

Allies of TEXAS★STATE

Allies of Texas State Fall Biannual

Transcending Gender: Aligning Body & Mind, with Dr. Marci Bowers

November 17—the same presentation will be given two times:

2pm-4pm in LBJ 3-14.1

7pm-9pm in LBJ Teaching Theater (reception at 7 pm)



Dr. Marci Bowers is listed among 'America's Best Physicians' and is a member of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health. She is one of the nation's leading gender-related surgeons, specializing in sex reassignment surgeries. She has appeared on numerous television programs, including Oprah and Discovery Health. Committed to healthy living, she is interested in alternative health solutions to compliment more traditional medical techniques.

Please visit the Allies [website](#) for more information and to request a Continuing Education Certificate.

Thinking About Coming Out for the Holidays?

Coming out is a significant personal decision. Many things could happen after coming out, both positive and negative. Often the holiday season is a time where young people decide to come out and choose whom to tell about their sexuality. Learn what to consider when coming out and how you can assist as an Ally supporting someone with coming out. Remember that coming out is celebrating who you are as an individual!! Please visit this [website](#) for more information.

Texas State University-San Marcos

I'm an Ally, are you? Spread the word!

December training is full! Keep your eye on the December 1 LGBTQA e-mail for last minute openings.

Spring 2010 dates are available.

Registration for Spring 2010 trainings now!

Thursday	Feb. 11	8:30 am - 12:30 am
Wednesday	March 17	12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Friday	April 9	12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Tuesday	April 20	8:30 am - 12:30 pm

The only way to be an "official" Texas State Ally is to attend a training session. Registration is required! Snack food is provided at trainings. Feel free to arrive 15 minutes early to get settled in as the training will start promptly. All trainings will be held in LBJ Student Center 3-13. In order to provide the highest quality training registration is limited to 30 individuals. To register, [click here!](#)

Allies of Texas State on [Facebook!](#)

Allies of Texas State now has a [Facebook](#) group! We'd like to invite you to add us on [Facebook!](#) It's a great way to contact us and keep track of all the events going on at Texas State!

Be a Mentor!

The Mentoring Program is a student service provided by the Vice President for Student Affairs Office. The program pairs incoming freshmen and transfer students with staff, faculty, and peer/student mentors. Mentees have the option to request Ally mentors, and mentors have the option to indicate they are Allies. The commitment to help new Texas State students acclimate to campus has resulted in higher GPAs and increased retention. The Mentoring Program gives new students opportunities to have a successful first year and supports students through academic and social activities. For more information, and to apply to be a Mentor/Mentee, visit the [website](#).

For the First time Allies can contribute to the Allies Program during the *Reach for the Stars* Texas State staff/faculty charitable giving campaign in which we all come together to make a difference in the lives of our fellow faculty, staff and students. Dates: October 12-November 18

There are numerous opportunities for giving and numerous ways to give. You may contribute using payroll deduction, credit card, e-check, check, or cash. If interested in making a contribution online, please visit: <http://www.ua.txstate.edu/Office-development/Faculty-and-Staff-Giving-active.html#>. Under the "Gift Fund" section, select **Other**, and enter "Allies Program" in the Fund Name. Click on "Start Search". The Allies Program is within the Student Affairs Division and Multicultural Student Affairs Department. If you are not faculty/staff and would like to contribute, please visit <http://www.ua.txstate.edu/TSTA.html>. Click on "Make Your Gift Online". Under "Campaigns", click "Other". In the drop down box for "University Area", select "Student Affairs". Next, click the drop down box for "Department" and select "Multicultural Student Affairs". Finally, click the drop down box for "Fund" and select "Allies Program". Then proceed with your donation.

This fund is necessary. We have been unable to support students who are cut off financially by family when they come out or who want to attend LGBTQ conferences in order to provide better resources to our LGBTQ community. This fund is being created so that the Allies Program Team can distribute funds

to support LGBTQ students with emergency tuition and book buying monies, to send LGBTQ student leaders to training opportunities, and to support Allies educational programs. Your donation of even \$10 can greatly support our endeavor to provide financial assistance to our LGBTQ students. If you have any questions or difficulties contributing to the fund, please e-mail us at allies@txstate.edu.

