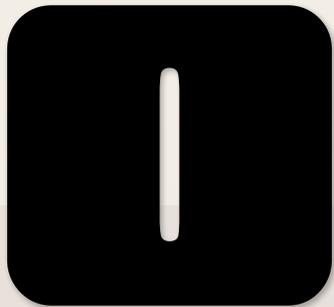


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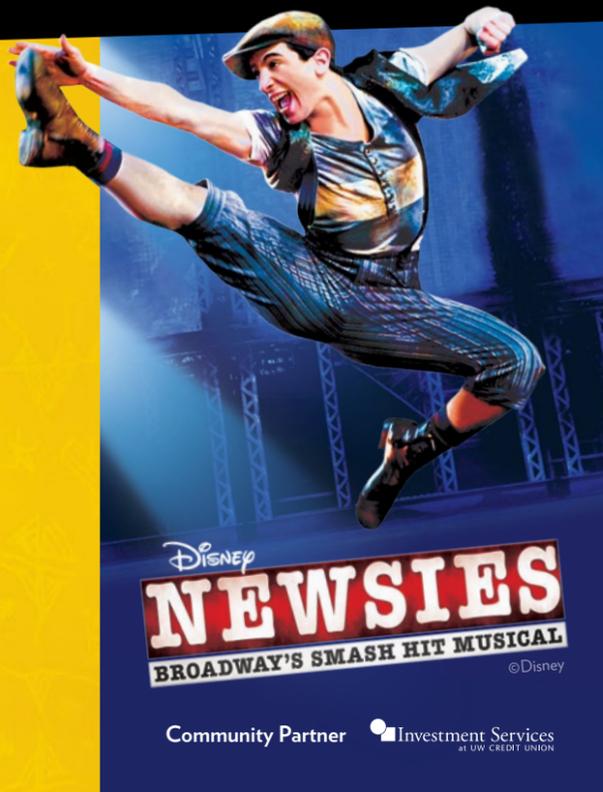
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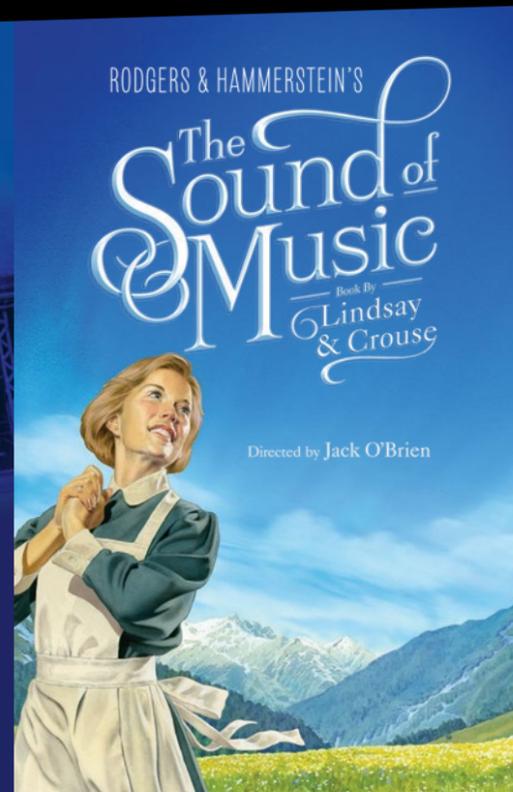
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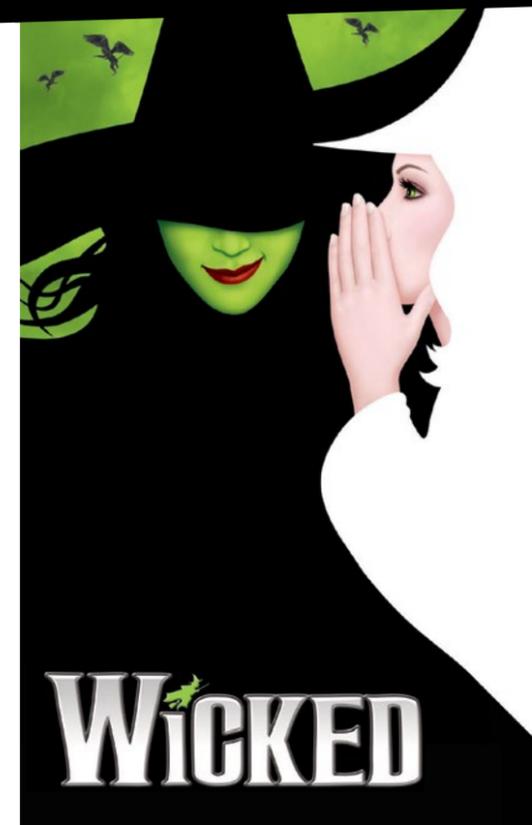
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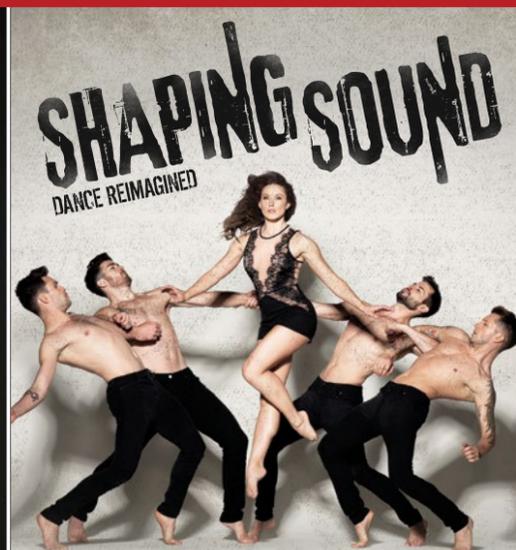


