

## Where do we stand?

*The following information comes from Campus Pride:*

Every college student has the right to a safe learning environment where they can learn, grow and succeed, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity and expression. Today many campuses are looking for ways to become safer, more LGBT-Friendly.

Now they can learn how.

The new online LGBT-Friendly Campus Climate Index - [campusclimateindex.org](http://campusclimateindex.org) is a vital tool for assisting campuses in learning ways to improve their LGBT campus life and ultimately shape the educational experience to be more inclusive, welcoming and respectful of LGBT and Allied people.

The only resource of its kind, the Index also provides online access to search colleges and universities based on their LGBT-Friendly campus life (academics, policies, student organizations and activities, campus safety, health services, housing and residence life, recruitment and retention efforts, and other areas).

In development since 2001, the LGBT-Friendly Campus Climate Index was developed by Campus Pride with a team of national LGBT researchers which included Brett Genny Beemyn, Ph.D, Susan R. Rankin, Ph.D. and Shane L. Windmeyer, M.S, Ed. Campuses listed have participated in a comprehensive



assessment process based on more than 50 questions in eight different categories.

The primary goals of the Index are to:

1. Set forth a national standard of LGBT and Ally inclusive policies, programs and practices.
2. Offer an ongoing, effective measurement tool to improve the quality of life for LGBT and Allied people on college/university campuses and to assist campuses in becoming more LGBT-Friendly.
3. Advocate nationally for further LGBT and Ally progress by highlighting positive efforts.

Ithaca College is proud to have received an overall rating of 4.5 out of 5 stars on the Index and received a perfect 5 of 5 stars in five of the eight subcategories evaluated, including:

- ♦ Counseling and Health
- ♦ Campus Safety, and
- ♦ Student Life

The Index will be very helpful to prospective students and parents, as well as to participating institutions that are continuing to take stock of inclusion efforts.

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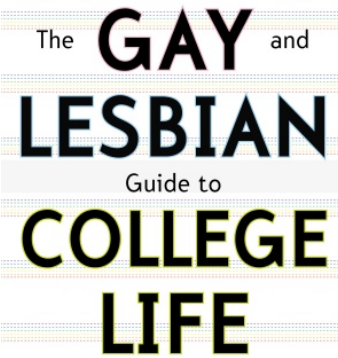


## IC Spotlight

Ithaca College is prominently featured in the recently released "**Princeton Review Gay and Lesbian Guide to College Life.**" This comprehensive resource for LGBT students and their parents and allies, features quotes from Caylena Cahill '10 as well as comments and articles by LGBT coordinator Lis Maurer. Check out what a current IC student has to say about choosing a major, getting involved in campus groups, and handling peer-to-peer homophobia, and articles on: "Finding Off-Campus LGBTQ Resources," "Tips on Personally Handling Homophobia, Biphobia & Transphobia," and "Tips on Health and Wellness for the LGBTQ Student." Other information for LGBT students, their allies and families included in the book:

- ♦ Finding an LGBT-friendly school
- ♦ Things to think about for LGBT students considering study abroad
- ♦ Tips for parents on helping students stay healthy while at college
- ♦ Ways to fully integrate into the campus community
- ♦ Participating in LGBT student activism
- ♦ Transgender student issues

Whether you are a current student, parent, student affairs staff or just curious about LGBT student experiences, the book provides first-person stories as well as lists of helpful resources. LGBT students can do more than just survive their college experience, they can thrive; and the student stories, tips from parents and student affairs professionals in this book will provide insight onto how to make the most of the college experience.



A comprehensive guide for LGBT students



**All persons have the right and responsibility to lead sexual lives that express love, justice, mutuality, commitment, consent, and pleasure.**

LGBT coordinator Lis Maurer served as an adviser to the Religious institute on Sexual Morality, Justice and Healing for the newly published resource, **A Time to Seek: Study Guide on Sexual and Gender Diversity**, the first multi-faith guide to address sexual orientation and gender identity issues within communities of faith.



