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## GSC Newsletter 12-21-2018

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Gender and Sexuality Center - Oakland University <gsc@oakland.edu>

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### Gender and Sexuality Center



### Have a great break!

With 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](#)! The GSC closed today at 2:30pm, and will re-open at 8am on January 3rd.

## **Special Announcements**

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### **Become a GSC Peer Mentor**

The GSC is looking to hire new peer mentors for Fall 2019! 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, and have to attend one info session to be considered. The peer mentor application is [here](#), please apply before January 18th, 2019.

### **Scholarship Opportunities for LGBTQ+ Students**

The [Point Foundation](#) empowers promising lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer students to achieve their full academic and leadership potential despite the obstacles often put before them and make a significant impact on society. The foundation currently is inviting applications from LGBTQ+ students who will be enrolling in undergraduate or graduate programs for the 2019-20 academic year, if you are interested in applying please do so before January 28th, [here](#).

### **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!

### **Attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)**

If leadership is an interest or passion of yours, we encourage you to apply to attend the NCCWSL conference! They will be taking 8-10 OU students to the University of Maryland College Park on May 29th until June 1st, 2019. By applying for the NCCWSL National Scholarship you have the opportunity to have half or all of the conference fees waived, apply on or before February 8th, 2019. When you apply for the national scholarship, please also notify Ruth Johnson at [njohn5585@comast.net](mailto:njohn5585@comast.net). Apply [here](#)!

## **Upcoming GSC Events**

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### **GSC Photo Shoot Opportunity**

The Gender & Sexuality Center (GSC) is seeking students who have realized a positive impact from either the GSC or OU's inclusive campus environment and who are willing to share their individual stories for use in marketing materials. Students who complete the form will be contacted to arrange a time to have their photo taken and be interviewed by a member of the University Communications and Marketing team. Sign up [here](#)! Please [contactgawojcik@oakland.edu](mailto:contactgawojcik@oakland.edu) with any questions, the anticipated date for the photo shoot will be sometime in January 2019.

### **Peer Mentor Info Sessions | January 8th | 12-1pm | Room 127 January 9th | 3-4pm | Room 127**

Join us for an info session on January 8th or 9th to learn more about our Peer Mentor position and what it entails. You must attend at least one session to be considered for the position. If either of these times do not work for you, please send an email to [gsc@oakland.edu](mailto:gsc@oakland.edu) and let us know, we can try to arrange something!

### **Serving Up Knowledge Session | January 15th | 12-1pm | Room 128-129**

Grab some lunch and head to our session to learn more about, "How to Get Your Legal Name Changed" with the GSC.

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