

2022 LGBTQ+ ISSUES CONFERENCE - SESSION DESCRIPTIONS **Subject to change*

A Voice For Students: Help with Supporting Your Campus to Provide Brave and Affirming Spaces

As GSA Club Advisors, we understand that we are often asked to present to campus staff, but presenting can be uncomfortable and met with opposition. This presentation provides participants with tools that they can use to help colleagues understand the need for student support and implement easy changes in their classroom spaces. In this workshop, we will share what we have done to approach the topic of "How to Support Your LGBTQIA+ Students" with staff. We will share strategies that we have used at varying school sites, how the information was received by the staff, and how students were affected as a result. Participants will leave this session with a presentation template that will allow them to facilitate discussion with staff on better supporting their LGBTQIA+ students. While all are welcome to our workshop, the resources in this presentation are best suited for schools with a limited understanding of brave and inclusive spaces for LGBTQIA+ students.

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Location: Coral Reef 2
Date(s): Saturday, October 29, 2022
Time: 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM

Breaking the Binary: Creating Inclusive Spaces in Elementary

How do we make our elementary classrooms inclusive spaces for all? How do we support nonbinary and trans students? In this presentation, we will go over the basics for creating an inclusive environment for grades K-5. From pronoun introductions, to discussing gender stereotypes to inclusive book reads, this workshop will give you the tools you need to go back to your classroom and apply your learning. Together, we can make our classrooms safe spaces for all.

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Buddy System 101: Supporting Transgender/Gender Non-Conforming Youth in K-12 Settings

We call it "The Buddy System"! We are a parent and trans kid and we want to share our story of transition, advocacy, and love. Participants will be taught best practices for supporting trans/gender non-conforming youth in K-12 settings through first hand accounts and powerful stories. Join us for this fun, interactive, story based session.

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Buddy System 201: Deepening Foundations of Support for Transgender/Gender Non-Conforming Youth

Do you work regularly with trans/gender non-conforming youth? Are you a trans/gender non-conforming educator? Did you attend "The Buddy System 101" and want to learn more? If you have a basic understanding of trans identities and best practices and are looking to go deeper with a cohort of your peers, then this workshop is for you! This session utilizes role-play, storytelling, and community building to support participants in their respective practices of working with trans youth in schools. Our goal is to build a conference community of folks working with trans youth who will continue to build their skills with the opportunity to stay in contact for support and ideas.

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Challenging the Dominant Narrative: What Do We Talk About When We Talk About Gender?

As trans and nonbinary people's lives are under increasing attacks, we need to challenge the dominant narrative and begin to develop radical structures for talking about gender. As we begin to explore the growing movement for transgender rights and recognition, we often forget that we all have a gender story. This workshop will explore how the social construction of gender identity can be questioned and transformed. We will look at the role of intersectionality and hegemony in the construction of gender, the impact of media, our diverse cultures and histories on our identities, and the voices of trans and gender non-conforming youth as expressed in videos and stories. This workshop will focus on experiences of gender in addition to data and facts, and current stories. We will discuss gender non-conforming persons in history, current stories, and explore ways in which we can go "beyond the binary." We will use some of the strategies of ethnic studies to explore gender. This workshop will benefit educators and counselors working with LGBTQIA youth, social studies, language arts and health teachers, GSA/QSA advisers, and all those concerned with creating a safe learning environment for all people to explore gender identities.

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Creating a Space Where We Belong: Supporting the Belonging of Queer Students and Their Families

Are you looking for ways to engage, support, and affirm ALL students and families in your class? Do you need concrete ways to support your LGBTQ+ students? In this session, members will hear specific ways they can advocate for their queer students and families. Starting with sharing the specific laws in California that protect our queer students and educators. Additionally, members will be given specific examples of how they can start supporting their students without spending a dollar or extra time after school. Lastly, we will discuss common answers to questions and pitfalls that may arise once you begin having a more inclusive classroom. All of these teaching points help to include and support students which in turn helps them to feel as if they belong in the classroom.

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Creating Safe Spaces for Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Children In Early Childhood Program

The purpose of this presentation is to inform early childhood educators specifically Head Start educators on the importance of providing professional development regarding transgender diversity to help early childhood educators support transgender children and their families in their classrooms. The presenter will provide valuable insights into transgender education in preschool settings and include strategies to create safe welcoming environments for all children. The PPT presentation will include hands on activities such as a selection of preschool books on gender diversity, and Q&A section. The purpose of this presentation will also inform and support parents who have transgender or gender non-conforming children in early childhood programs.

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Diversify History: Add Queer "Ourstories"

Recognizing that our Social Science curriculum often lacks diversity, Diversify History: Add Queer "Ourstories" seeks to give Social Science teachers tools to incorporate Queer peoples and cultural productions into the classroom. The selected Queer historic peoples and/or cultural productions are presented, contextualized in CA Social Science standards, and FAIR Act, with particular emphasis on teachers of 4th grade students and onwards. Participants will engage on basics of queer identities, discuss important historic figures and their place in the classroom, and finalize with sharing strategies and talking points on how to deal with potential negative reactions to creating an inclusive curriculum.

