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## The Many Meanings of Family

### Family means different things to different people.

For some, the family they were born into is a warm and wonderful place where they gather sustenance and support.

For others, aligning themselves with a ‘family of choice’ (not biology) is where they find the connections and togetherness that mean family to them.

If you’ve ever asked friends about their family you have likely found that for some, the meaning of family concrete and easy to understand and for others it is complicated and complex and requires more of an essay answer than a single check box.

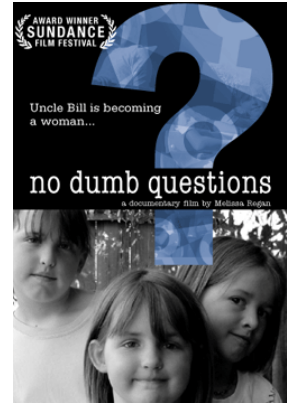
The Center’s 2005 “*Out of the Closet and Onto the Screen*” film series addresses the many meanings of family through the voices and stories of people from very diverse walks of life.

In the course of the semester, you will have the opportunity to ‘meet’ a variety of people and learn about what family means to them.

You will hear from young children with questions about their uncle's sex change, campers from a summer program specifically designed for kids of LGBT parents, Latino families that are coming together to replace intolerance with love and how unique family bonds develop in relationships affected by HIV/AIDS.

Please join us for these intimate and illuminating glimpses into the many meanings of family.

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### In My Shoes



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## LGBT Center by the numbers...

- ⇒ 32 LGBT Center Student Volunteers in 2004-2005
- ⇒ 3,738 + LGBT Center Visitors in 2004-2005
- ⇒ 812 titles in LGBT Center lending library
- ⇒ 21,163 hits to LGBT Center website since going live in 9/02
- ⇒ 5 = number of times LGBT Pride Flag flies over campus
- ⇒ 4 = number of times LGBT Pride Flag stolen while flying on campus
- ⇒ 1 = number of times Persons Identified for Taking Pride Flag
- ⇒ 1,115 + = people who participated in LGBT Center-sponsored events during spring semester 2005

## Making history in Spain!

*"Today, Spanish society is responding to a group of people who for years have been humiliated, whose rights have been ignored, their dignity offended, their identity denied and their freedom restricted. Today Spanish society grants them the respect they deserve, recognizes their rights, restores their dignity, affirms their identity, and restores their liberty."*

— Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero addressing the Congress of Deputies, which voted to legalize full same-sex marriage and gay adoption, June 30, 2005.

## And Canada!



In July 2005 Canada became the fourth country to officially sanction same-sex marriage. The historic vote occurred after gay and lesbian couples launched lawsuits in different provinces demanding the right to marry. Courts in seven provinces agreed that the traditional definition of marriage violated the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The government responded to the first of those rulings - in Ontario in 2003 - by introducing legislation which was adopted last month in the House of Commons.

## Ally Week 2005

Who can help us the most to end anti-LGBT bullying and harassment in schools?

ALLIES!

GLSEN is proud to be encouraging students to end anti-LGBT bullying and harassment in schools with a new initiative, Ally Week! Ally Week, **September 18-24, 2005**, can be simple, passing out stickers to allies who sign the pledge, or more advanced with an event or series of events planned throughout the week.

Check out more on Ally Week at [www.dayofsilence.org/ally](http://www.dayofsilence.org/ally)

## A very special thanks

*to the Public Safety staff for their efforts in identifying those responsible for the theft of the flag.*

## Four Persons Identified for Taking Rainbow Flag at Ithaca College

*From April 27th, 2005, Ithaca College news release, Office of Public Information*

Ithaca, NY--Three Ithaca College students and one non-student have been identified for their role in taking the rainbow flag from the "free speech" flagpole on the academic quad. The flag, which symbolizes gay pride, was reported missing in the early morning hours of Saturday, April 9. The students have been referred to the campus judicial system for alleged violations of the Student Conduct Code; the non-student will be issued a criminal trespass waiver prohibiting him from being on the campus.

"Following an intensive investigation by our officers, with great assistance from members of the campus community, we were able to identify four individuals who we believe were involved in the theft of the flag," says Robert Holt, director of the Office of Public Safety. "We also believe there may be others who took part in this act, so we are asking for the continued cooperation of the campus community in providing information about this case."

Because the students have been referred for campus judicial action, federal law prohibits Ithaca College from releasing their names and the outcomes of their cases to the public.

Holt notes that the investigation is continuing into the flag theft as well as the racial graffiti that appeared at several locations in and around the East Tower and Towers Concourse during the same weekend as the theft. It is not believed that those who took the flag were also responsible for the graffiti. Holt asks anyone who might have information about these incidents to call the public safety hot line at 274-1060 and leave a message, or call the regular Office of Public Safety number at 274-3333.

