# I am glad you are considering Washington University for your

**college choice.** And I hope this overview of our resources, as well as information on LGBT-friendly spaces in the St. Louis area, is helpful as you make your decision.

At Washington University, we are committed to a campuswide dialogue about expanding and strengthening our LGBT programming and resources.

However you identify, I am available to answer your questions. Feel free to contact me at Michael.Brown@wustl.edu or 314-935-8029.

### Michael Brown

Coordinator, LGBT Student Involvement and Leadership

"The LGBTQA community at Washington U. is strong and growing. Pride Alliance and Safe Zones both offer great ways to get involved and shape the community. They host events like the annual drag show and Gayla, the LGBT-friendly dance, as well as provide space to just hang out with friends."

Daniel Riff, Class of 2010



## Citywide Events and Organizations

### LGBT COMMUNITY CENTER OF METROPOLITAN ST. LOUIS

This center's web site features a thorough and regularly updated list of involvement opportunities and affinity organizations in the St. Louis area.

http://www.findmycenter.com

### **PRIDE FEST**

http://www.pridestl.org/index.html

### **PROJECT ARK**

This group provides HIV support and prevention services, as well as social discussion groups for gay and bisexual men.

http://projectark.wustl.edu

### ST. LOUIS GENDER YOUTH GROUP

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/stltransyouthgroup

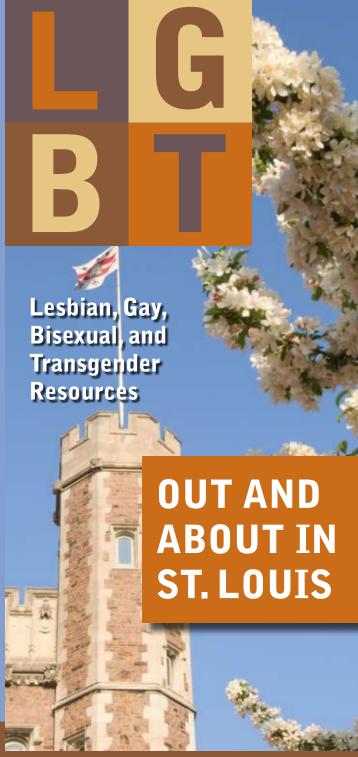
### **GROWING AMERICAN YOUTH**

http://www.growingamericanyouth.org

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# Student Involvement and Leadership

The coordinator for LGBT Student Involvement and Leadership is putting into practice Washington University's commitment to providing a welcoming learning and living environment for all. Michael Brown works with various campus partners, students, and community organizations to achieve this goal.

In addition to advising undergraduate student organizations, he assists the LGBT Advisory Board, composed of a cross-section of students, faculty, staff, and alumni, as well as St. Louis area community members; works with the Campus Diversity Collaborative; and serves as a resource to academic and student services departments.

### **Academic Offerings**

Washington University has an international reputation for academic excellence. Our undergraduate divisions offer 1,500 courses and more than 90 programs each year:

College of Arts & Sciences
Olin Business School
Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts
College of Architecture
College of Art
School of Engineering & Applied Science

You can pursue a single or double major, earn two degrees, or create your own major. And you can participate in faculty research as early as your freshman year.

In the College of Arts & Sciences, the interdisciplinary program in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies emphasizes the importance of gender analysis in all areas of study. Sample courses include *Introduction to Sexuality Studies*, *Masculinities*, *Queer Theory*, *LGBT Development*, *Cultural Studies in Sexuality and Gender*, and *Globalization and Gender*.

"Working at PROMO (Missouri's LGBT civil rights and political action organization) was a refreshing and eye-opening experience. Not only did I learn about the significance of local politics in the LGBT movement, but I had the privilege of working with a variety of hard-working and fascinating people. I would do it again in a heartbeat."

Ayla Karamustafa, Class of 2011

### **COMMITMENT TO EQUALITY**

Committed to supporting LGBT populations, Washington University:

- received 4.5 out of 5 stars from the Campus Climate Index, a national organization that ranks campuses for LGBT policy inclusion.
- provides inclusive medical care and mental health services to gender-variant students.
- offers a wide range of scholarships recognizing students who work on issues affecting diverse communities.
- provides gender-neutral housing.
- includes sexual orientation and gender identity and expression in our nondiscrimination policy.

## Washington University Student Organizations

### **PRIDE ALLIANCE**

A multifocus LGBTQIA (lesbian, gay, genderqueer, bisexual, transgender, transsexual, queer, questioning, intersex, ally, asexual) group, Pride Alliance is open to all Washington University students, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. Its goals are to advocate LGBTQIA-friendly public policies through activism and greater awareness, to educate the WUSTL community about LGBTQIA issues, and to build a supportive social network for LGBTQIA students. Pride Alliance also maintains a library of printed and audiovisual materials available to all students, faculty, and staff.

http://pride.wustl.edu pridewu@gmail.com

### **SAFE ZONES**

This organization is dedicated to the education of the campus community regarding LGBT issues. Safe Zones educators form a network of allies who are knowledgeable in these issues and support the LGBT community.

http://sugroups.wustl.edu/~safezones safezones@sugroups.wustl.edu

#### **ALTERNATIVE LIFESTYLE ASSOCIATION**

Dedicated to the exploration of nontraditional sex, ALA provides students with support, encouragement, educational materials, and various extensive resources on sexual expression.

http://altlife.wustl.edu altlife@sugroups.wustl.edu

### **KESHET**

This pluralistic association of Jewish LGBTQIA students promotes full religious and social equality for Jews of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

http://www.washujsu.com jsu@sugroups.wustl.edu



Student leaders collaborate in the Pride Alliance Suite.

### lgbt.wustl.edu

This online clearinghouse provides information about events, resources, programs, and volunteer opportunities designed for Washington University's LGBT community.

You can also register for the free weekly *OUTthere* electronic newsletter through this site. This newsletter provides timely information relevant to LGBT folk and their allies about events and opportunities around campus and in the St. Louis community.