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Embedding Empathy and Perspective Taking Activities in LGBTQIA+ Staff Training

Participants will learn how a conservative school district implemented a multi-tiered approach to provide training and resources to staff as they work with students navigating challenges associated with their sexual orientation and/or gender identity. By attending the training, participants will be included in empathy and perspective taking activities used to enhance the Tier 1 LGBTQIA+ training series and will receive an overview of the 3 trainings offered and within the district. Participants will also learn how student voice and LGBTQIA+ employees advocate for support, resources, and acknowledgement.

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Finding Your Peeps: How to Create Community When You are Sure You are All Alone!

Finding other LGBTQ+ educators is not as easy as it sounds, especially when you live/work in a conservative area and many of your colleagues are not out. In this presentation, the facilitator will share her story of creating an LGBTQ+ Educator Group in her conservative town and how she has kept it thriving for the last six years. Participants will also start a plan for creating their own LGBTQ+ Educator group once they get back home.

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FITE Club: Centering the "Margins" to Power the California Educator Pipeline

It is no secret that both public education and the teaching profession are under constant stress and assault, even though research continues to affirm that teachers are the single most influential school-based factor in student achievement. Given that California boasts one of the most increasingly racial, ethnic, linguistic, and gender diverse student populations in the nation, special attention must be given to inclusive teacher recruitment. This session will stimulate and encourage attendees to consider how to leverage resources and expertise already available to them to promote teaching and related education professions among underrepresented students. Through discussion, activity, and a close look at the FITE Club model, participants will take steps to imagine and design their own approaches to inviting elementary and secondary students traditionally considered to be at the "margins" into the center of educational career pathways. The session will be co-facilitated by LGBTQ+ students who have participated in FITE Club.

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How to Run a Successful GSA

This session will provide useful information for staff members that want to support students in running and sustaining a successful GSA (Genders and Sexualities Alliance) at their school site. We will provide information on supporting students with opening a club, becoming leaders, activities for meetings, dealing with resistance from peers, connecting with community partners, creating a mission and vision, moving from socializing to advocacy, and much more.

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How to Support LGBTQ+ Students in Schools

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) students in the school setting face significant bullying, mental health issues, and a lack of support from teachers. This presentation aims to help break those barriers in a school setting. This presentation also provides strategies and resources that will help support LGBTQ+ students in school settings.

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LGBTQ+ Contact Training

Congratulations if you have been appointed as a Service Center LGBTQ+ Contact, LGBTQ+ contact for your local association or are thinking of becoming an LGBTQ+ contact for either entity. This session is for you. This Social Justice session is specifically designed to assist contacts in representing members and students on issues that affect them as well as help provide CTA resources on a variety of topics.

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LGBTQ+ Safety in Schools Grant and Scholarship Program

This presentation will cover the grant and scholarship requirements for the LGBTQ+ Safety in Schools Grant and Scholarship Program in Honor of Guy DeRosa. Get an overview of the program, examples of how CTA members have implemented the grant in their districts, as well as time to ask questions and get tips on applying.

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LGBTQ+ Studies in High School: A Not-So Queer Idea

LGBTQ+ students comprise a large demographic of American public schools, yet are often not supported within their institutions. Consequently, more inclusive curricula is desperately needed to mitigate further disenfranchisement of queer students. While some universities offer courses in LGBTQ+ Studies, it is blatantly absent in the high school setting. The researcher will conduct a qualitative study around a Queer Studies class he will pilot, using Schein's organizational culture model when articulating the pervasively heteronormative school norms, and how these assumptions and espoused values have helped shape the artifacts of LGBTQ+ antagonism experienced within these educational institutions. With the inclusion of a Queer Studies class at his site, a public high school in Culver City, the researcher explains how this artifact can help shift public high school cultural values to be more inclusive toward LGBTQ+ students, and develop normalized assumptions about this disenfranchised group.

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More Than Safe Spaces

Stepping up to create safe spaces for LGBTQ+ students is not an option. It is essential. Learn how to begin to design spaces and an environment on your campus for your students with inclusion, concern, advocacy, and love.

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Overview of Your CTA/NEA Member Benefit Services & Programs

In our informative Member Benefits session, you'll get an overview of the most popular benefits, including Educators Employment Liability (EEL), Disaster Relief Fund, voluntary insurance programs, financial services, student debt relief assistance, retirement savings, shopping and travel discounts, and more!

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Partners For Justice: Collaborating With Your Students to Create a Safe and Equitable Classroom

Educators play a significant role in determining the outcome of their students. Because of this, it is imperative that educators create spaces for inclusion and collaborate with their students to create a safe and equitable classroom environment. This presentation will provide an overview of the ways in which educators can achieve this through curriculum, classroom management, classroom design, method of instruction, and involvement in extracurricular activities.