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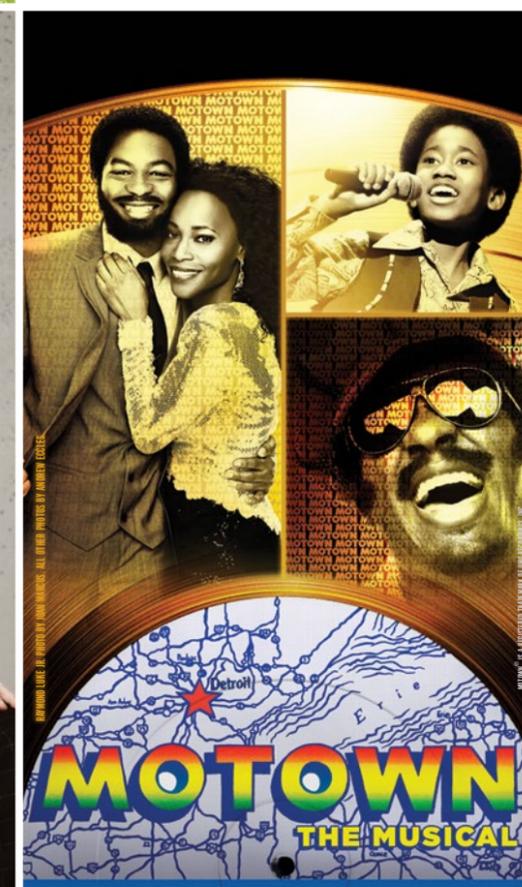
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FOOD FOR YOUR SOUL

WE NOURISH OURSELVES in many ways, whether it's food for our bodies or our minds. I like to think there's a good mix of both in these pages, and as with all things related to sustaining ourselves, I am grateful to be part of the collection of people who made this issue happen.



I had the pleasure of sitting down to interview our cover girl, Leanne Cordisco, about the fascinating journey that brought her to co-owning the east side's newest institution, the Chocolaterian. Hers is a story that's well worth reading and drawing inspiration from.

I'm also grateful to include a story about lesbian farmers seeking and building community, written by graduate sociology student Jaclyn Wypfler (who also happens to be a roller derby teammate of mine, full disclosure). I was turned on to the phenomenon when she helped bring "Out Here," a documentary about queer farmers, to screen at the UW earlier this year. It does my heart good to see that queer people are at the forefront of the sustainable agriculture movement in many ways.

The Rev. Everett Mitchell provides his story of bringing the fight for LGBTQ justice and equality to the Black church, providing spiritual sustenance to the pages here as well. I'm grateful for the work he and others like him are doing for our communities, which are always and inextricably linked.

