"As the individual details of MBLG-TACC each year blur together over time, what ends up standing out for me in memory is this: despite any infrastructure failures or environmental disasters, MBLGTACC always succeeds in uniting LGBTQ students across the Midwest and across the nation in a weekend of pride and learning. But I believe that the conference can do more than just bring us together to connect. I believe as an academic conference it is imperative that MBLGTACC not only bring LGBTQ youth together for networking and for basic rhetorical development, but to facilitate a greater expansion of the mind, and become an effective means to help young attendees transform from being passive students to active scholars, contributors both within the ivory tower and in their communities."

"Overall I enjoyed my experience at MBLG-TACC. It was great to see people from different backgrounds and walks-of-life unite because they are part of the LGBTQA spectrum."

"MBLGTACC was a great experience for me. I learned a lot about identities and media representation and I felt like I personally gained a lot of confidence."

"I learned a lot about the divide within the LGBT community over the "Born this way" message - how it can be viewed as detrimentally harmful to some but also as a way for others to reaffirm their identity. I got to see a variety of different perspectives that I hadn't previously considered."

"One of the biggest things I learned at MBLGTACC is how many people identify outside the binary. Especially coming from a Midwest town, we never really hear about anything outside man/woman, straight/gay, etc. and to see all the diversity there is between these black and white concepts is amazing. I also learned a lot about voicing your opinion and standing up for yourself. Use your voice!"
March to celebrate Women's History Month and International Women's Day. We celebrate the contributions women have made to our community and the world while raising awareness about the struggles women still face.

The theme for Women’s Week 2014 is “Women of Character, Courage, and Commitment”. Leadership Luncheons are held each afternoon, which feature local and national women leaders from a variety of fields and backgrounds. Speakers and panels address struggles, triumphs, and new ideas that affect women today.

Each year, the Women’s Center in collaboration with many different student organizations, academic and administrative departments, and community groups hosts and organizes Women’s Week, a week-long series of events in Spots to attend and free lunch are available to all students, staff, and faculty members.

Contact Jamie Porter at wcprogramming@unl.edu or call 402-472-2597 ext. 2 to reserve your spot by March 14th.

Visit http://involved.unl.edu/womens-week for the list of events!
Scholarships and Awards by Grace Brown

On Thursday April 24th the Resource Center will be hosting Lavender Graduation, a ceremony to recognize the achievements of graduating LGBTQA+ students on campus. Participants receive a certificate and a rainbow tassel that they can wear at graduation. The ceremony will also include awarding the Louis Crompton Scholarship and the Chancellor’s Award for Outstanding Contributions to the LGBTQA Community. If you are interested in applying for Lavender Graduation, the Crompton Scholarship or nominating someone for the Chancellor’s award stop by the Center for a paper copy or visit http://involved.unl.edu/lgbtqa-scholarship-and-awards. The Nominations for the Chancellor’s award are due March 21st, and the applications for Lavender Graduation and the Crompton Scholarship are due April 2nd.

Peterson Toscano by Grace Brown

On Monday, March 17th performance artist Peterson Toscano will be on campus to perform scenes from some of his one-person plays. Toscano is an activist and comedian who’s most famous play is “Doin’ Time in the Homo Nomo Halfway House: How I Survived the Ex-Gay Movement.” A DVD of this play is available for checkout in the Resource Center. Toscano’s performance will be in the Union Auditorium at 6 PM. For more information on Peterson Toscano check out his website: http://petersontoscano.com/.

March Events

March 7: Volunteer Meeting from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the LGBTQA+ Resource Center

March 14: Andrew Solomon Lecture, author of Far From the Tree, Sheldon Museum of Art Auditorium, 5:30 pm http://www.unl.edu/ias/andrew-solomon

March 17: “Doin’ Time with Peterson Toscano”, Nebraska Union Auditorium, 6:00 pm

March 21: Volunteer Meeting from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the LGBTQA+ Resource Center

Get Ready For: Be The Change Week!

Monday March 31st
LGBTQA+ & Religion Panel and Lunch Discussion 11:30AM-1:00 PM

Tuesday April 1st
Ally 101 12:00PM-2:00PM

Wednesday April 2nd
OutSpeaking Orientation 4:00-5:00 PM

Thursday April 3rd
Having Effective Conversations about Race on Campus Workshop 7:00 PM

Friday April 4th
“Riding in Cars with Black People and Other Newly Dangerous Acts” 7:00 PM

“Louis Crompton spent much of his career working for social justice and inclusion for students, staff and faculty at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln”
The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Asexual and Ally (LGBTQA+) Resource Center advances the mission of UNL by working collaboratively to provide education, resources, outreach and advocacy to help build and sustain a socially just campus community that is welcoming and inclusive of all people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and expression.

We envision a campus community that supports a safe, inclusive and respectful environment for students, staff, faculty, and alumnae of all sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expression.

LGBTQA+ Resource Center is part of Student Involvement’s outreach and commitment to diversity and inclusion for all students. The Assistant Director in Student Involvement for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Asexual and Ally (LGBTQA) Resource Center serves as the Director of the LGBTQA+ Resource Center, 346 Nebraska Union.

What the Center Offers:

. An inclusive place to hang out and do schoolwork
. Safe Space and Ally Development presentations, workshops, and materials
. Presentations and workshops related to social justice education, sexual orientation, gender identity and intersections of identities
. Involvement opportunities—including being a member of Out-Speaking (our Speaker’s Bureau), and volunteering at the center
. Library materials and resources to checkout
. Consultation and assistance on LGBTQA+ issues
. Assessment of campus climate
. Assistance with bias incidents (check out bias.unl.edu)
. Help in creating and maintaining a campus that is welcoming and inclusive for the diversity of students at UNL

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