San Marcos

GLBTQ AA Meetings

Fridays 6pm

St. Mark's Episcopal Church room J2A

510 N Guadalupe St

For details contact Gina at terrellgina@hotmail.com .

Austin

Q Thanksgiving Potluck

November 18, 6:30pm

3408 West Avenue

Bring a dish to pass and some games to play! We'll be hanging out and celebrating the holiday. For more information, please visit the [website](#).

Ethics at the Alamo

November 19, 11:30am-1:30pm

Alamo Draft House – South Lamar

Join us for Ethics at the Alamo, presented by AIDS Services of Austin's Capital Area AIDS Legal Project (CAALP). Please visit the [website](#) for registration information.

Qboyz Volleyball

November 20, 6pm

Peace Park

Anyone who's played volleyball with the Qboyz will tell you that it is a fun time. You get to perfect your volleyball skills, talk smack with other gays, and make some new friends. And the guys often hang out afterwards. For more information, please visit the [website](#).

Transgender Day of Remembrance

November 21, 6:30pm

Austin City Hall Plaza

Please join us for a vigil in observance of Transgender Day of Remembrance. Throughout the world, people gather every year to pay respect to those needlessly killed by hate crimes against the transgender community, and to call attention to the threat of violence faced by gender-variant people. The vigil will include speakers from the LGBTQ community, community leaders, and allies. Visitor parking is available at Austin City Hall for \$5.

Free Mammograms

November 23-24

701 Tillery Street Suite A-1

allgo is collaborating with the Seton Cancer Screening Program to provide mammograms. Breast self-exam teaching and pamphlets will also be provided. An appointment is required. Please call Seton Cancer Screening to schedule an appointment: 512.505.5528 or 1.866.294.4923.

Qboyz Coffee Night

November 25, 7pm-8:30pm

3408 West Avenue

Come on down, hang with the Qboyz, plan some events, and get wired on cappuccinos and lattes. It's always a great time! Please visit the [website](#) for more details.

GAY MEN'S MEDITATION GROUP

Sundays, 7pm

Shambhala Meditation Center

1702 S. Fifth

What is the sound of one finger clicking? Check the website for the latest. *H-ohhhhhhhmmm-o. Free.* We are a non-denominational fellowship of meditators meeting in Austin, TX. We are open to gay men of any religious or non-religious persuasion. We meet on a weekly basis to sit together and share our experiences in a relaxed safe atmosphere. www.gaymeditation.org

Waterloo Counseling Center Support Groups

Gay and Bisexual Men's Psychotherapy Group

Mondays, 6pm – 7:30pm

Women's Coming Out Support Group

Tuesdays, 5pm – 6:30pm

Waterloo Counseling Center

314 E. Highland Mall Blvd, Ste 301

Waterloo Counseling Center's (WCC) vision is for Austin to be an all inclusive community. WCC provides a safe, accepting, supportive environment in order for those at the margins to regain their voice; empowers clients to change relationships that inflict silence, shame, and isolation; and advocates for a community that has no margins. WCC provides affordable mental health counseling services utilizing a sliding scale fee, advocates specifically for the GLBT community and those affected by HIV/AIDS and provides diversity training with an expertise in gender and sexual identity.

Please call (512) 444-9922 ext. 100 for more information or <http://www.waterloocounseling.org/>

Movie Night at the Q

Thursdays, 7pm

3408 West Ave.

QBoyz is a community center run by young gay, bisexual, curious, and questioning guys 18-29. Their goals is to build a stronger and more supportive community by volunteering, having social events, and promoting a greater awareness of men's health issues. For more information go to www.Qboyz.org

San Antonio

Alamo City Men's Chorale Spaghetti Lunch

November 15, 12pm

Madison Square Presbyterian Church

ACMC is continuing our Spaghetti Lunch plate event. This year, we plan on making it even more of a tasty success. Tell your neighbors, family, and friends that this is the place to be for lunch. Cost is \$6 and includes drink and dessert.

"El Fin Del Mundo Hotel"

November 15

Jump-Start Performance Co.

