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CENTER FOR WOMEN AND GENDER EQUITY

Mission Statement

The mission of the Center for Women and Gender Equity (CWGE) of Pacific University is to support gender equality through dialogue, service, research, and advocacy in order to facilitate collaborative, humane, and sustainable University, local and global communities.

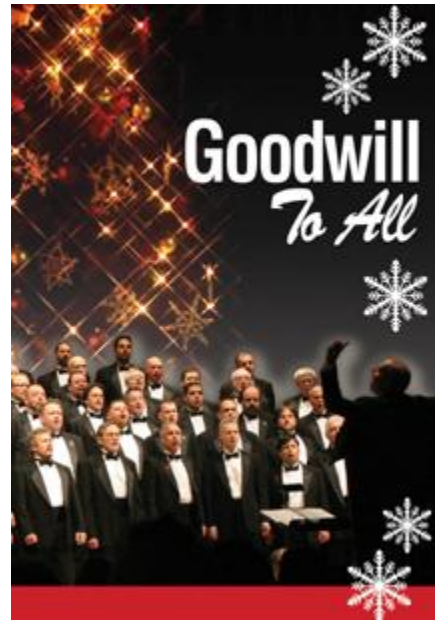
Vision Statement

The board, staff and volunteers of the Center for Women and Gender Equity advocate a feminist paradigm shift to embrace and promote gender, cultural and racial equality; economic and social justice; and the intellectual and cultural growth of Pacific University students, faculty and staff, and the surrounding community. Programs and projects reflect and affirm the following values:

- the inherent worth and dignity of each person
- justice, equity and compassion in all human relations
- the right of conscience
- shared power and responsibility
- shared information access
- community building
- respect for the interconnected web of life
- the non-violent resolution of conflicts



Upcoming CWGE Events:



Portland Gay Men's Chorus presents their 2006 holiday concert, "Goodwill To All!"

Date: Saturday, December 2, 2006

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: Forest Grove United Church of Christ, 2032 College Way

Tickets: \$10.00 general admission, \$5.00 for students (K-12) and senior citizens.

This concert assembles music from various cultures and traditions to celebrate all the holidays of the season. The program includes serious, inspirational pieces as well as pure entertainment, and will appeal to a broad audience.

This is a fundraising concert for Forest Grove PFLAG (Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) and is sponsored by the Center for Women and Gender Equity.

Advance Ticket Sales:
Forest Grove United Church of Christ
office window
Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to
3:00 p.m.
2032 College Way
(503) 357-9121 (Church office)

Tickets will also be sold at the door.

Refreshments will be provided by Pies for Peace. Pie slices sold for \$3, whole pie for \$15. Proceeds from pie sales benefit Mercy Corps, a Portland-based humanitarian relief organization.

Vagina Monologues February 9, 10 & 11

The production, originally written and performed by Eve Ensler, is being sponsored here at Pacific University by The Center for Women & Gender Equity. It is to be performed Feb. 9, 10 & 11, 2007. Performances will be held in the Tom Miles Theater and ticket prices will be 5\$ Students & Seniors, 10\$ general admission. All proceeds will be donated to a local charity addressing women's concerns in the Forest Grove area.

Brown Bags

Tuesdays, 12:00pm, University Center
(see www.pacificu.edu for directions)

February 6: Women and Mormonism
February 20: Gender in India
March 6: Men's Perspectives on
Domestic Violence
April 3: Strippers & Feminism
April 17: Witchcraft & Paganism

Gender in the Grove (& beyond)

Q Center (Portland's emerging LGBTQ community center):

- Scholarship & College Night
- Tuesday, December 5, 2006
- 6pm - 8pm
- 69 SE Taylor Avenue, Suite 145
Portland, Oregon

In partnership with Equity Foundation and Pride Foundation, Q Center is proud to host a Scholarship & College night for LGBTQ Students, families, and all interested community members.

Please join us and receive valuable information regarding: scholarship opportunities for LGBTQ students, college campus life & student resource information.



Just Out presents Gay Skate Night!

(7-9 pm 1 SE Spokane St.,
Portland)
Grease your wheels every third
Monday at Oaks Park.

Proceeds benefit the Just Out
Scholarship Fund.

\$5 plus canned food items for
Esther's Pantry.

CWGE News

CWGE India Bound



In January 2007 fifteen Pacific undergrads will spend time in Madurai, India living at a local college and studying women and gender in Indian society. CWGE has established a sister-center relationship with a women's center at a college in Madurai, India called Lady Doak College. The purpose of the relationship is to facilitate the exchange of students, community and faculty scholars with our sister campus in India in order to study topics germane to CWGE's mission. The students will participate in a annual pre-historic Pongol festival which includes bull-fighting and cooking rice at sunrise. They will visit villages and talk with women who have organized domestic micro-industries, and deliver books that CWGE has gathered to take to area orphanages. In addition, each student will conduct field research on a subject of his/her choice relating to gender issues. In February the group will present their findings and share their insights with the Pacific Community.

CWGE is also sponsoring a community group which will travel to India in February of 2007 on a service-learning trip based on working with women and families.

The Face of CWGE:

Michelle Conley



Serving as the Coordinator of Psychological Services for CWGE has been a wonderful opportunity. I am a 4th year graduate student in the School of Professional Psychology (SPP), and my role is to provide organizational consultation, primarily through means of needs analyses to increase partnership between the CWGE and the graduate student community. I help mentor and supervise four other SPP students who have been involved with core CWGE activities such as Girls Today, Saudi Student Programming, Nontraditional Student Mentoring, Queer Programming, and Men's Programming. Being a part of the CWGE and having an active, hands-on role in campus community and awareness have been exciting. CWGE also fits with my personal and professional interests of advocating for and continually learning about gender and sexual minority issues.

Being a born and raised Oregonian, I started my life in Klamath Falls, moved to Bend until I was 19-years-old. I completed my first two years of college at Central Oregon Community College, and then I transferred to Portland State University where I received my B.S. in Psychology. Then, I jumped right into my graduate work at Pacific's SPP, where I received a MS in clinical

psychology, and have an end goal of receiving my doctorate in clinical psychology. With this degree, I hope to do individual and couples counseling with specialties in LGBT issues, and organizational consulting.

While free time you can find me with my husband, friends, and family; playing with my three furry children (Gracie my dog, and Cody and Jo-Jo my two cats); and spending time gardening in my backyard, hiking, and camping. I have also recently discovered a new fervor for beading jewelry, and whenever I have a chance, I love to travel.

Gender Speaks

Hi, I'm doing a research project on feminism and gender and can't seem to find a lot of literature about it. Where can I go to find out more? I don't have a car, so some place on or near campus would be ideal!

~Finding feminist books

Dear Finding,

You're in luck! If Pacific's library doesn't have enough books on feminism and gender for your project, then the Center for Women and Gender Equity sure will! The Center is located behind Drake House, right by the CPS office. Inside you'll find a wide variety of books focusing on gender and feminist issues. There are also many contact numbers to other places with literature on those issues, as well as a staff that would be happy to talk with you any time to help with your project. If you send the staff an e-mail I'm sure they would meet you at the office and show you around!

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