Read on, fill yourself, and share that bounty with others whenever you can. ■

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We at Zimbrick at Fish Hatchery Road are strong believers in giving back to the local community. Recently, we had a large group of employees and their family members take part in the American Heart Walk. It is a great way to promote good health and positive wellbeing! We also partake in the Meals on Wheels program; we have a group of employees that take turns each Thursday (one East route and one West route) and deliver meals to the elderly and home-bound. One of the larger organizations that we work with is the United Way of Dane County. There are so many more, like the West Madison Little league, the Business Volunteer Network, and at many other different events each month.



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—Dave Eick, FIVE Nightclub owner



When **FIVE Nightclub** owner **Dave Eick** announced that he had no choice left but to close the club, a community rallied to raise over \$40,000 in two weeks to keep their “home” open.

**ON APRIL 14, FIVE NIGHTCLUB** owner Dave Eick announced on his personal Facebook page that the club would shut its doors on April 26, and officially cease to exist at the end of the month. He said, “Times have changed in society. I have explored countless options, and a spirit crushing rent have led me to a heartbreaking decision.”

Over the next 24 hours, as news spread, Eick was flooded with patrons and supporters reaching out asking how they could help save what many had begun referring to as their home. Overwhelmed by all the stories, messages, and outreach he received, Eick set out to raise the \$40,000 he needed to keep the doors open. His plan involved #FIVEForever t-shirt sales, fundraising events, and a community campaign. Brian Poncé, a longtime FIVE supporter, created a GoFundMe page to make donating simple, and as of this magazine going to press it alone had raised over \$15,000.

On the day the club was supposed to close, Saturday, April 26, turnout to help save FIVE was near capacity. Around 11:00 Eick took the stage with remarks he had prepared, “after 18 months of searching for options, trying to make ends meet, meeting with potential partners and having them walk away, and considering past rent due, and an upcoming rent increase, I had reached one of the hardest decisions of my life to close FIVE Nightclub. I felt the pain of letting down Ed (Grunewald, Club 5 founder), myself and those who called FIVE their place.” He continued, “What you have done in the last 7 and a half days is the most incredible and awe-inspiring thing,” he said. “I am so proud to announce that because of YOU... ALL of You—from those buying a soda to those making donations—you have turned what I had imagined for months as one of the worst days in my life and a very sad day for many ... into an unreal and historic celebration.” ■



### UW student publishes "queer-ish" photography book



Senior UW art student **Zachary Schwaller** recently published his first book, a collection of photography and writings called *Cabin: A Series of Self-Portraits and Writings*, which is now available through New York-based art books dealer Printed Matter. Photographed over 18 days in May of 2014, while alone in a cabin just outside Chequamegon National Forest, Schwaller's book has been described by one reviewer as "rhetorically thought provoking in its visual breadth, awakening experiential learning." Zachary considers the work an attractive yet deeply disturbing examination of the mind in a world created by images.



## Local Gay Vet wins long overdue Honorable Discharge

**ON FEBRUARY 2, EDGEWOOD COLLEGE** history department chair Jay Hatheway's 40 year struggle to change his "other than honorable discharge" from the military for being gay came to an end. He was rewarded when the original discharge was overturned by the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army. In the aftermath of the end of the ban on gays in the military, Hatheway filed papers in early 2014 with the Army Review Board to have his 1975 court martial conviction for a violation of Article 125, the Sodomy statute, overturned. The application was shepherded through the military maze with the help of Margaret McInnis in the Madison office of Rep. Mark Pocan.



With the legal assistance of the ACLU, Hatheway mounted the first constitutional challenge to Article 125 as applied to gays, and in the fall of 1975, Hatheway joined with Len Matlovich to challenge the ban on gays in the military. Hatheway, a Special Forces Intelligence officer stationed in Germany, and Matlovich, an Air Force Tech Sergeant stationed in the States, developed a dual strategy that challenged the ban as expressed in military regulations and the prohibitions as expressed in the military code of law, the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Both strategies were to initially fail, yet with time and further political and legal challenges brought by aggrieved military personnel and a supportive public, the ban and prohibitions eventually fell.

By order of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, Hatheway's discharge will be upgraded to honorable no later than May 28, 2015. Justice will finally have been done. ■



## Down Memory Lane

StageQ president **Michael Bruno** talks to **Katy Conley** about the upcoming **Queer Shorts Tenth Anniversary Show** and why she helped kick off the annual play festival in the first place.

