

## **APA COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER PERSONS IN THE PROFESSION**

### **MARY BLOODSWORTH-LUGO, CHAIR**

The APA LGBT Committee for 2008-2009 consisted of Talia Bettcher (associate chair), Mary Bloodsworth-Lugo (chair), Loren Cannon, Timothy Murphy (newsletter editor), Lanei Rodemeyer, and Shannon Winnubst. The committee was in email contact throughout the academic year and continued to cooperate with the Society for Lesbian and Gay Philosophy (SLGP) in the area of programming and co-sponsored sessions at the three divisional meetings during the year.

At the **Eastern** Division meetings (2008) in New York, NY, we co-sponsored a session titled, "Objectification, Heterogeneity, and the Queer Point of View." Participants and papers included: Gary Jaeger (chair), Anne Barnhill, "Failures of Empathy and Sexual Objectification," Carol Viola Anne Quinn, "Reluctance to Defend a Queer Point of View," and Bassam Romaya (commentator).

At the **Central** Division meetings (2009) in Chicago, we co-sponsored a session titled, "GLBT Issues in Applied Ethics." Participants and papers included: Julie Klein (chair), Bassam Romaya, "From Persecution to Propaganda: Iraq and the Question of Sexual Cleansing," Dennis R. Cooley, "Genetic Engineering, Non-Heterosexuality, and Lives Worth Living," and Rachel Heller (commentator).

At the **Pacific** Division meetings (2009) in San Francisco, we co-sponsored an open session with papers by James A. Martell, "Sexuality Without Sexual Identity: The Ethics of Queer Theory," and D. Rita Alfonso, "Urban Nostalgia and Rural Masculinities in Bill Basquin's Rage."

The committee wishes to thank Timothy Murphy for continuing his work as editor of the *APA Newsletter on Philosophy and LGBT Issues*, and Talia Bettcher, for assuming the role of committee chair with the 2009-2010 academic year.

The chairs of APA Diversity Committees continue to serve as ex-officio members on the APA Inclusiveness Committee. In this capacity, I followed list-serve discussions related to inclusiveness within the profession and communicated important information to members of the LGBT Committee throughout the academic year.