



we're so glad you're here!

Out and About

CMU'S LGBTQIA+ FACULTY AND STAFF ALLIANCE NEWSLETTER



Dreams of Hope presentation on February 20, a collab with Sankofa-Black Faculty and Staff Alliance

HEY, HOW ARE YOU?

THIS WORLD WOULD BE A WHOLE LOT BETTER IF WE JUST MADE AN EFFORT TO BE LESS HORRIBLE TO ONE ANOTHER.

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Spunky Enby Seeking New Co-Lead for 2024-2026

Ryan M. McKelvey will be stepping down as co-lead at the end of August. We are actively seeking applicants for this co-lead vacancy. The leads serve a two-year staggered term and are responsible for planning, scheduling and leading the meetings and events, communications, ensuring the group remains focused on its goals, and sending funding requests to the ERG Advisor, for whom they are the primary contact.

We will email an application form and further information soon!

Recent Events

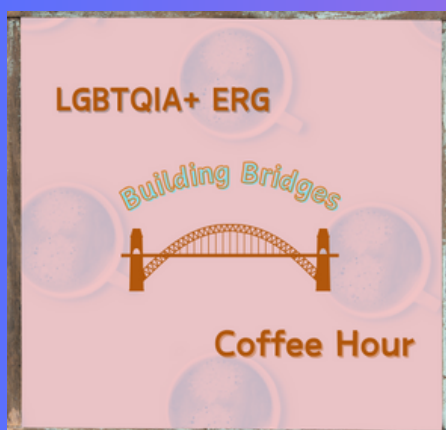
DREAMS OF HOPE QUEER YOUTH ARTS

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

On February 20 we collaborated with the Sankofa-Black Faculty and Staff Alliance in order to collectively celebrate Black History Month. Over a brown bag lunch event, we were able to get to know each other and then enjoy a presentation by the queer youth arts group "Dreams of Hope". If you'd like more information on Dreams of Hope please click the image.

BUILDING BRIDGES

On March 20, World Storytelling Day, we participated in two International World Storytelling Day events that were hosted by the Latine ERG. This was the first all ERG event! The first part of this celebration was a storytelling workshop held the week before, lead by Christian Olmeda from the Latine ERG, while his counter co-lead led the second part of the event on World Storytelling Day. We came together to tell our stories in the spirit of "Building Bridges". It was a great way to learn about others' experiences.



ERG BUILDING BRIDGES COFFEE MEET UPS

In honour of the World Storytelling Day theme, "Building Bridges", we organized a series of coffee meet ups. Every Thursday, at a different location on campus, we'd meet up for some coffee and chatting and it was a lot of fun. We had a few people each time and it provided a great opportunity to laugh about things, tell stories and just meet in person in a casual setting. Due to the success of this event, we will be planning monthly coffee hours soon.

We have ideas for our events and newsletter, but we'd also like to hear your ideas!

Got an idea? [Reach out](#); we'd love to hear it!

Upcoming Events

APRIL

April 12th Carnival Tabling

Lina will be tabling outside Merson Courtyard, near the food line for the Community Picnic from 11:30AM-1:30PM.

Come say hi!

April 16th ERG meeting

Crystal Johnson, DEI archivist at Hunt Library will be speaking to us about a collection that documents the history of the queer community at CMU.

April 20th Special Olympics Volunteering

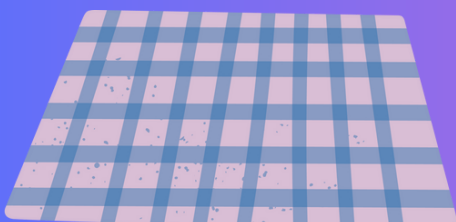
Every year the ERGs volunteer with the Special Olympics for their Western Pennsylvania Spring Sectional Games, hosted by CMU. This year we will be handing out lunches to the athletes. If you are interested in volunteering:

[Follow this link for instructions](#)

MAY

MAY 21ST MEETING

For our **May LGBTQIA+ ERG** meeting we will be meeting in person. This meeting will be an outdoor meeting! Bring your lunch and we'll catch you up on Pride and all of the planning we are doing. It will give us a chance to see each other outside of the Zoom box and interact. Place to be decided.



JUNE

June 1, [Pittsburgh Pride 2024](#)

We are still in the planning stages, but we are marching with a contingent of other CMU affiliates and groups. A sign up sheet and more info we be passed along soon!

June 18

Our scheduled meeting in June has been our usual time to gather together for our Pride Luncheon. Details and time soon!

June 30, [People's Pride 2024](#)

As with the parade above, plans are still being made and updates will come soon!

Campus and Beyond



CMU Pride & Juneteenth Keynotes

These events are currently being planned, for information follow the link to the [Office of the Vice Provost of DEL](#). We will be sure to keep everyone updated via email and Slack.



20,000 Species of Bees is a coming-of-age story that explores the relationship between body, gender, and identity from Lucia and her mother Ane's point of view. It is not just a film about a transgender child, but an intergenerational portrait about identity and acceptance in the family and the construction of gender relationships through tradition and change.

Directed by: Estibaliz Urresola Solaguren

Run Time: 128min **Released:** 2023;
Spain Languages: Spanish, Basque, French

Date: April 7th

Time: 2pm resource fair;
4:30 opening remarks;
5pm film;
7:30pm panel discussion

Location: McConomy Auditorium

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APRIL IS GAYPRIL!

The April book display at Hunt Library will be focused on LGBTQIA+ Authors and Stories

The display will be up starting April 2 and throughout the entire month of April.

LINK COMING SOON

LGBTQIA+ Visibility Summit

Join the Office of Diversity, Inclusion, Climate and Equity at Heinz College for a day brimming with inspiration and connection as we honor the diverse voices and experiences within the queer community

**April 5th
10am-7pm**

Click image for registration



April 17 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm EDT
Reel Q Reel Stories: *Petit Mal*
Alphabet City 40 W. North Avenue,
Pittsburgh, PA,
Information