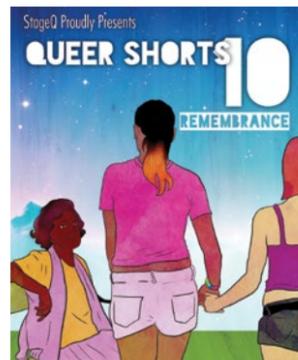
**TIME:** Summer 2006  
**PLACE:** StageQ  
**MISSION:** Create a new, inclusive play festival

**KATY CONLEY:** We looked around and saw a big need for our theater community. There were very few opportunities for women directors, playwrights, and producers in our area. I felt we needed something to bring in new talent and give them a chance to participate in without the time commitment that a full length play requires. Tara Ayres was recently named Artistic Director of StageQ, and I pitched the idea of soliciting short ten minute plays and presenting them in a festival format with little to no sets, props, or costumes. Scripts were submitted by local and regional playwrights, and we selected various plays and assigned them to directors to then cast them, and started the rehearsal process of juggling 13 casts. Then in June of 2006, *Queer Shorts* was born at The Bartell Theater.

Fast forward to June 2015 and StageQ will be celebrating ten years of *Queer Shorts*. Ten years of actors, directors, writers, stage crews, and audiences have watched this play festival grow and become one of Madison's favorite summertime theatrical events. Scripts have been selected from all over the US and even some local playwrights have seen their plays presented for the first time.

*Queer Shorts* has been a HUGE success with regard to bringing the community together and fostering a sense of togetherness for the "newbies" and the most seasoned veterans.

*Queer Shorts 10* opens June 12 and runs for two weekends at the Bartell Theater. For more info go to [stageq.com](http://stageq.com). ■



## What 5 things define you?



If you had to choose five personal possessions that define who you are as a person, what would you pick? We asked Jenny Pressman, local community activist, nonprofit fundraiser, and proud mother of two, what her items would be and she kindly indulged us:

*"While I hope I'm best defined by the people and places I love, some things I get pleasure from are the NY Times crossword puzzle, a book, a bathing suit, a suitcase, my bike, and my menorah collection. (Whoops, that's six. That sums me up right there!)"*

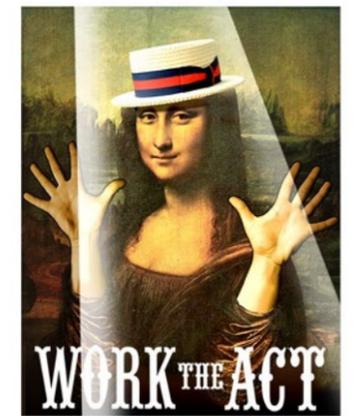
### GETTING TO KNOW JENNY

Jenny Pressman is a community activist, nonprofit fundraiser, and the proud mother of two amazing young adults. A transplanted New Yorker, she's passionate about the arts, food, travel, racial and social justice, and her family. She's devoted her time in Madison to helping nonprofit organizations that empower young people and ensure they are loved and supported by their families and communities. When she's not working at the Goodman Community Center, you can find her at a GSAFE or *Progressive* magazine board meeting, concert, play, movie, museum, or protest, on the Lake Monona bike path, gardening, at Michael's Frozen Custard on coffee oreo day, or dancing to the beat of her own (wannabe) drummer. Did we mention that she's wild about her kids?

### MAY 21: Give Out Day gives back to the LGBTQ community

## GIVE OUT DAY

**Did you know that only four percent of the LGBTQ community actually gives to LGBTQ causes?** You can help boost that number on the next annual national Give Out Day on May 21. For 24 hours, the LGBTQ community and allies from across the country will come together to raise critically-needed funds to support the diverse array of LGBTQ nonprofits including community centers, arts groups, organizers, clinics, student clubs, sports leagues, and more. Many area Dane County and Wisconsin groups are represented. More at [giveoutday.org](http://giveoutday.org).



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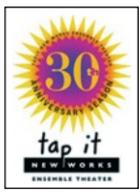
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**THEIR ANSWER:** *Work the Act*, a new play marking the Company's thirtieth year of developing and producing original theater in Madison.

