



**MIDWEST BISEXUAL LESBIAN GAY
TRANSGENDER COLLEGE CONFERENCE**

Hosted by
University of Illinois at Chicago

February 20-22, 1998

Location	Session I	Session II	Session III	Session IV	Session V
	Saturday 10:45—Noon	Saturday 1:00—2:15 P.M.	Saturday 2:20—3:10 P.M.	Sunday 8:30—9:20	Sunday 9:30—10:45
Chicago Circle Center 509	Designing GLBT Student Groups	Changing Campus Culture		HIV/AIDS and Other STD's	A Training Method for TG Awareness
Chicago Circle Center 605	Making Visible: Queer Celebrity	Sexual Orientation	Fight the Hate	Hidden Obsessions: Lesbian Represent'ns	Organizing for Equality
Chicago Circle Center 613	Inside the Athletic Closet	Social Issues of the Transgender Comm'ity		Career Placement Strategies	Somewhere Over the Rainbow
Chicago Circle Center 713	HIV Prevention Vaccines/Trials	For Whom the Belle Toils	What Do We Do Now?	Out on Campus: Faculty/Staff	Female Bidentity: Women Tellin' It
Student Residence & Commons: Rathskeller				United We Stand, Divided We Fall	From the Page to the Stage
Lecture Center A2	To Queer a Small Campus				
Lecture Center A4	Transgender Issues	Advisors' Roundtable	Integrating GLBT Scholarship		
Lecture Center A5	Co-Curricular Programming		Make a Friend! Delta Lambda Phi		
Lecture Center B1	Faculty/Staff Leadership	Lesbian & Bi- Women's Health	Warming the Chilly Climate	How Teachers Under- stand GrL Content	Public Opinion and LGB People
Lecture Center C1	Dotheads to Dyke Divas	It's Time to End the Gay Rights Movement	Queers R Us		The Closet Door: Helping Those Behind
Lecture Center C3	Choosing to Label: What's in a Name?	Creating a Positive Bisexual Identity	Why Engage the Church?	The Causes of Homophobia	To Be or Not To Be? Outing Oneself
Lecture Center C4	Beyond the Campus		Breaking the Silence	Coalition Building: Forming United Front	Daring to be Dykes in Academia
Lecture Center C6	Implementing Human Rights Ordinances	Legally Speaking: Safety & Support	Amnesty Int'l: Human Rights of LGBTs	Organizing a Grass- roots Women's Group	Ethics in GLB Student Leadership
Lecture Center D1	Queer Parenting	PFLAG, Family, and Society	Encountering Our Own Heterosexism	Out and About	Newsletters and Online Publishing
Lecture Center D2	How Can I Ask if You Practice Safe Sex?	Sensuality, Sex & Safety	GLB Life and Activities at Ford	Struggling to Include Sexual Orientation	Shattered Stereotypes: Intro to Transgendered
Lecture Center D4	Doing it for Ourselves: Teen Activists	The Doctor Says I'm Gay	Being a Campus Media Watchdog		Sexuality, Spirit, and the Sacred
Lecture Center D5	Education, Diversity and Sexual Orientation	Identifying and Eliminating Sexism	What You See Is What You Get		MBLGTCC 1999
Lecture Center E1	Multiplicity of the Harvest; Diversity	I Will Survive: Experi- ences of HS Students	Bi the Way... A Dis- cussion of Bisexuality	Queer @ Martin Luther Edu	
Lecture Center F1	Grass Roots Organizing Workshop	Strengths & Challenges Bringing All of You	Counseling in Genderland	Legal Fruit Loops (Faculty/Staff)	Becoming a Better LGBT Activist
Lecture Center F3	Internet Activism	Safe on Campus: Allies Support of GLBT	A Circle of Friends Should Never End	Transgender Queers	Understanding the Needs of TG Families
Lecture Center F4	Challenging Homophobia	Intimacy Building in LGBT Relationships	What's in it for You?		Same-Sex Sexual Harassment
Lecture Center F6	Legal Fruit Loops (Students)	We're Here We're Queer	Researching Our Own Lives: LBGT Students		
Lincoln Hall 202	Researching the Sexual		Mentor, Mediator, Advisor, Friend		Who Will Lead Us?
Taft Hall 219	Out in the Open: LGBT Univ. Housing	LGBT Student Discussion Groups	Awareness & Sensitivity	Voice of Protest	

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"Across the Fruited Plain"

February 20, 1998

Hey Queers,

Welcome to the Midwest Bisexual Lesbian Gay Transgender College Conference – wow, what a mouthful. It has been a year full of challenges, learning experiences, stress, compromises, and long hours of arduous meetings.

