20th LGBTQ Graduation Reception
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Memorial Union, Tripp Commons
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Welcome
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A NOTE FROM THE CAMPUS CENTER

Thank you so much for joining us today to celebrate our amazing Rainbow graduates. The LGBT Campus Center can only do its work with the support of the its many colleagues, friends, and allies. It is only fitting that we end each year by gathering to recognize the accomplishments of our students and join in community to bid them a fond farewell.

Rainbow Graduation started in 1995 in Ann Arbor, Michigan, when Ronni Sanlo gathered a small number of gay and lesbian students in her living room to congratulate them on the end of their semester. Now celebrated at college and universities across the nation, Rainbow Graduation ceremonies serve as a capstone experience for LGBTQ students and their allies, making a space to honor their unique, diverse, and resilient voices and many incredible accomplishments.

This is also a celebration of our communities. Certainly the Campus Center and these graduates would not be here but for the commitment of everyone in this room and beyond. So many of you collaborated with us to make the year full of engaging programming, there are parents and chosen families here that supported these students’ academic endeavors and personal growth, and still more of you were role models for how people can come together to make durable, sustainable social change.

To our Rainbow graduates: we have no doubt that you are leaving here ready to face a world that presents many challenges and opportunities. We look forward to the great things you will do!

On Wisconsin,
Gabe, Katherine, Sheltreese, and the whole LGBT CC family
GLBT ALUMNI COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS

The GLBT Alumni Council, in association with the LGBT Campus Center, is proud to award scholarships to LGBTQ students and their allies who have shown potential and sustainable leadership and impact on the LGBTQ community at UW-Madison.

- R. Richard Wagner Undergraduate Scholarship
- Sippel-Bemis Leadership Award
- Milo and Virgil’s Fabulous Fund Scholarship
- Tracy Woolever Scholarship
- Bayard Rustin Endowed Scholarship

RAINBOW AWARDS

The Rainbow Awards are an opportunity for the LGBT Campus Center community to recognize the achievements and accomplishments of its undergraduate students. Award winners are nominated by their peers and colleagues, and their contributions represent an investment towards making the University of Wisconsin-Madison inclusive and affirming for all people.

FIRST YEAR AWARD

Presented to a first-year undergraduate student at UW-Madison who has made a positive impact on their community. This award honors individual growth, and may be awarded to a student who has shown personal identity development as well as public initiative.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Presented to an undergraduate student who has gone above and beyond and excelled at bringing communities together on campus. Recipients have made commendable strides at the intersections of identity and community and their work has enriched the lives of their peers at UW-Madison.

RAINBOW LEADERSHIP AWARD

Presented to an undergraduate student who has displayed exemplary leadership in their campus community. This may include formal engagement like internships, volunteering, or leading student organizations. It may also include informal leadership like peer mentoring, effort behind the scenes, and other forms of support.
HONORARY RAINBOW DEGREE

For the first time, the LGBT Campus Center would like to bestow an honorary rainbow degree on a faculty, staff, or community member who has been a strong partner to the Center and/or its mission. This partnership may include cosponsorship, student support, or working for queer students’ needs or communities outside of the Center’s programming.

HONORARY RAINBOW DEGREE RECIPIENT

Karma R. Chávez
Assistant Professor of Rhetoric, Politics, and Culture
Department of Communication Arts, UW-Madison

Karma’s research explores the relationships among race, class, gender, sexuality, nation and immigration utilizing queer of color theory, women of color feminism and rhetorical criticism. Additionally, she is interested in social movement building, activist rhetoric, coalitional politics, and the rhetorical practices and discursive constitutions of marginalized groups. She recently completed her book manuscript, Queer Migration Politics. In Spring of 2012, she was a visiting scholar at the Center for Interdisciplinary Gender Studies at the University of Leeds in the United Kingdom. She is affiliate faculty in Chican@ and Latin@ Studies at UW and also the co-founder of the Queer Migration Research Network, with Eithne Luibhéid. Alongside her academic pursuits, she works with various grassroots queer, immigrant, and social justice organizations and collectives. She hosts 89.9 FM WORT’s lunch hour program, A Public Affair, every other Wednesday.
GRADUATES

si dāko’ta alcantara-camacho
BA, Gender & Women’s Studies, concentration in Chamoru Studies

Andrew Aumann
BA, Music Performance and Political Science

Angela Baerwolf
Master of Social Work

Nikki Barnes
BA, Gender & Women’s Studies, concentration in Communication Arts and Film; Certificate, LGBT Studies

Sky Belcourt
BS, Psychology; Certificate, LGBT Studies

Annabelle Talia Bruno
MA, 12th Century Japanese Literature

Kelsey Cavanagh-Strong
Master of Social Work

Daylon Deshard Cottingham
BA, Human Development & Family Studies and Chinese

Katrina Fuchs
Master of Social Work

Camden Hargrove
BA, Sociology and Social Welfare; Certificate, LGBT Studies

Abbi Huber
BA, Political Science and Sociology

Daniel Jameson
BS, English Creative Writing and Medical Microbiology & Immunology

