LGBTQ community in the atheist movement, and a voice for atheism/secularism in the LGBTQ community.*

## **ROOM 108 What Does It Mean to Be an Ally?**

*Matt Howell*

How can we improve the ways in which we show our support for those in and around our own communities? With an emphasis on intersectionality, this workshop is intended for those who are interested in a better understanding of the numerous and complicated issues that must be taken into consideration in order to be a inclusive and compassionate ally.

*Matt Howell has been a volunteer with GLSEN Greater Cincinnati since 2014, works as a professional web designer and developer, and strives to be a supportive straight ally to his partner and the community in general.*

## **ROOM 109 (Trans)Gender and (Queer) Sexuality Worldwide**

*April Callis*

This workshop will take a global view on gender and sexuality, looking at how both are understood outside of the U.S. We will discuss cultures where there are more than two normative genders; areas of the world where some non-heterosexual relationships are accepted or traditional; then turn back to the United States, looking at how ideas of gender and sexuality have changed.

The goal of this panel is to show that there is not just one way to understand gender and sexuality, and that “normal” shifts, depending on time and place.

*April Callis is a lecturer of Honors at Northern Kentucky University. Her background is in cultural anthropology, and she received her MA from the University of Kentucky, and her PhD from Purdue University.*

## ABOUT GLSEN GREATER CINCINNATI

GLSEN Greater Cincinnati is a local chapter of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network. We work for safe, respectful K-12 schools for all, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.



In addition to the Youth Summit, local GLSEN programs include:

- **GLSEN Greater Cincinnati Youth Group**, a weekly social and organizing group for LGBTQPIA and allied youth, with professional co-facilitators.
- **Trainings including Safe Space**, which empowers educators to be identifiable resources to LGBTQ and allied students.
- **Support of Gay Straight Alliances and Gay Straight Trans Alliances** in schools
- **Stories Project**, illustrating school experiences through multimedia. (View *Stories Project: NOW* on YouTube.)
- **Policy Collaboratives** with other local groups to implement LGBTQ inclusive school policies, and encourage safe environments for all youth.

GLSEN Greater Cincinnati was a founding chapter of the GLSEN network in 1995, and preceded locally by GLUE (Gays and Lesbians United for Education).

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