Creating a campus environment inclusive, supportive, and celebratory of sexual orientation, gender identity/expressions, and queerness.
The 2013-2014 academic year was a year of many transitions for the LGBT Center. We welcomed a new director, delfin bautista, as well as a new Program Coordinator, Sarah Tucker Jenkins, who also works for the Women's Center. It was a year of building on the work of past directors Mickey Hart and Susanne Dietzel while also exploring new initiatives such as creating a Mentorship Program and expanding the SafeZone curriculum. We also welcomed Shari Clarke, our new Vice Provost for Diversity & Inclusion. There were many successes and many lessons learned through bloopers, trial and error, taking chances, insightful feedback, and just having fun.

One of our commitments for the past academic year was to continue the challenge of living into our name more intentionally, with glitter and rainbows, of being Ohio University’s LGBT Center. It was a year of reconnecting with different parts of campus where relationships had slightly fizzled due to changes in staffing and of cultivating new partnerships across the university (student groups, academic departments, offices/centers, and regional campuses).

Some of our mantras this year, were "make it happen, we will make it work"… “all are welcome” … “si se puede.” delfin, Sarah, and the Student Staff were open to the ideas/dreams/hopes/randomness shared by students, faculty, staff, alumni, and members of the community such as supporting Community Conversations related to sexual assault, participating in Homecoming Festivities, offering SafeZones off campus, advocating for more Gender Neutral Spaces, and supporting efforts that engaged the intersections of identity.

It's been a good year…no, its been an AWESOME year! Here's to 2014-2015 with much bobcat rainbow warrior fierceness.

--delfin ♡
mission of the lgbt center

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Center advances the diversity mission of Ohio University by creating a university environment and community inclusive and supportive of sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, and queerness…Our broader influence emerges from providing resources, educational opportunities, and social justice initiatives to ALL students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members at Ohio University and beyond.
center folks for 2013-2014

- delfin bautista ~ Director
- Sarah Tucker Jenkins ~ Program Coordinator
- Megan Villegas ~ Graduate Assistant
- Jesper Beckholt ~ Education Coordinator
- Josiah Hayes ~ SpeakOUT Coordinator
- Sarah Lilly ~ Special Projects Coordinator
- Morgan Morgan ~ Communications Coordinator
- Ryan Vollrath ~ Special Projects Coordinator
- Erin Fischer ~ WGSS Intern
- Amber Gemberline ~ CPS Practicum Student
what do we do?

- Resource development
- Library (books, films, magazines, etc.)
- Collaborations with LGBTQA campus groups (examples: Ally, Open Doors, OutGrads, Out@Work, Empowering Women of Ohio, LGBT commissions for Senate)
- Pride Graduation
- Awareness Raising
  - SafeZone Training (LGBT 101 and SZ 201)
  - SpeakOUT panels
  - Speakers (collaborations with other offices/departments)
  - Class discussions and projects
  - Poster Campaigns (Faces of Pride, Queer Quotes)
  - LGBT History Month, National Coming Out Day, International Trans* Day of Remembrance, and other “holigays”
  - Film screenings and discussions
  - Media interviews for The Post and other outlets
  - Tabling / Resource Fairs (BSO, Graduate Student Orientation, International Student Orientation, Residential Housing Resource Fair, Campus Involvement Fair, Veterans Services Fair, International Street Fair, and several recruitment/community engagement events)
- Serve as a resource to faculty and staff in their engagement of sexual and gender diversity (personally and professionally)
reactions about the LGBT center from the university community

- “A place where I feel safe…if I am hurt, I can come here where people understand”
- “A place for community for those of us who are ‘weird awkward shy kid’”
- “University has made a physical commitment to its diversity and inclusion mission (physical office space)”
- “It’s nice having a central repository of resources…no need to scramble across campus”
- “The center has been a place where I have learned a lot…it has helped me be more comfortable with who I am”
- “The LGBT Center is not just a student center, it’s a place that helps university employees also find community and support.”
- “As a member of a Regional Campus, I feel more connected and supported”
NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY
Igbt-tastic accomplishments