*A Time to Seek* is designed for individual or group study, with discussion questions aimed at specific religious concerns such as the interpretation of scripture, and the role of LGBT persons in faith communities. Want to learn more or download the guide? Go to: [religiousinstitute.org](http://religiousinstitute.org)

## Spring 2008 Out of the Closet & Onto the Screen Film Series



documentary films that tell the stories of people who transcend, challenge and redefine gender as we know it.

**Wednesday February 13th, Textor 102, 7pm, Beautiful Daughters,**

**\*With Special Guest filmmaker Director and Producer, Josh Aronson**

Follow the story of the first all transgender production of Eve Ensler's *The Vagina Monologues* and the extraordinary women who made it happen.

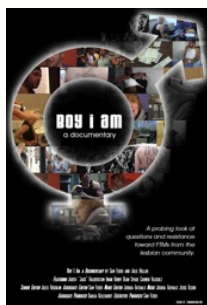


**Academy Award and Independent Spirit Award nominated filmmaker Josh Aronson** has completed numerous documentary films, and directed hundreds of commercials and MTV videos. Prior to working in film, he was a still photographer working as a photo correspondent for Time/Life and other journals. He is a concert pianist and regularly plays chamber music in New York and at Telluride MusicFest, which he co-founded.

### Special screening for Black History Month

**Tuesday February 19th, Textor 102, 7pm, How Do I Look?**

The follow-up film to the acclaimed *Paris is Burning* about New York's African-American, Latino, and transgender drag Ball community returns for an updated look at familiar faces, new performers, and the inheritors of the Houses that continue to help shape this art form. The film is an uplifting and life-affirming celebration of a NYC artistic tradition.

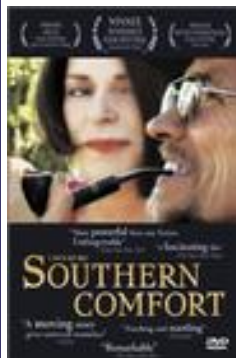


**Thursday March 6th, Textor 101, 7pm, Boy I Am**

Through the voices of activists and theorists who raise the questions that many people have but few openly discuss, this film breaks down barriers and promotes dialogue among feminists and lesbians about trans issues.

**Tuesday March 18th, Textor 102, 7pm, The Believers**

The world's first transgender gospel choir wrestles with how to reconcile gender identity with the belief that changing one's gender goes against the word of God. A unique story of determination and perseverance and an important look at the intricacy and diversity of spirituality and the LGBT community.



**Special Screening for National LGBT Health Awareness Week**

**Thursday April 3rd, Textor 102, 7pm, Southern Comfort**

Robert lives in the back hills of Georgia and was diagnosed with ovarian cancer and turned away by more than two dozen doctors who feared that taking on a transgender patient might harm their practice.

Winner of the Grand Jury Prize at the 2001 Sundance Film Festival.

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## More events this spring, mark your calendars!



Author Alex Sanchez, of the *Rainbow Boys* series, will provide two speaking/book signing events on Monday, April 14.

The first event will be at 3 pm in Klingenstein Lounge. The second event will be downtown at the Tompkins County Public Library at 7:30 p.m.



Collaborating on these events are the Ithaca College Center for LGBT Education, Outreach, & Services, The Tompkins County Public Library, the Ithaca LGBT Task Force, and Youth Guardian Services. Alex Sanchez is the critically acclaimed author of the Rainbow trilogy of novels, of which *Rainbow Boys* was selected by the American Library Association as a "Best Book for Young Adults." His

middle-grade novel, *So Hard to Say*, won the prestigious Lambda Literary Award. In 2007, his book, *Getting It*, won second place at the International Latino Book awards. His newest novel, *The God Box*, tackles the intersection of spirituality and sexuality.

January 21st - 25th  
No Name-calling Week  
[nonamecallingweek.org](http://nonamecallingweek.org)



February 7th, National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day  
[blackaidsday.org](http://blackaidsday.org)



February 10th - 16th  
Freedom to Marry Week



Feb 14th - 20th  
National Condom Week



April 6th - 12th  
National LGBT Health Awareness Week  
[lgbthealth.net](http://lgbthealth.net)



April 25th Day of Silence  
[dayofsilence.org](http://dayofsilence.org)



April 29  
Equality & Justice Day  
[prideagenda.org](http://prideagenda.org)

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