

APA Committee on the Status of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender People in the Profession

2008 Report

[The National Office did not receive a report from the LGBT Committee. This report is a “From the Chair” column in the *APA Newsletter on Philosophy and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues*.” –DES]

LGBT Committee 2007-2008

Mary Bloodsworth-Lugo (2010), Chair. Talia Bettcher (2008). Lanei Rodemeyer (2010). D. Seiple (2009). Shannon Winnubst (2010). Timothy F. Murphy, *Newsletter* Editor *ex officio*.

I have now completed my fourth year as chair of the APA Committee on the Status of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender People in the Profession in June of 2008. During Spring 2008, the committee co-sponsored two sessions devoted to the topic of traditional philosophers and LGBT issues with the Society for Lesbian and Gay Philosophy (SLGP). At the Central Division meeting in Chicago, session participants included John Corvino, Richard Nunan, Christine Pierce, and Raja Halwani (chair). Pacific Division participants in Pasadena included James Martell, Carol Quinn, James Stramel (chair), and Sean McAleer (commentator).

The APA LGBT Committee will be holding a joint session with the SLGP at the 2008 Eastern Division meeting in Philadelphia titled, “Objectification, Heterogeneity, and the Queer Point of View.” Participants in this session will include Anne Barnhill, Carol Quinn, Gary Jaeger (chair), and Bassam Romaya (commentator). Ideas for future APA session topics and participants are encouraged. Please direct such ideas to the APA LGBT Committee chair (bloodswo@wsu.edu).

During the 2007-08 academic year, I was contacted by a number of philosophy departments welcoming LGBT applicants for available positions, and I forwarded these notifications to our email list. During the summer of 2007, I prepared my third Annual Report to the APA Board regarding the on-going activities of the committee, which included holding conference sessions, engaging in email discussions, holding business meetings, and hosting receptions in conjunction with APA sessions.

I would like to thank Timothy Murphy for agreeing to serve as editor for the *Newsletter on Philosophy and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues*. Our *Newsletter* has been missing an active editor for some time now, and I look forward to its rejuvenation under Tim’s leadership. Talia Bettcher has agreed to serve as co-chair (associate chair) during the upcoming academic year (2008-09). Following this collaborative year, Talia will serve as chair of the committee for a three-year term. The committee is in need of additional members, and I would

encourage anyone with an interest in serving to contact the committee chair or the APA National Office. We would welcome your participation.