**Academic Efforts**
- MBLGTACC ~ organized conference participation for 21 individuals from both Athens and Zanesville Campuses.
- Queer Studies Conference ~ 2 keynote speakers (Kit Yan and Kate Ott) and over 20 presenters from OHIO, Michigan Western University, University of Kentucky, Ohio State University, Bowling Green State University, and Southern Illinois University
- Launch of LGBTQ Studies Certificate through Women’s, Gender, & Sexuality Studies
- Launch of UC1900 LGBTQ Learning Community through University College
- Served as a client for Prof. Parul Jain’s Communications Capstone course
  - Two groups worked with the Center, one assessed Center’s interaction with faculty/graduate students and the other the Center’s interaction with the community
- In 2013-2014…
  - we offered over **60 SafeZones** including presentations on Lancaster, Chillicothe, Southern, and Zanesville Campuses.
  - over **40 SpeakOUT** panels on Athens Campus
  - Presentations for English, Psychology, Education, Higher Education, and Communications Courses
Relaunch of the Society for LGBTQ Alumni and Friends

New Initiatives

- Wayne Hadley Scholarship LGBT Award
- Tom and Jan Hodson Emergency Student Support Fund
- LGBT Mentorship Program

New Partnerships…

- Pressley Ridges ~ juvenile residential facility for youth living with mental health issues (West Virginia)
- Hocking College
- Marietta College
- PFLAG Athens Area Ohio (drag show, Safer School Initiative)
- Equality Ohio
- Trans Leadership Academy through the National Gay and Lesbian Taskforce
- TransOhio
- WOUB
queer narratives throughout campus

- SafeZone expansion into SafeZone 201
  - Eating Disorders
  - Trans* and Gender Variant Identities
  - Bisexual and Pansexual Identities
  - Religion and Sexuality
  - Allyship and Suicide Awareness
  - LGBTQ Communities and Relational Violence
  - LGBTQ Identities and Healthcare
  - Adapted SafeZone into a shorter format to be more accessible for different offices/programs

- LGBT Center organized for campus and community
  - LGBT groups to march in 2013 Homecoming Parade for first time in several years
  - Hosted first ever Queer Homecoming Tailgate

- Advocacy efforts
  - Preferred Name Policy (student focus and working to expand to employees)
  - Domestic Partner Benefits (making it equal)
  - Gender Neutral Restrooms (universal design and inclusion)
  - Counter presence to “Sidewalk Preachers”

- Possibilities being explored
  - LGBT travel experience
  - Queer Studies Conference going mobile
  - SafeZone Program for Southeastern Ohio
Support Our Survivors

"Be brave and you can survive anything"

You are not alone

Don't let the bullies silence you

It's LGBTQIA Pride Week
Very Proud to be Allies

I came OUT as an ALLY
Because...
Why Not?

I came OUT as QUEER
Because...
Visibility is important!
2013-2014 in a nutshell

- Social Media numbers
  - Facebook
    - Center Page ~ 275 likes
    - Center Group ~ 378 members
  - Student groups: Open Doors ~ 276 members; ALLY ~ 172 likes; Asterisk ~ 67 members; Alumni Society ~ 106 members; OutGrads ~ 27 members; Empowering Women of Ohio ~ 47 members; F*ck Rape Culture ~ 511 members; LGBTA Alliance (OU-Zanesville and Zane State) ~ 48 members; OU-Southern Gay Straight Alliance ~ 27 members; LGBT Commission of Student Senate ~ 288
    - OHIO LGBT ~ 596 members
  - Twitter ~ 1131 followers
  - Instagram (new initiative Spring 2014) ~ 100 followers
  - Newsletter ~ 1770 subscribers
- 12 Dine-n-Discuss events featuring guest speakers ~ Jalen Hutchinson, Cleveland Marshall College of Law, Graham Nolan, Hillery Glasby, Michelle Pride, Erika Gray, Aretina Hamilton, Office of Education Abroad, Sarah Chadwell, Erin Fischer, Sarah Tucker Jenkins, and Jesper Beckholt
- Campus events:
  - Cosponsorship of Take Back the Night Week, Pride Week, and Empowered Women’s Week
  - Hosted Fall and Spring Semester International LGBTQ Coffee Hours
  - Hosted Fall and Spring Queer Bobcat Meet-n-Greets
  - Hosted National Coming Out Day SpeakOUT and co-sponsored National Trans* Day of Remembrance Vigil
nutshell continued