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Queer Latinidad

Queer Latinidad seeks to provide a basic understanding of LGBTQIA concepts in Latin America, paired with a survey of histories and contemporary issues. Attendees will also be given resources to support their students, creating a culturally relevant classroom, as well as information for Latinx parents to support their LGBTQIA students.

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Supporting and Engaging Parents of LGBTQIA Students

Children do not come with a manual. Parents need support and guidance, even more so when they are working through their own issues with a child's SOGI. This presentation will include a review of resources for educators working with parents and time for a discussion of approaches for supporting and guiding parents. The purpose of this session is to help educators be better prepared to support LGBTQIA students by supporting their parents and guardians. Links to resources will be shared, and participants will be encouraged to share their ideas and resources.

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Supporting LGBTQ+ Students at ALL Levels

Looking for ways to ensure that LGBTQ+ students feel safe, welcomed, and encouraged to learn? Wanting to increase LGBTQ+ visibility and affirmation in your curriculum? This session will help you be the empathetic heroes that your students need and help you create a more inclusive and equitable experience for all.

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Supporting Trans Students

Have you struggled with finding the best ways to support your trans, non-binary, and gender-creative students? This session will include vocabulary, activities, and tips to help you build and provide a safe, affirming, and inclusive school environment for ALL students. This session will particularly benefit educators, counselors, and administrators. All grade levels are welcome.

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Teachers as Allies for LGBTQ+ Student Mental Health: How to Leverage MTSS Interventions

In this presentation, attendees will learn how to utilize evidenced based PBIS, SEL and mental health interventions to support the wellbeing of the LGBTQ+ students they serve. Attendees will learn the history of LGBTQ+ discrimination and legislation in schools, and its impact on overall student mental health.

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Teaching LA LGBTQ History: The Biltmore Invasion

In this session, led by LAUSD educator, Danielle Torrez, attendees will explore a lesson plan on the Biltmore Invasion and the Gay Liberation Front, learning about the ways in which Biltmore Invasion led to de-pathologizing homosexuality.

In 1970, members of the Los Angeles chapter of the Gay Liberation Front took over the American Psychiatric Association's Behavior Modification Conference held at the Biltmore Hotel in downtown Los Angeles, which was promoting the use of aversion therapy treatments to cure homosexuality. This demonstration, later known as Biltmore Invasion was a key step in the 1973 removal of homosexuals as mental illness from the DSM-I.

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Teaching Two Spirit History in California and US History Classrooms

This session is designed to help classroom teachers gain the knowledge and skills necessary to teach their students about Two-Spirit communities and their histories. This session will provide terminology, background information, primary sources, and a lesson plan. These resources are designed for 4th/5th, 8th, and/or 11th-grade classrooms.

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The Intersection of Black and Trans

Black Transfolk, particularly Black Transwomen have always been at the forefront of LGBTQIA liberation, and yet discrimination, harassment, and violence against Black trans, and gender-nonconforming people pervade all aspects of society. Often people who belong to more than one marginalized group have one or more of their identities erased. Institutionalized racism is frequently unacknowledged by the greater white, Cis queer, community. As educators, it is imperative that we become more knowledgeable about both the Black and Trans communities, and take a critical lens to the intersectionality of race and gender.

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The Intersectionality of LGBTQ+ and Disability

How many LGBTQ+ people also have a disability? What issues do LGBTQ+ people with disabilities have? What about our LGBTQ+ youth who have disabilities? Who are the influential LGBTQ+ people who have disabilities activists to follow on YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Tik Tok? Come to this session to find out.

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There's a Law, Now What?

Interpreting the law can be cumbersome and frustrating when others create obstacles for full implementation. Find out what's new, how to message around the attacks and how to become a stronger advocate. The presentation will also highlight the Equality California "Safe & Inclusive Schools Index".

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Using Literature and Interactive Read Alouds to Promote an Inclusive Classroom

Learning outcomes improve when students feel that they belong. This session will share samples of texts and lessons that can be used to create an inclusive environment for all students. Attendees will learn how to write an Interactive Read Aloud lesson plan that promotes literacy and inclusion.

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Women's Studies: A Curriculum of the Untold LGBTQ+ Community's Narratives and Contributions

The Women's Studies curriculum is a mosaic of profiles revealing the untold LGBTQ+ narratives and contributions in the Fine Arts, culture, language and history. This mosaic of international artists, poets, educators, and socio-political activists create a complex intersectional community of LGBTQ+ social reformers. The essential focus of the Women's Studies course is to reveal the diverse socio-political activism of these profiles in order to reveal the impact of the intersectionality of multiple LGBTQ+ identities through relevant discussions, presentations and learning experiences in a classroom setting and a Multicultural Center's exhibits and expositions.

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