108 Blue Star

This play by Ruby Nelda Perez and playwright Rodrigo Duarte-Clark, is about two women in the Chicano Movement, who stick by each other through fundraisers, children, and protest marches until a disagreement sends them their separate ways. Years later, Lola is the owner of a motel in El Paso and Maria Lupe is on a bus with a dead cell phone on her way to visit her estranged friend. Both women are alone, in trouble and in danger. They need each other, but first there is a desert to cross. \$16 general admission, \$12 students, military & seniors. Groups of ten or more are \$10 per person. Please call (210) 227-5867 or visit www.jump-start.org to purchase and print your tickets.

Transgender Day of Remembrance

November 19, 6pm – 9pm

Metropolitan Community Church

611 East Myrtle

This is the most important event in the year for the Transgender community. We will be celebrating the lives of those were taken from us only because they were different. Please join us for a service in the MCC sanctuary followed by a potluck dinner.

HRC Ladies on the Loose

November 19, 6:30pm

Wetmore City Limits

12329 Wetmore Road

Join us for entertainment, karaoke, and a complimentary buffet. We will be collecting donations for the Children's Advocacy Alliance Resource Network. Please bring travel-size toiletries, diapers, wipes, baby clothes, and any used baby items (booster chairs, toys, strollers, etc).

HRC Bowling for Equality

November 21, 1pm-5pm

Bandera Super Bowl

6700 Huebner

Tickets are \$35 for a single registration, \$150 for team registration (team consists of 5 people), and \$20 for non-bowlers. To purchase tickets or become a sponsor, go to www.hrc.org/sanantoniobowling.

Bearly Drag 2

November 21, Silent Auction at 8pm, Show at 10pm

Bonham Exchange

Come and support the Bears of San Antonio as they present "Bearly Drag 2." Pre-show party and silent auction begin at 8pm and the show begins at 10pm. This year's beneficiaries are MCC Food Pantry and ACTS HIV Ministry.

"Play It Again Sam"

Now – December 6

Cameo Theater

In "Play it Again Sam," a man who has just been through a messy divorce receives dating advice from the ghost of Humphrey Bogart. Tickets and show time details can be found at www.cameocenter.com or by calling the info line at 210.212.5454.

Other Opportunities

**SOULFORCE, BOX TURTLE BULLETIN, TRUTH WINS OUT
THE NATIONAL BLACK JUSTICE COALITION AND EQUALITY FLORIDA**
present
THE 2009 ANTI-HETEROSEXISM CONFERENCE
Moving Beyond the Trauma of Homophobia, Transphobia, and Reparative Therapy

Includes a special pre-conference institute by Beyond Ex-Gay for survivors of ex-gay ministries and reparative therapy!

November 20-22, 2009
Crowne Plaza West Palm Beach
1601 Belvedere Road
West Palm Beach, FL 33406

[Click here for conference description and call for presentations](#)



The 22nd National Conference on LGBT Equality: Creating Change

The 22nd National Conference on LGBT Equality: Creating Change will be held at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel in beautiful downtown Dallas, Texas, February 3 - 7, 2010. Produced by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the Creating Change Conference (as it is affectionately known) is the nation's pre-eminent political, leadership and skills-building conference for the LGBT social justice movement. Since

1988, Creating Change has been the opportunity for thousands of committed people to develop and hone their skills, celebrate victories, build community, and to be inspired by visionaries of our LGBT movement and allied movements for justice and equality.

The primary goal of the Creating Change Conference is to build our movement's political power from the ground up to secure our overarching goal of full equality, social justice and dignity for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in the United States.

Complete information can be found at www.creatingchange.org.

Equality Texas E-mail List

Equality Texas educates and engages the public about policies and their effect on Texans of all sexual orientations and gender identities/expressions.

While significant cultural, legal and governmental advances have led to greater equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Texans, LGBT Texans and their families remain highly vulnerable, without the vast majority of rights and protections that most Texans take for granted.

Through our education, organizing and advocacy programs, we work toward creating a broadly diverse alliance of people in government, communities of faith, labor, all sectors of the workforce and other social justice movements to achieve equality for LGBT Texans and the broader goals of social, racial and economic justice.

To find more information about Equality Texas and to subscribe to their email list, please visit the [website](#).