There is no way we could have been prepared for what was to happen over the last year. From the beginning, we wanted the conference to be bigger, better, and more inclusive than any previous conference. Just adding the word "transgender" to the title and coming up with the theme, "Across the Fruited Plain," all seemed to be very controversial, but important nonetheless. Controversy, in fact, seemed to drive the conference. The introduction of a wide range of topics, ideas, and viewpoints made it clear that we are truly a diverse community. Hopefully, we, as queers, can look at these differences and be open to them and be more receptive to inclusive discourse.

So now, go out there to learn, network and party! We hope that you have a great time and find the experience as rewarding as we have thus far.

Your very exhausted conference co-chairs,

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History of the MBLGTCC Conference

The conference you find yourselves at has been a tradition in the Midwest for the past half-decade. First organized at Emporia State University (Kansas) in 1992 as the Midwest Bisexual, Lesbian, Gay Collegiate Conference, it soon earned the title of "annual" conference when it was held at Iowa State University (Ames) in 1993—known as the First Annual Conference since that time.

The title of the conference has changed slightly since that time. "Collegiate" has since been rendered as "College" conference. Yet the BLG sequence of the original has been adhered to, until the 1998 Conference, where "Transgender" has been added for the first time.

The other venues the conference has seen are Earlham College (Greenville, Indiana, 1994), Southern Illinois University at Carbondale (1995), Beloit College (Wisconsin, 1996), and Indiana State University (Terre Haute, 1997), and now the University of Illinois at Chicago (1998). This year marks the first time the Conference has been held in a major metropolitan area.

A General Note About Your Workshop Presenters:

Accolades are due to all of the 1998 MBLGTCC workshop presenters, for they are all volunteers committed to community service for the benefit of the attendees. They receive no special compensation or favor outside of "the doughnut room", a bit of personal fulfillment or a resume item, and more importantly, your admiration.

In fact all the presenters must be registered and pay the same fees as everyone else. What's more, they have had to jump through all the hurdles of the 1998 Programs Committee review process.

Therefore, if you find the workshops you attend of particular relevance or merit, please take the time to thank the presenters or give your feedback to them. If you don't have the time following the workshop, please try at your next opportunity. Remember, we all have but a weekend. Make it your personal policy to connect sooner -- never later!

--The MBLGTCC Programs/Workshops Committee

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On behalf of the University community, I want to welcome you to the campus of the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). I am pleased that UIC is able to host the Midwest Bisexual, Lesbian, Gay, and Transgender College Conference, an event which has grown in size and importance every year.


It has been almost ten years since UIC initiated its Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Issues. During that time the Committee has worked to improve the climate of the campus for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender members of the community. Toward that end, students, staff, faculty, and administrators have conducted a climate survey, made policy recommendations, conducted workshops and lectures, organized a student paper award, done fundraising to try and establish a scholarship, and sponsored a great many social events. I am pleased that the work of this Committee continues to make UIC a more inviting place for everyone.

I see this conference over the next few days as further evidence that UIC recognizes the importance of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender studies. There are many important issues of the day at stake in these studies, and I am glad that UIC can be host to important and timely discussions about them.

A great deal of effort went into making this conference possible. I want to acknowledge the initiative of the undergraduate students who made this conference possible. Without their motivation, talent, and energy, this conference would not have taken place.

The program for this conference is an interesting mix of lectures and workshops. I hope that your visit to UIC is pleasant and that the conference is full of rewards.

Sincerely,



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