

## Where can I find more information?

For more information on LGBT issues; questions regarding OHIO SafeZone, SpeakOUT!, and campus organizations; or to check-out a book, magazine, or video from our Resource Library; visit the LGBT Center.



The OHIO SafeZone project is a voluntary, educational effort to support LGBT & Questioning students, faculty, and staff at Ohio University by attending a two hour workshop and by displaying a SafeZone card. If you are an LGBT supporter, it is time to act!

## SpeakOUT!

### Speaker's Bureau & Education Project

SpeakOUT! is a dynamic speaker's bureau and education project that has been assisting class instructors, student organizations, and resident assistants with their speaker/education needs for years. Formats include a panel presentation, Coming Out 101, or tailor-made presentations.

### Resource Library

Our Resource Library is a collection of books, magazines, and videos on a variety of topics including LGBT history, legislation, biographies, fiction, and religion in relation to LGBT concerns, as well as coming out resources. Check it out today!

## Campus Resources

For more information on services and programs for international students and faculty, please visit the Office of International Student and Faculty Services at 348 Baker University Center, or call 593-4330. You can visit their website at <http://www.ohiou.edu/isfs>.

For cross-cultural programs and learning, contact the Multicultural Cultural Center at 203 Baker University Center, or call 597-2110. You can visit their website at: <http://www.ohiou.edu/culturalcenter>.



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# INTERNATIONAL LGBT RESOURCES

## Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Center

**354 Baker Center  
Ohio University  
Athens, OH 45701**

**740.593.0239  
[www.ohio.edu/lgbt](http://www.ohio.edu/lgbt)**

It is easy to forget that there are LGBT people in every part of the world and in every culture. Their experiences are as varied as can be imagined. Cultures and societies can differ in both how open they are to LGBT concerns and from what angle they view the issue. It is important to have an idea of the situations that LGBT people face around the world and what resources are available right here in the United States.

## International LGBT History

Did you know that on January 26, 2004, the Philippine Congress approved an anti-discrimination bill criminalizing any discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity? Or that in Brazil, a lesbian couple was shot to death by an unknown assailant and authorities have linked it to the rising rate of hate crimes within Brazil targeting LGBT people?

Throughout the world, there have been some exciting and significant advancements made in LGBT rights; however, these successes can be overshadowed by widespread oppression. There are many places where one is not only discriminated against for being lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender, but is also targeted with violence. This brochure provides information regarding international LGBT rights, suggests resources and organizations to check out, and provides a basic overview of what is happening internationally.

## International LGBT Human Rights Organizations

Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission  
<http://www.iglhrc.org>

International Gay and Lesbian Association  
<http://www.ilga.org>

Human Rights Watch, Lesbian and Gay Rights  
<http://hrw.org/doc/?t=lgbt>

Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice  
<http://www.astraea.org>

## International LGBT Facts

(As of January 2005)

- In April 2003, the Brazilian Delegation to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights introduced a resolution to include sexual orientation as a human right. Voting to adopt this resolution has been postponed.
- Countries that offer same-sex marriages or unions that have the same rights and responsibilities as heterosexual unions include Belgium, the Netherlands, and Canada. In the United States, Massachusetts is the only state that allows same-sex couples to get married.
- Countries that offer domestic partnerships distinct from marriages are Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and some parts of the United States.
- Countries with cohabitation laws that include same-sex couples are Argentina, Australia, Croatia, Hungary, New Zealand, Portugal, Scotland, South Africa, and Spain.
- Gender reassignment is illegal in Portugal, Iran, Ghana, Slovenia, Albania, and Macedonia; however, Australia has specific protections from discrimination for transgender people.
- During the past decade, Afghanistan, Iran and Saudi Arabia have executed people based on their sexual orientation.
- There are 84 countries worldwide with enforceable laws against sex between consenting adults of the same sex.

## Global Web Resources

### Web Resources for the Globe

<http://www.qrd.org/QRD/>  
<http://faculty.washington.edu/alvin/gayorg.htm>

### Web Resources for Africa

<http://www.mask.org.za/index2.html>  
*Information on South Africa:*  
<http://www.gaysouthafrica.org.za/>  
<http://www.wits.ac.za/gala/>

### Web Resources for Asia

[http://www.gunung.com/seasiaweb/sea\\_gay.html](http://www.gunung.com/seasiaweb/sea_gay.html)  
<http://www.qrd.org/qrd/world/asia/>

### Web Resources for Australia

<http://www.oz.dreadedned.com/links/australia.htm>  
<http://www.dv-8.com/resources/australia/>

### Web Resources for Latin America

[http://www.indiana.edu/~overseas/lesbigay/GLatinAmerica\\_res.htm](http://www.indiana.edu/~overseas/lesbigay/GLatinAmerica_res.htm)  
*For women and gender resources:*  
<http://lanic.utexas.edu/la/region/women/>

### Web Resources for Middle-East

<http://www.indiana.edu/~overseas/lesbigay/middleeast.html>  
*For information for Arab LGBT people:*  
<http://www.gayarab.org/home.htm>

### Web Resources for Russia

<http://www.gay.ru/english/>

*LGBT Facts information edited from the International Gay and Lesbian Association and Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission.*

Visit the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Center at Ohio University, 354 Baker University Center for books and films that you can check out!