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# Out Words

## Out and About: *tips for successfully studying abroad*

Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students considering study abroad may have a host of questions and concerns, some related to orientation and identity, others not. The LGBT Center and Office of International Programs (OIP) have joined together to address some of the common questions and help students plan for successful travel and learning.

There are countless short term, semester and year long study abroad programs available that can enhance your academic career and broaden your personal horizons, and the OIP wants to ensure that all students feel comfortable participating in these programs.

Each individual has their own set of circumstances in terms of their LGBT identity. And every place in the world has different policies and cultural attitudes towards people who are or are perceived to be LGBT. It would be impossible for one brochure to cover all of the issues which may arise. Luckily, there are many resources available that can help you find the answers you need.

### Thinking about studying abroad?

Be sure to check out the new brochure from the Office of International

Programs titled: **LGBT Students and Study Abroad**. This brochure was a collaboration between the LGBT Center and OIP and is a part of a larger series of materials which include information for individuals with disabilities and issues of race and ethnicity and planning to study abroad.

Check out a PDF of the brochure on our website:  
[www.ithaca.edu/lgbt](http://www.ithaca.edu/lgbt)



*You can also do some of your own research on these LGBT friendly Travel websites:*

Gay.com's Out and About  
[www.gay.com/travel/outandabout](http://www.gay.com/travel/outandabout)

Out.com Travel  
[www.out.com/detail.asp?t=travel](http://www.out.com/detail.asp?t=travel)

Access Gay.com or Out.com's travel guides, tips, and articles on travel to areas throughout the world.

NAFSA Rainbow Sig Student Resources  
<http://www.indiana.edu/~overseas/lesbigay/student.htm>

NAFSA is the professional organization for international educators,

and this site contains information specific to LGBT students studying abroad.

*"I realize now that I let a lot of concerns keep me from going abroad when I was an undergrad. I wish I had just spent a little more time getting answers to my questions instead of assuming it just wouldn't work for me as a sexual minority student!"*  
-Braeden Sullivan, '04

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# Fall 2005 Scrapbook!



In connection with the 18th annual Creating Change Conference in Oakland, sponsored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Shelley Facente '02 and her husband, Brian Ambrosch, hosted a gathering for LGBT and allied alumni. Pictured are (back) Ambrosch, Michael Mandel '00, Lynly S. Egyes '03, and IC LGBT coordinator Lis Maurer; (center) Braeden Sullivan '04; (front) Levi Halberstadt '02, Facente, and Danny Baker '03.



Lis presents a session on cross cultural issues in sexual and reproductive health in the context of the global HIV/AIDS pandemic, at the Creating Change conference in November.

*Photo by Braeden Sullivan*

Stephen Tropiano, Director of the Ithaca College LA Program visited Ithaca and offered a popular weekend course on television portrayals of LGBT people.



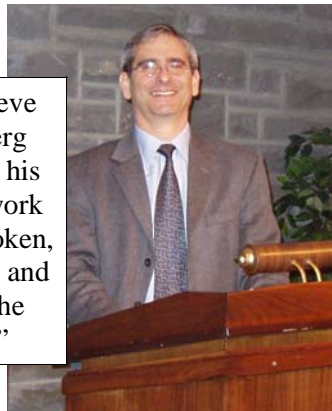
Award-winning photojournalist Lynn Johnson discusses her craft in the LGBT Resource Room.

*Photo by Janice Levy*



National Coming Out Day event "Queer(ed) Poems" with alumna Lenelle Moise '02 (on left), pictured here at reception with Michael Miller, Sarah Cayea, and Kristin Baker after her performance in October.

Rabbi Steve Greenberg discusses his life and work in "Outspoken, Orthodox, and Out of the Closet"



*NYC bus advertising TransGeneration*



Full house at *TransGeneration* Screening in August. Before the series premiered on the Sundance Channel in late September, a special festival cut was screened on campus. The Sundance Channel selected Ithaca College as one of 100 campuses to premier the film in a coordinated nationwide sneak-peek screening.

## LGBT Center Website Honored

Our recently redesigned website has been awarded two MarCom Creative Awards. The MarCom Creative Awards is an international competition that recognizes outstanding work by marketing and communication professionals involved in the concept, writing and design of marketing and communication programs and print, visual and audio materials. The newly redesigned LGBT Center website was created by the LGBT Coordinator and Sarah Johnson '06.