*Work the Act* follows the misadventures of the Rolling Bag Players, a struggling theater company. After a series of comic mishaps gets them fired from a Holiday Inn in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, they decide to reinvent themselves as an avant-garde performance group. When their show—"Take the Spanish Civil War, Please"—is a huge success, the reactions of these misfit comics are even more surprising.

Performances will take place at the TAPIT/new works Studio Theater, 1957 Winnebago Street, Thursday–Saturday, May 28–30, and Friday–Saturday, June 5–6, at 7:30 p.m., with a special 30th anniversary performance and reception at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, June 7.

A series of panel discussions will dig more deeply into what it means to be a working artist today. From symphony orchestras to solitary sculptors, working artists live in a world shaped by economic realities and cultural myths. However, most who enjoy the arts, and many who practice them, rarely examine any of these issues. Panel presentations at outreach events and following performances of *Work the Act* will provide audiences with insight into how the performing arts function and what that means for artists and society as a whole. ■

**ACLU** AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION OF WISCONSIN FOUNDATION

**ACLU asks State to Recognize Same-Sex Couples' right to be on Birth Certificates of their Children**

The American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin, the ACLU LGBT Project, along with attorneys from Mayer Brown filed a motion today in the case of Wolf v. Walker asking the U.S. District Court to clarify that both parents in a same-sex married couple must be listed on the birth certificates of children born while they are married.

Kami Young, one of the plaintiffs in the lawsuit, said, "One of the main reasons we decided to be plaintiffs in this lawsuit was to secure legal recognition that my spouse Karina would be the parent of a child born while we were married. A birth certificate with Karina's name as one of our daughter's parents would help provide such recognition."

Larry Dupuis, the ACLU of Wisconsin Legal Director, said, "Wisconsin law provides that a male spouse of a woman who gives birth to a child is presumed to be the child's parent. The same should be true for same-sex couples."

**ORGANIZATION UPDATE**



**PROUD THEATER** was honored to receive the **2014 Diverse & Resilient LGBT Sustainability Award** on March 19. Selection criteria is based on efforts to assure the healthy development of LGBT individuals, the promotion of program partnerships, collaborations with other LGBT and allied organizations, community outreach, and community development.

**PROUD THEATER - SUN PRAIRIE** officially opened its doors on March 15, 2015, at the Sun Prairie United Methodist Church. Rehearsals will be every Sunday from 6–8:30 p.m. Check the new Proud Theater - Sun Prairie Facebook page for more details! Meanwhile, **Proud Theater - Stevens Point** is currently in development. Launch date is to be determined.

**OUR ANNUAL SHOW** will be held on May 28–30 in the Black Box Theater at Edge-wood College.

**PROUD THEATER**, in conjunction with OutReach, Inc. will be sponsoring their first annual **Proud Theater Inter-Generational Conference** this fall—designed to build history, community, and understanding between LGTBQ+ generations. Date and place are to be determined. Workshop ideas from people in the community will be accepted soon. ■

**Spread the Word**

Our Lives magazine is looking to connect with and promote any organization doing LGBTQ advocacy work. If your organization meets this criteria and you would like to use the magazine to publish frequent updates on your programs and events, e-mail Emily Mills at emills@ourlivesmadison.com