Jennifer Kirmer
MLIS, specialization in Archives and Records Administration

Brian Kramer
BA, English & European Studies; Certificate, LGBT Studies

Molly Kuhlman
BA, Sociology and Gender & Women’s Studies; Certificate, LGBT Studies

Jeremy Levinger
Bachelor of Social Work; Certificate, African Studies
Littlefern  
BA, English and Gender & Women’s Studies; Certificate, LGBT Studies

Peggy Ludlow  
BS, Gender & Women’s Studies

Erin Luhmann  
MA, Journalism

Laura MacCallum  
BS, Political Science; Certificates, Gender & Women’s Studies, LGBT Studies, and German

Caroline Mansueti  
BA, Philosophy

Kelly Palmer  
Master of Social Work

Andy Quackenbush  
MS, Counseling

Aneidys Reyes  
BA, History

Michael Romanski  
BA, Sociology, Zoology, and Pre-Chiropractic

Malka Sender  
BA, Communication Arts/ Radio, Film, and Television, Gender & Women’s Studies; Certificate, LGBT Studies

Brittany Simler  
BS, Zoology; Certificate, LGBT Studies

Matthew Cory Spence  
BS, Genetics; Certificates, Gender & Women’s Studies and LGBT Studies

Ashley Thorpe  
Bachelor of Social Work, Gender & Women’s Studies; Certificate, LGBT Studies

Alison Wineke  
BS, Psychology, Gender & Women’s Studies; Certificate, LGBT Studies

Logan Wu  
BFA, Graphic Design, Photography & Multimedia
GRADUATE BIOS

si dákó’ta alcantara-camacho
si dákó’ta is an extra-aqueous dragon flying through time to reconnect “ancient” traditions to a sustainable future. dragon creates art, born in star maps, to draw connections between ancestral migrations, the crashing waves of colonialism, and the galactic climate shift of the coming day. With this map, dákó’ta sails alongside the ARKiologists, a Guåhan based edutainment network of independent artists, to help find ourselves in the flood of mainstream culture. dákó’ta prays to uncover the past to reveal a liberatory present-future weaving time like guáfak, the woven mats of the Chamoru people. Find their artwork at www.arkiology.tv

Andrew Aumann
Andrew is a music performance and political science major. He is going to law school next year where he’ll continue consuming great Wisconsin beer!

Angela Baerwolf
Angela enjoyed every minute of her internship at Shabazz City High School creating and facilitating a GSA with students. For this work, she received a GLBT Alumni Scholarship for the Fall 2012 semester.

Nikki Barnes
Nikki is graduating this May with a BA in Gender and Women’s Studies, with a concentration in Communication Arts/Film, and a Certificate in LBGST Studies.

Sky Belcourt
Sky is finally graduating with a B.S. in Psychology! He’s sad to see so many people part ways after all the fun times with TPS, QSA, OutThere, and all the wonderful people in the LGBT Certificate program, but it’s time to go out into the real world for a little while before heading back to (graduate) school! He will remember and miss all of you.

Annabelle Talia Bruno
Annabelle is finishing her Master’s work in 12th Century Japanese Literature. She hopes to turn her thesis into a book on trans* identities. Her favorite things are learning languages, her son Luke, and her fiance Katka.

Kelsey Cavanagh-Strong
Kelsey is graduating from the Master of Social Work program with a concentration in school social work. Originally from Ann Arbor, MI, she graduated from Lawrence University in Appleton, WI with a BA in English in 2011. She is very excited to be done with school and to become a big kid in the real world!
Daylon Deshard Cottingham
Daylon has taken his time as a Badger to truly show his strengths to the campus. Being a Chancellor Scholar, member of multiple organizations on campus and traveling abroad twice to China where he met his partner, Daylon has always used whatever avenue to let his positive light shine on others, through his infectious laughter and hearty spirit. Upon graduation, Daylon will be moving to New Zealand to begin his after college life with his partner of 9 months in hopes to establish language immersion schools toward his career goal of becoming a principal.

Katrina Fuchs
Katrina is graduating this May with a Master of Social Work.

Camden Hargrove
Camden is graduating with Sociology and Social Welfare majors and a Certificate in LGBT Studies. After working at the LGBT Campus Center and interning with GSAFE he wants to continue working within the LGBT community towards equality and safety through policy change.

Abbi Huber
After losing male model of the year award and three friends in a freak gasoline-fight accident, Abbi went on a soul searching mission. After a rough day down in the mines and a failed attempt to assassinate the prime minister of Malaysia, Abbi learned the most important lesson of all: there is more to life than being really really ridiculously good looking. Post graduation, Abbi wants to help kids learn how to read good and do other things good, too.

Daniel Jameson
Daniel is incredibly excited to graduate this May with degrees in two of his favorite subjects, which he has enjoyed studying in great depth over the past four years. As his time at the University of Wisconsin - Madison draws to a close he also bids the Midwest farewell, as he will move to New York City in June to pursue a career in fashion, his heart’s greatest joy. Living amidst the beauty of art and design, he looks to channel his experiences here into the next chapter of his life.