## 2006: Upcoming Events

This spring semester will include a variety of events that will run in conjunction with the Handwerker Gallery exhibit of the National Holocaust Museum's traveling exhibit on Nazi persecution of gay and lesbian people.

### January 26th

Exhibit Opening and Curator's talk in the Handwerker Gallery

### February 8th

Screening of the film "Paragraph 175"

6:30 pm in the Handwerker Gallery

### February 13th

Screening of the film "Paper Clips"

6:30 pm in the Handwerker Gallery

### February 20th

Faculty panel, "The State of the Closet in Academia"

6 pm, Handwerker Gallery

### January 23rd – 27th

No Name-Calling Week—of special interest to elementary ed majors  
[www.nonamecallingweek.org](http://www.nonamecallingweek.org)

### February 7th

National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

[www.blackaidsday.org/](http://www.blackaidsday.org/)

### February 7th - 14th

National Condom Week

### February 19th – 22nd

The AIDS Working Group presents a display of the Names Project Quilt, Emerson Suites

### March 12th - 18th

Fourth Annual LGBT Health Awareness Week

[www.lgbthealth.net](http://www.lgbthealth.net)

### March 16th

Office of Multicultural Affairs Diversity

Coffee Talk Event, Campus Center

### March 27th

Dan Woog, expert on homophobia and sports,

"The Locker Room: The Last Closet"

7:00 pm, Williams 225

"It Takes A Village: Gay Folks, Straight

Allies and Everyone In Between"

8:30-9:30 pm, workshop with Circles residents

### April 6th

Screening of "Trembling Before G-d" in collaboration with Jewish Studies, Hillel, and the Interfaith Council

8 pm, Textor 101

### April 26th—Day of Silence

[www.dayofsilence.org](http://www.dayofsilence.org)

And Watch for your invitation to the 4th Annual

Rainbow Reception for LGBT and allied graduates in April!

*Our film series continues*

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

*All films will be shown at 7 pm*

### January 24, Textor 102

"Daddy & Papa"

### January 25, Textor 102

"Our House"

### February 1, Textor 102

Short Film Fest featuring 6 short films

### March 1, Textor 102

"Creating a Place at the Table"

### April 5, Textor 101

"Coming Out, Coming Home"

### April 6, Textor 101

"Bubbeh Lee & Me"

*Join us for this*

**SPECIAL FILM EVENT!**

The Best of the  
Out of the Closet Film Series  
Film Festival!

April 1, 9 am - 4 pm Williams 225  
Films to be shown will be selected by  
**YOUR VOTES** on our on-line poll.

*Would you like more information  
about this film series?*

*Call the LGBT Center at 274-7394*

*Or visit [www.ithaca.edu/lgbt](http://www.ithaca.edu/lgbt)*

## Stay Tuned!



Stay tuned for news later this spring about the 2006 Road to Hope Tour.

The tour is coordinated by

Hope's Voice, a national HIV/AIDS organization committed to promoting the education and prevention of HIV/AIDS to young adults.

*Check out [www.hopesvoice.org](http://www.hopesvoice.org) for more info.*

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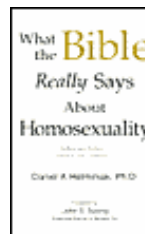
## *Book Notes* by Michael Miller '07 & Sarah Cayea '07



### **Naked** *David Sedaris*

Back Bay Books, 1998

David Sedaris, author of *Barrel Fever*, writes about his life in his unique and hilarious style in his book (a New York Times bestseller) *Naked*. Told from the perspective of a young child, a college student, and an adult, he covers such topics as growing up with a father who's painfully frugal and a chain smoking mother, to his sexuality, to being plagued with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder before anyone knew what it was. *Naked* exposes many facets of the author's life in a hilarious way.



### **What the Bible Really Says About Homosexuality**

*Daniel A. Helminiak, Ph.D.*  
Alamo Square Dist Inc., 1994

This book gives a new, liberal perspective of homosexuality as it is defined in Biblical terms. Helminiak, a theologian and Roman Catholic priest, discusses how interpretations of the Bible can take many forms and argues that most translations of the Bible concerning homosexuality are inaccurate. He uses several Bible passages to demonstrate his arguments. A must-read for those who are interested in the intersection of homosexuality and Christianity, especially Christian persons who identify with the LGBT community.