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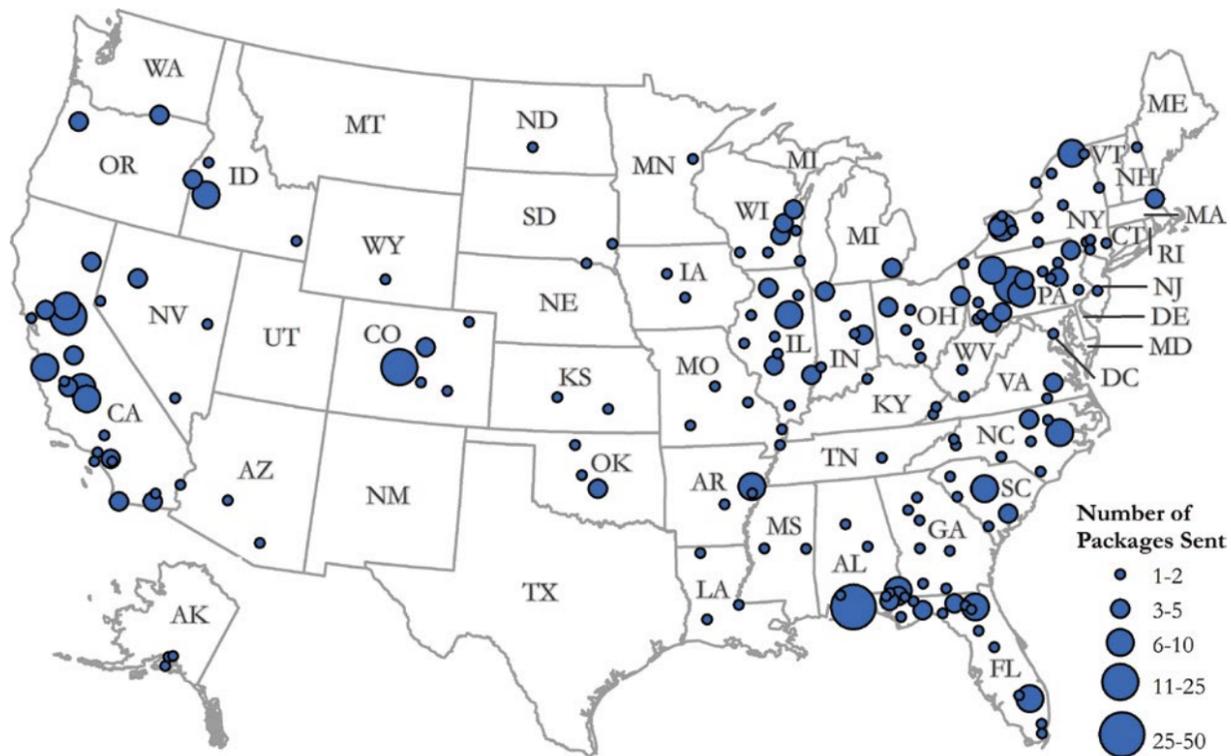
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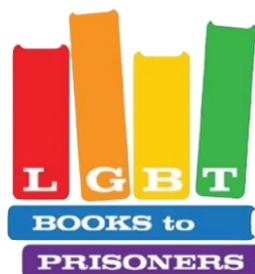
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## Widening Their Reach

LGBT Books to Prisoners maps their 2015 outreach so far, and puts out an open call for specific group needs.

**IN THE FIRST TWO** and a half months of 2015, we sent 510 packages of books to LGBTQ+ prisoners in 37 states as well as the District of Columbia. The need for books and resources remains high with more prisoners than ever writing in requesting resources that match their interests, help them learn new skills, and provide escape from the harsh conditions of prison. To continue this work, LGBT Books to Prisoners is particularly in need of: trans, gay and bi fiction, non-fiction, and erotica; dictionaries; African American and Latin@ fiction and nonfiction; drawing books; contemporary fiction (crime, thrillers, urban fiction); and mythology, occult, and alternative spirituality books. Both used



and new books, hard and softcover books in these genres would provide immense support. If you would like to make a book or financial donation to help pay for postage to send these books, please contact [lgbtbookstoprisoners@gmail.com](mailto:lgbtbookstoprisoners@gmail.com).

### TRANSWOMEN WANTED FOR TRANS BOOK GROUP

Calling Trans Women in South Central Wisconsin! Would you like to receive free books? Would you like to discuss these books with other trans women? Would you like to provide trans women in prison with a sense of community that spans beyond prison walls? If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions, join LGBT Books to Prisoners latest initiative, the Trans Book Group. This new group, funded by a grant from the New Harvest Foundation, connects trans women in prison with trans women in South Central Wisconsin through trans-themed books. This year we will be reading Julia Serano's *Whipping Girl* as well as a book chosen by members of the group. All participants will receive a free copy of both books, and will be asked to read and respond to a series of questions about these books over the next five months, which we will share among group members. We hope that this group will extend the trans community to include all of its members and raise awareness about some of the issues that trans women face, all while sharing in the joys of reading and sisterhood. Interested? Contact [lgbtbookstoprisoners@gmail.com](mailto:lgbtbookstoprisoners@gmail.com) to get involved. ■