- Staff members participated in the following panels ~ Take Back the Night, Trans* Panel at OU-Lancaster, Swimming in the Shallows, Eating Disorders, and Restrooms / Universal Design
- Center participated in
  - 3rd Annual Lyrical Balladry Poetry Slam!
  - Alpha Phi Omega’s 5th Annual Ava Nichols Faculty Pageant
  - Blackburn/Spencer Scholarship Pageant
- Film Screenings
  - Cosponsorship with the Athena Cinema and others on screening and panel discussions of “The New Black”
  - Cosponsorship of the College Town Film Festival (delfin was part of a panel for the film “Too Cold Out There Without You”)
- Student accomplishments:
  - Jesper Beckholt ~ Stonewall Leadership Award
  - Zipporah Abrams and Morgan Kohls ~ Wayne Hadley Scholarship recipients
  - Ryan Vollrath ~ Outstanding Student Leader Award
  - Sarah Chadwell ~ NEW Leadership Ohio
- Media mentions
  - delfin was the cover story for the Spring 2014 Edition of Backdrop Magazine
  - Jesper and delfin featured in Fangle Magazine Spring 2014 Edition
  - New WOUB LGBT Perspectives Series (interviews with delfin, Megan Villegas, Ryan Vollrath, Erin Johnson, and Morgan Morgan)
  - WOUB coverage of Preferred Name Policy Dine-n-Discuss, new Hodson LGBT Emergency Fund, and Issues Facing College Students
  - Interactivist ~ April 2014 (Precious Souls: LGBT Pride at Ohio University)
  - SpeakEasy ~ May 2014 (Bobcats share the journey of coming out); April 2014 (Finding Gender Neutral Housing at OU); January 2014 (OU Rape Culture Awareness Leads to Change); October 2013 (Bobcats Show Support for Suicide Awareness); October 2013 (Over the Rainbow and Across the Globe)
  - The Post ~ 59 articles feature LGBT Center and/or LGBT Community
Ali Liebegott
Author of The Beautifully Worthless and The IHOP Papers

Book Reading & Discussion with Ali
Monday, March 31
6:30pm
Walter 235

Identity & Expression Workshop
Tuesday, April 1
10am
Women’s Center

Questions? Contact Sarah Jenkins jenkins1@ohio.edu 740-593-9625

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Open Dialogue on Law and Sexual Diversity

Ever thought about a career in law? Wrestling with what it means to be an out LGBTQIA person in the professional world? Wondering how legal issues impact your life and how your life can impact legal issues?

Join us for a dine-n-discuss with the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law
Thursday 4/24/14
12pm-2pm
LGBT Center (Baker 354)
LUNCH PROVIDED!!!

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Buckeye Region Anti-Violence Organization
Wednesday, April 2nd

12pm: Dine & Discuss, LGBT Center (Baker 354)
Overview of Hate/Bias Violence towards the LGBTQI Community
This interactive session will discuss the prevalence of anti-LGBTQI hate/bias violence, examine how hate/bias violence manifests in hate/bias violence towards the LGBTQI community, and identify available resources and support for survivors.

At 1pm, a brief overview of street safety basics will follow.

3pm: Coffee Hour LGBT Center
Come enjoy coffee/tea and an open discussion with BRAVO. Please feel free to come with questions and/or to share the work that you are doing in your community!

5pm: Discussion at the Women’s Center (Baker 403)
Intimate Partner Violence and Healthy Relationships in the LGBTQI Community
In these interactive workshops, participants will learn information about and discuss myths about intimate partner violence in the LGBTQI community. Participants will learn to distinguish between healthy and unhealthy behaviors within relationships, how to recognize abuse, define consent, and identify resources for survivors.

