

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

2011-12 Report

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The APA LGBT Committee for 2011-2012 consisted of Talia Bettcher (chair), Alastair Norcross (Associate Chair), Anna Carastathis, Margaret Denike, Kim Hall, Richard Nunan, Alexis Shotwell, Lori Watson, and William Wilkerson (Newsletter Editor), serving also as *ex officio* member. The committee was in email contact throughout the year.

I drafted a response to some of the objections and concerns raised by the Committee on Academic Career Opportunities and Placement in response to the letter that was drafted by the LGBT committee and unanimously approved by the Inclusiveness Committee (early 2011). The letter summarized concerns that I had raised at the November 2010 meeting of the Board of Officers about the APA's practice of allowing institutions in non-compliance with the nondiscrimination statement to advertise in *JFP* (while "flagging" them). At the November 2011 meeting of the APA Board of Officers, Anita Silvers (Chair of the Inclusiveness Committee) spoke on behalf of the strong enforcement policy proposal that institutions in non-compliance not be allowed to advertise in *JFP*. This policy was approved by the Board.

The APA LGBT Committee held sessions at both the Central and the Pacific Division Meetings. At the Central, we sponsored a panel of graduate student research. Chair Raja Halwani (School of Art Institute of Chicago), Speakers: Stephanie Kapusta (Western) "A Philosophical Account of Transgender Narratives of Incongruence" and Cori Wong (Pen State) "Where are the Gay Girls? Re-cognizing Homophobia."

At the Pacific Division, we co-sponsored a session (with Society for Gay and Lesbian Philosophy) entitled "Queer and Trans: Issues in Ethics, Politics, and Representation." Chair: Cheshire Calhoun (Arizona State University), Speakers: Christine Pierce (North Carolina State University) "Why Gay and Feminist Scholars Should Stop Opposing Same-Sex Marriage," Carol V. A. Quinn (Metro State College of Denver) "Queer Ethics," Richard Nunan (College of Charleston) "The Crying Game: Deceptive Transsexuals in Film Criticism," Alexis Shotwell (Laurentian University) "The queer work of remembering for the future: Affect, memory, and bioethics"

The chairs of APA Diversity Committees continue to serve as *ex-officio* members on the APA Inclusiveness Committee. I served in this capacity, contributing to list-serve discussions related to inclusiveness within the profession and helping assess project proposals that had been submitted to the APA.

The committee thanks William Wilkerson for his excellent work as editor of the *APA Newsletter on Philosophy and LGBT Issues*. Our most recent Newsletter was published in Fall 2011.