Jennifer Kirmer
I have been active in multiple student organizations within the School of Library and Information Studies, including as a co-founder of LGBTQ Library Group and as Vice President of the Society of American Archivists, Student Chapter.

Brian Kramer
Brian is graduating this May with a BA in English, European Studies, and LGBT Studies.
Molly Kuhlman
No matter how whack the rest of the world was, Molly found a lot of joy in her GWS major and LGBTQ studies Certificate, and had a super lovely time completing them here at UW. She’s pumped to take that knowledge back home to Chicago with her, so she can show everyone how rad feminism and queering stuff can be.

Jeremy Levinger
Jeremy’s favorite color is purple. He likes panda bears and jaguars. His favorite food is fruit salad and his favorite ice cream is rainbow sherbet. His favorite bands are Pink Floyd and Steel Pulse. He is from St. Paul, Minnesota, but right now, Jeremy is here. He is happy to be here. Because of all of you. Thank you.

Littlefern
Littlefern likes hopping around from bar to bar and getting that occasional scoop of Pep Stick at the Daily Scoop from their favorite sidekick, super scooper JokstaQ. They also like wearing weathered plaid and smiling at strangers.

Peggy Ludlow
Peggy is a member of the University Marching Band, and with band has traveled to all three Rose Bowls! Also a member of WUD Film and loves getting to help program and vote on movies. Additionally, she enjoys spending time with friends and being involved with activities on campus!

Erin Luhmann
Erin will be pursuing a career in social justice reporting - at home and abroad.

Laura MacCallum
Laura is a Sparta, WI native majoring in Political Science with Certificates in Gender & Women’s Studies, LGBT Studies, and German. Laura hopes to find a career in government after graduation and move out of Wisconsin. In her freetime, Laura likes to go to concerts, bike, travel, and watch movies.

Caroline Mansueti
Caroline is graduating this May with a BA in Philosophy.

Kelly Palmer
Kelly studied social work at UW-Madison in undergraduate and graduate school. She enjoys working with children, young families, and people with special needs. She plans to move this summer and practice social work in a warmer state.
Andy Quackenbush
Andy graduated in 2008 from UW-Madison and taught English in Japan for a couple years. He missed Madison, chose to return for graduate school in Counseling Psychology, and has worked as a graduate assistant for International Academic Programs (the study abroad office) for most of the past 3 years. One of his professional goals is to increase the visibility of LGBT students and their varied experiences while abroad as an issue.

Aneidys Reyes
Anei came to the University of Wisconsin-Madison from a loving, wonderful queer community in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. For that reason, it felt almost impossible to think that Madison could have something to better to offer in terms of community. While Anei would still not say that it’s better, the queer community that Anei found in Madison, is certainly more. The queer community enhanced and enriched the academic possibilities of being a queer person of color on this campus. Anei will be graduating with a degree in history. That degree will have all the more meaning because of the community support it comes with.

Michael Romanski
Michael Romanski majored in sociology, zoology, and pre-chiropractic. He was also active in Student Transfer Association & Mentor Program (STAMP) among others on campus. He is going to continue his education at Northwestern Health Sciences University to become a chiropractor.

Malka Sender
Malka Sender is a Los Angeles native looking to make her way in the musical world. She has been involved with WSUM Madison Student Radio for the past two years of her college career and they have been life-changing.

Brittany Simler
As soon as Brittany got to UW-Madison, she felt at home. She loved participating in the Women in Science and Engineering program for two years. Her journey representing minorities in STEM fields continued when she joined Out in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. She will be forever grateful to this campus for its support and the opportunity to grow and discover herself these past four years.

Matthew Cory Spence
Matthew Spence is excited to be graduating with a degree in Genetics and to enter Medical School at the University of Minnesota in August. Through his time here at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, he found his passion for medicine and public health, specifically sexual and reproductive health and how the healthcare system interacts with the LGBTQ community.
Ashley Thorpe
Thanks to many opportunities of learning both on and off campus Ashley has become very committed to social justice, anti-racism work, and feminism in her undergraduate career. Ashley will be moving to Seattle this July to work towards her Master of Social Work at the University of Washington.

Alison Wineke
Alison enjoys taking way more GWS courses than are necessary, touching stuff, and researching intersexuality. Alison’s favorite dinosaur is pachycephalosaurus, though triceratops are also cool. If you know Alison, than you know the latter is much more important to her identity. Also rainbows, alligator snapping turtles and octopuses. They’re zesty, too.

Logan Wu
An international student from Hong Kong, Logan transferred from Oregon State University to UW-Madison to study Graphic Design, Photography and Multimedia. His favorite teacher and also mentor at school is Professor Dennis Miller, who teaches Graphic Design. Logan also worked at the LGBT Campus Center as the Graphic Designer. His plan after graduation is going to New York City for internships then Grad school.
WELCOME BACK
ICE-CREAM SOCIAL

Come and enjoy delicious ice-cream and meet new students and the entire staff of the LGBT Campus Center! There will also be representatives from multiple departments and student organizations on site to answer questions and provide resources and information.

When: 4:30-6:30pm, Tuesday, Sep 3, 2013
Where: On Wisconsin Room, Red Gym

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