

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

2009-10 Report

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The APA LGBT Committee for 2009-2010 consisted of Talia Bettcher (chair), Loren Cannon, Margaret Denike, Kim Leighton, Lanei Rodemeyer, Shannon Winnubst, and Timothy Murphy (newsletter editor/*ex officio*). The committee was in email contact throughout the year.

I served as an ex-officio member on the APA Inclusiveness Committee. In this capacity, I was involved in discussions related to inclusiveness within the profession. During the summer (2009), the LGBT committee spent considerable time consulting with the Committee on the Inclusiveness of the Profession which was charged with drafting a report and recommendations in light of the petition and counter-petitions concerning the APA's statement on non-discrimination (particularly, its stance on discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation). We also composed a letter which was presented to the Board of Officers. The letter addressed some of the specific arguments from a counter-petition as well as raised concerns about the proposal (ultimately endorsed by the Board of Officers) that the APA should continue to allow institutions which discriminate to advertise in *JFP*, while flagging their non-compliance with the statement of non-discrimination.

The committee co-sponsored programming with the Society for Lesbian and Gay Philosophy (SLGP) at the three divisional meetings during the year.

At the Eastern Division meeting, we co-sponsored a round-table discussion entitled "Sexual-Orientation, Discrimination and Moral Compromise." The participants included: John Corvino (Chair), Avi Cramer, Andrew Koppelman, Alastair Norcross, and Thomas Williams. One of the issues discussed was the petition concerning departments at religious institutions which discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.

At the Central Division meeting, we co-sponsored an open session. The participants included Andy Wible (Chair), Dennis R. Cooley ("Is Outing Oneself a Moral Responsibility? Revisited"), Carol Viola Ann Quinn ("What Makes a Dance Queer?"), and Raja Halwani (Commentator).

At the Pacific Division meeting, we co-sponsored another open session. The participants included Cheshire Calhoun (Chair), Richard Nunan ("Same-Sex Marriage in California: Direct Democracy vs. Constitutional Integrity"), Raja Halwani ("Some Thoughts on the Ethics of Racial Desires"), and Annika Thiem ("What Does the Breast Want from Me? Transerotics Queering Heterosexuality").

The committee wishes to thank Timothy Murphy for his excellent work as editor of the *APA Newsletter on Philosophy and LGBT Issues*.