## Congratulations!

The Task Force for Tobacco-Free Women and Girls at Roswell Park Cancer Institute honored the Ithaca College LGBT Center's efforts to provide tobacco use prevention/cessation information to LGBT members of the campus community.

The Task Force awarded a plaque and monetary gift from their "Steps Toward Success" Recognition Program; monies will be used to purchase more smoking prevention and cessation materials.

## Fall 2005—Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, August 31, 7 pm**  
**Textor 102**

### Special campus Premiere

In collaboration with the Sundance Channel, IC is one of only 100 colleges across the country to see this special premiere screening of Sundance's groundbreaking new TV series "*Transgeneration*."



**Thursday, October 6, 7 pm**  
**Emerson Suites A**  
**National Coming Out Day**  
event with poet, playwright and performance artist and IC alumna Lenelle Moise

**Wednesday, November 2, 7:30 pm**  
**Textor 102**

### Breaking Out of the Straightjacket of Masculinity

Robert Heasley and Jesse Crane-Seeber  
Men often get stuck in a "straightjacket" of expectations about being male - this program is about getting out of the narrow-minded thinking about masculinity and the narrow-lives that males sometimes end up living. Robert Heasley is a former IC Sociology professor who writes about the changes needed in men's lives, and Jesse Crane-Seeber, his step-son, and an IC grad (2003), writes about the effects of the boxes that young men get into as a result of social pressure and what men and women both can do about it!

## More dates to know...

### International Celebrate Bisexuality Day

September 23rd

### National Coming Out Day

October 11th

### Latino/a AIDS Awareness Day

October 15th

### Intersex Awareness Day

October 26th

### Transgender Day of Remembrance

November 20th

### World AIDS Day

December 1st

### Human Rights Day

December 10th

## Film Series!

### Out of the Closet and Onto the Screen: The Many Meanings of Family

The LGBT Center's annual film series "Out of the Closet and Onto the Screen" will embrace the theme of family, in its many forms.

### *Camp Lavender Hill*

**Thursday, September 1st, 7 pm**  
**Textor 102**

*Camp Lavender Hill* is an award-winning documentary about the first summer camp in the U.S. for children with gay and lesbian parents.

### *De Colores*

**Thursday, September 15th, 7 pm**  
**Textor 103**

*De Colores* is a bilingual documentary about how Latino families are replacing the deep roots of homophobia with the even deeper roots of love.

### *In My Shoes - Stories of Youth with LGBT Parents*

**Thursday, October 20th, 7 pm**  
**Textor 103**

The Ithaca premier of a youth-produced documentary film by and about children of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender parents. This film has just been released by COLAGE (the organization Children of Lesbians & Gays Everywhere).

### *No Dumb Questions*

**Wednesday, November 30th**  
**Textor 102**

Uncle Bill is becoming a woman! This light-hearted and poignant documentary profiles three young sisters struggling to understand why and how their Uncle Bill is becoming a woman and offers a fresh perspective on a complex situation from a family that insists there are no dumb questions.

### *One+One*

**Thursday, December 1st**  
**Textor 103**

*One + One* is a powerful film about couples of mixed HIV status living with HIV and AIDS and takes an unflinching look at the lives of the couples as they navigate their physical and emotional minefield of their relationships.

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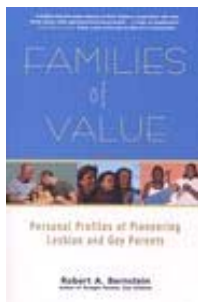
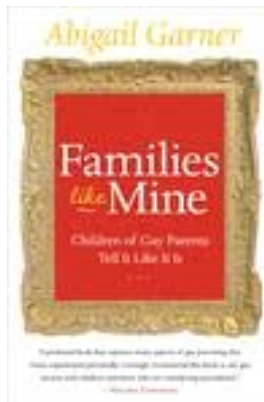
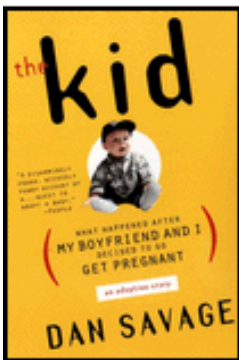
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## Book Notes



The publishing world is certainly catching up with the times and releasing some wonderful books that represent the **Many Meanings of Family**.

The three books here represent various personal accounts and experiences of LGBT families (from a gay father's perspective, the voice of children of LGBT parents and stories of pioneering parents). All books are also available in the Resource Room.

***Families of Value: Personal Profiles of Pioneering Lesbian and Gay Parents***

Robert Bernstein

***Families Like Mine: Children of Gay Parents Tell it Like it is***

Abigail Garner

***The Kid: What Happened After My Boyfriend and I Decided to Go Get Pregnant***

Dan Savage