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Happy Thanksgiving!

With finals and the holidays coming up, this time of the year can be stressful. If

you or someone you know is in need of tips for stress relief or for navigating the holidays as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community, you can find our slideshow from our November 13th Serving Up Knowledge Session [here!](#)

Special Announcements

Support the GSC

The All-University Fund Drive is a time for employees and retirees to show their OU pride and support the areas of campus that mean the most to them. Your gift will enable the GSC to continue to support LGBTQIA students at Oakland University.

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Become a GSC Student Assistant or Peer Mentor

The GSC is looking to hire new student assistants and peer mentors! If you want to help OU continue to be the number one campus for LGBT+ students in Michigan, apply at the links below! You must be a current student in order to apply to either position. The student assistant application is [here](#), and the peer mentor application is [here](#).

Pride Month 2019-- Call for Proposals

We are currently accepting event proposals for Pride Month 2019, which will be held March 12th to April 12th this winter semester! If you are part of an organization or department or office and would like to host an event during Pride Month, submit your event [here](#). Proposals are due by 6 p.m. on Friday, December 7th.

Mapping a Queer OU Project

Calling all LGBTQ+ students! Mapping a Queer OU is a unique and innovative study on LGBTQI+ experiences at Oakland. The results of this study will help create a visual representation of students' experiences – a map with heat spots specifically. Imagine a map of OU that shows off where students find affirming

and pinpoints our areas of growth. Being committed to social justice and equity means figuring out where we still have work to do and doing it. Must be over 18 to participate. Survey link can be found [here](#).

Creating Change 2019 Volunteers Needed

500 local volunteers are needed to provide essential on-site power for this year's Creating Change Conference in Detroit, which is the nation's largest annual conference of the LGBTQ movement with an anticipated attendance of over 4,000. In exchange for every four-hour work session, volunteers can attend the rest of the day's programming free of charge! Click [here](#) to sign up!

Upcoming GSC Events

World AIDS Day Event | November 30 | 11:30am - 1pm | Gold Room C

Guest speaker Todd Heywood. Heywood has been an active journalist since his first job as an associate editor at age 17 in 1987. His work has uncovered a hate group at Michigan State University, revealed that the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) has been actively tracking and maintaining a database on persons who are tested for HIV, and has been a leading reporter on HIV criminal issues. His work has been cited by the CDC, the Global Commission on HIV and the Law produced by the UN, the U.S. House of Representatives and more. He currently reports for Between The Lines newspaper, City Pulse, HIV Plus Magazine and TheBody.com. In 2011, he was named one of POZ Magazine's top 100 people and ideas changing the fight against HIV, and also named by TheBody.com as "a person making a difference." In 2014, he was the creator of the successful PrEP4ItNow.com HIV testing and prevention initiative touting the benefits of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) as a prevention option for HIV. He lives in Lansing with his three beloved dogs, Gypsy Rose, Virgil Joshua and Lancelot Gobbo. He has been living with HIV since 2007.

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