

January 2020 at the LGBTQ Center

WEDNESDAY 01/15

[Center After Dark](#) [1]

5:00pm - 8:00pm at the LGBTQ Center

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The theme is: Playstation!

THURSDAY 01/16

[Confidential Drop-In Hours with Gender Violence Services Coordinators](#) [2]

3:00pm -5:00pm (1st and 3rd Thursdays) in the LGBTQ Center

The Gender Violence Services Coordinators (GVSCs) provide confidential support and advocacy for all students, faculty, staff, and post-doctoral fellows of all backgrounds and identities who have experienced or have been impacted by gender-based violence or harassment before or during their time at Carolina.

All information disclosed within sessions is confidential and may not be revealed to anyone outside of the GVSCs without written permission.

Queer Graduate and Professional Students (QGAPS) Social [3]

6:00pm - 7:30pm at Linda's Bar and Grill, 203 E Franklin St, Chapel Hill, NC 27514

QGAPS Social is a bi-monthly gathering for LGBTQIA+ graduate and professional students. It's a chance for folks to connect, come together, and build community. Friends and family are welcome to join! Appetizers will be provided.

If you have any questions or accessibility needs, please contact our Graduate and Professional Student Program Coordinator.

Hosted by Erin Case (she/her/hers).

TUESDAY 01/21

Standard Safe Zone [4]

1:00pm - 5:00pm. Register for location details.

Safe Zone is a program designed to create a network of visible allies to people who identify as part of the diverse LGBTQ+ community. The four-hour educational session provides information and resources related to sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.

The LGBTQ Center does not provide refreshments during the training, but please feel free to bring a meal or snack.

Trans Talk Tuesday [5]

6:15pm - 7:15pm at Caribou Coffee, 1408 E Franklin St, Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Trans Talk Tuesday is a peer support/discussion group for people who identify as transgender, gender non-conforming, or who are questioning their gender. This space is meant to provide community and connection among folks on the basis of gender identity.

The group is open to campus and community members that identify as transgender (in any respect), genderqueer, or who are questioning their gender identity or gender expression.

Facilitated by Anole Halper, MSW, MPH. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays year-round.

WEDNESDAY 01/22

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The theme is: board games!

Center Ambassadors Meeting [6]

5:30pm - 6:30pm at the SASB South 3314 (across from Center)

Do you love meeting new people? Do you have ideas or suggestions about LGBTQ Center programming? Are you interested in helping to raise campus awareness of LGBTQ identities and communities?

If so, you might be a great fit for the LGBTQ Center Ambassadors program. As an ambassador, you will:

- brainstorm programs and events with Center staff
- help design promotional and educational materials
- help create a friendly and welcoming atmosphere at Center events

New and prospective Ambassadors are always welcome!

THURSDAY 01/23

QGAPS QTPOC Social [3]

6:00pm - 7:30pm at TOPO Back Bar, 100 E Franklin St, Chapel Hill, NC 27514

QTPOC Grad/Prof Student Gathering is an event for Black, Indigenous, and graduate and professional students of color who identify as LGBTQIA+. Come out to get to know other QTPOC and bring your affirming loved ones! Appetizers will be provided.

Hosted by Mariel Eaves (MSW 2022; they/them/theirs)

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MONDAY 01/27

Faculty and Staff Mixer [7]

12:00pm – 1:30pm at Top of The Hill, 100 E Franklin St #300, Chapel Hill, NC 27514

LGBTIQA+ folks who work for the University in ANY capacity are welcome join the LGBTQ Center once per month to enjoy casual conversation, build relationships, and support one another.

To increase accessibility for more schedules and shifts, we'll meet at midday on odd months and in the evening on even months. Feel free to bring your affirming friends, colleagues, and loved ones.

WEDNESDAY 01/29

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The theme is: arts and crafts!

THURSDAY 01/30

Standard Safe Zone for Teaching Assistants [8]

12:00pm - 4:00pm in Dey Hall, Toy Lounge, 200 South Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27514

In this Safe Zone for people currently serving as Teaching Assistants (and those interested in a future role as a Teaching Assistant) we will discuss strategies to create an inclusive classroom, go through scenarios you might encounter, and answer any questions you have.

This is a great opportunity to learn how to be an ally to your students, to learn about resources available to LGBTIQ+ students, and to build skills around inclusion and advocacy that will be beneficial in future TA or professor roles.

Lunch will be provided! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out to our Graduate and Professional Student Program Coordinator.

FRIDAY 01/31

LGBTIQ+ Speaker Series on Addressing the Needs and Challenges of LGBTQ Students [9]

1:00pm – 2:00pm at Graduate Student Center, 211A W Cameron Ave, Chapel Hill, NC 27599

"Don't tell me it gets better. Make it better" -- Addressing the Needs and Challenges of LGBTQ Students.

This lunch and learn, lead by Gray Rodgers, will focus on several studies that examine both the adversity and sources of support LGBTQ youth find in school. Topics covered include sex-education, bullying, academic performance, and mental health challenges of LGBTQ youth in American schools. We will also discuss the role of teachers and school staff in promoting a healthy school climate.

School climate is found to be one of the most significant predictors of LGBTQ students' health and academic success, yet GLSEN report reveals year after year that LGBTQ youth do not feel safe and affirmed in their school environments. We will discuss the

challenges of this research as well as important areas for future directions. There will be time to ask questions and discuss solutions to issues raised in both research and practice for improving school climate for LGBTQ youth.

Lunch will be provided! Please register to ensure we have enough food for everyone.

If you have any questions or accessibility needs, please contact our Graduate and Professional Student Program Coordinator.

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