Committee on LGBTQ People in the Profession

2021–2022 Membership

Blake Hereth, chair (2024)
Rima Basu (2022)
Kurt Blankschaen (2022)
Christina Friedlaender (2023)
Quill R. Kukla (2023)
Robin Dembroff (2024)
Andrea D. Warmack (2024)

Amy Billingsley, newsletter editor
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Blake Hereth, Chair (2022-2024)
Perry Zurn, Interim Chair (2021-2022)

The constituents of the committee 2021-2022 were: Perry Zurn (Interim Chair, 2022), Blake Hereth (Chair, 2022), Rima Basu (Member, 2022), Kurt Blankschaen (Member, 2022), Christina Friedlaender (Member, 2023), Robin Dembroff (Member, 2024), Grayson Hunt (Newsletter Editor, 2022).

The committee organized sessions at the Central and Pacific APA conferences.

1. Central (Chicago, IL): “Rethinking Economies of Meaning and Mattering”
   Amy Marvin (Gettysburg College): “The Circulation of Trans Philosophy”
   Madeline Ward (Georgetown University) and Nicole Dular (Franklin College): “The Internalized Oppression Worry is Morally Injurious”

   Gen Eickers (Pädagogische Hochschule Ludwigsburg): “Influencing Corporealities: Social Media and Its Impact on Gender Transition”
   Matt Ferguson (Independent Scholar): “Queer and Curious Histories”
   Andrea Warmack (Emory University): “Queer Pleasure”

Perry Zurn served as Interim Chair after Yannik Thiem (Associate Chair, 2021) stepped aside for personal reasons. Blake Hereth (Chair, 2024) was elected new chair in March 2022.

Grayson Hunt served as Newsletter Editor until 2022. Amy Marvin was elected Newsletter Editor in March 2022.

The committee published an issue of the newsletter in Fall 2021.

The committee’s ongoing projects include a Prize in LGBTQ Philosophy and a resource guide for trans/non-binary philosophers on the academic job market. Blake Hereth has worked with Amy Ferrer to raise initial funds for the Prize in LGBTQ Philosophy, which currently stands at $3,000. The “Trans/Non-Binary Job Market Guide” was completed and published on The Philosophers’ Cocoon to maximize readership.

The committee passed two recommendations for the APA Board of Officers. First, the committee recommended that the newsletter title be changed to APA Studies in LGBTQ Philosophy. Second, the committee recommended that the APA create a list of pronoun options for registrants at divisional meetings with the aim of normalizing non-binary and gender non-specific pronouns.

The chair of the committee serves ex officio on the APA Inclusiveness Committee, reviews the APA Small Grant applications and the APA Diversity Grant applications, and provides feedback when that committee is consulted.