Ohio University Survivor Advocacy Program | 740.597.7233

The mission of the Survivor Advocacy Program is to create a safe campus where victims and survivors of sexual assault, stalking, and dating and domestic violence are thoroughly respected and supported. We work to empower the campus community to deal with these issues through confidential advocacy, education, and resources.
Coming Out in the Pageant World

Kara Mitchell, Miss Northwestern Ohio 2014 (and a 2014 Miss America hopeful), is a pioneer of LGBT causes. Her platform “Just Ask Me: Testimony For A Change” seeks to use her experiences as an openly gay woman to aid LGBT youth and parents alike, as well as progress the effort for LGBT rights through advocacy.

February 26
6:00-7:30pm
1804 Lounge
(5th Floor Baker)
**A free dinner will be served**

Sponsored by: LGBT Center, Women’s Center, Margaret Boyd Scholars Program, Office for Diversity and Inclusion, EWO, and Learning Community Programs

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**MARCH & RALLY**
6 PM
SCRIPPS AMPITHEATRE
Thursday, April 3, 2014

**TICKETS & REGISTRATION**
Join us afterward at BMOC

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**QUEER STUDIES CONFERENCE**
March 24-28
SpeakOUT!
Join the LGBT Center for a special Homecoming SpeakOUT! Faculty, staff, students, alumni, and community members will share stories of who we are as allies, trans folk, lesbians, bisexuals, gay people, asexuals, questioning, and queer people. Celebrate the stories of our community members!
11am - 12pm
Scripps Amphitheater
OCTOBER 11, 2013

Dine & Discuss
The Women’s Center and the LGBT Center would like to invite the OU community to lunch with Sandra Anderson, Chair of the OU Board of Trustees, and Elyzabeth Holford, executive director for Equality Ohio, both will be at the Coming Out Day SpeakOUT. Lunch will be provided!
12:30 - 1:30pm
Women’s Center (Baker 405)

“I had no idea”
A Panel on Eating Disorders
Thursday, March 13th at 5pm
Clippinger 194
Join us for an informative panel with members of OHIO’s Eating Disorder Support Team and students in recovery.
Questions can be sent in by email to jennings@athenacinema.com or dropped off anonymously at the LGBT Center or the Women’s Center. Audience members will also have opportunity to ask and/or write down questions at the event.

Dine & Discuss
November 18
12:30-1:30pm
Women’s Center (Baker 405)

Performance
“Ending, Beneath Her Skin”
November 19
7-2pm
Women’s Center (Baker 405)

“THE NEW BLACK”
A DOCUMENTARY ON FAMILY, FAITH AND THE FIGHT FOR EQUALITY
FREE ADMISSION
NOVEMBER 20/21 · 7:00 PM
THE ATHENA CINEMA
WWW.ATHENACINEMA.COM

Sponsored by: Counseling and Psychological Services, LGBT Center, Women's Center, Department of Women and Gender Studies

CELEBRATE Earth Day
the rainbow way

Join the LGBT Center for:
- Tie-dye!
- Coloring books!
- Lemonade/popsicles/cookies!
- Summer jams!
- “Ask a Queer” info table!
- Rainbow raffle!
- Face-painting!
- Jump rope!
- Friendship Bracelets!
- Earth day poetry readings!

T-Shirt Swap:
Bring a shirt to trade or buy a shirt for $1

Tuesday, April 22
Scripps Amphitheatre
(entrance to the right of the LGBT Center, Baker 214)
NOON-6:00PM
All are welcome! Pets included!
fun and fests and friendships
HAVE A GAY DAY!

IF YOU'RE QUEER YOU KNOW IT CLAP YOUR HANDS!!!

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IM COMING OUT

PEACE
We are a unified community that embraces diversity by facilitating social gatherings and educational seminars to promote mutual respect and awareness.
All hail our Bobcat Rainbow Warrior Fierceness!