MAP BY A. CHARENKO



**NEW HARVEST FOUNDATION (NHF)** was one of a handful of area LGBTQ nonprofits to recently participate in Community Shares' giving day, the Big Share. This experience created new connections with donors and organizations, and with the help of our friends, NHF raised \$3,000. In keeping with the spirit of our organization, a portion of the money raised was donated to Proud Theater and the Madison Gay Hockey Association. NHF continues to support south central Wisconsin by raising money to give back! ■

### Second annual OutReach Pride Parade scheduled for August 9



After the success of last year's revitalized Pride Parade, OutReach LGBT Community Center will again be putting together a day of celebration in Madison, with a parade up State Street and rally on the Capitol steps, Sunday, August 9. **The parade will set off at 1 p.m., with the rally starting around 2:30.** In addition, WOOF's Bar will also be throwing its annual Pride Block Party on August 15, with proceeds to benefit the parade. The party will be held on the 100 block of King Street and will feature live music, performances, DJs, games, and more.

Supportive and inclusive community organizations, politicians, faith groups, venues, sports leagues, and more are encouraged to register to march in the parade. OutReach is also seeking sponsors. For more info go to [lgbtoutreach.org](http://lgbtoutreach.org).

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# Life in the Fast Lane

For **Shannon Anderson**, a competitive nature and love of precision found an outlet through the high-speed world of motorcycle racing.

**MY PASSION FOR SPEED** and competition started as a kid, racing go-carts around my parents' tobacco shed. I always wanted to race the grown-ups instead of my younger sisters because I sought the greatest challenge and competition. Looking back, I'm guessing those grown-ups let me win, but I didn't know any better and took great pride when I won a race.

Go-carts were fun, but my true desire was to have a motorcycle. So I obtained my motorcycle license soon after getting my driver's license and bought my first bike. I quickly realized that racing was still in my blood, but that my desire for riding fast and aggressively did not translate to the street. A friend told me about a race class down in Illinois, and while I had no formal motorcycle racing experience, I found it intriguing and a safer way to direct my energy.

I was not sure what to expect, but I bought the appropriate gear, prepped my bike, rented a trailer, and headed out. Surprisingly, I hated my first few times on the track. I felt very awkward and timid. Thankfully I stuck out the class and by the end of the day found enjoyment in the challenge of trying to get faster with each lap. I left the track that day with my race license and, shortly after, sold my street bike for one I could prep for racing. My knowledge was minimal, but I asked a lot of questions and utilized the help of a mechanic who worked with racers. I took my time and slowly learned to go faster.

After 16 years of racing, not a lot has changed. I'm still learning, I ask a lot of questions, and my goal each time on the track remains to get a little better and faster with each lap.

Since my start in racing down in Illinois, I have raced all over the country. Most of my competition is with men, although the number of women racers has increased a little since I started in 1999. I have never found my gender or sexuality to be an issue at the track. The racers and racing community are extremely supportive and respectful of me.

My profession is in financial advising, and because I wear business suits every day, my motorcycle racing hobby often takes people by surprise. When I first started racing, I was nervous to have a racing picture in my office for fear that people would think I was an aggressive risk-taker—not a characteristic you'd necessarily want in someone you'd hired to manage your money. In actuality, most racers are less adrenaline junkies and more analytical and technical in nature. Adrenaline without caution and precision can get you hurt, and those types of racers don't tend to have very long careers on the track.



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Going fast is fun, but not that hard, and speed is not where the thrill comes from. The true rush comes from the challenge of managing all the variables out on the track. Racing requires total presence of mind in the moment. There is zero time to think about anything else.

Getting it right entails less rider input than you might think. The mechanics of the motorcycle are complex, and the more I let the bike do its thing, usually the faster I go. When everything is in line, I meld with the bike and feel like I am flying around the track. When I don't get it right, at a minimum I go slower, but on occasion it results in a crash. I have crashed over the years, and I usually get up and walk away. In 2003, I high-sided while going relatively slowly around a tight corner, resulting in a fractured pelvis and broken collar bone. Those injuries prompted some time off, but I only found myself dreaming about racing and decided life was too short to not do what I love. Some people may think I'm crazy for risking my life participating in such a dangerous sport, but I feel it is far crazier to let fear get in the way of something I love.

My enjoyment for racing comes from the challenge and intensity. I learn something new each time I go out on the track. I try to win, but my ultimate goal is to have fun. I live by a quote from Eunice Kennedy Shriver, the founder of the Special Olympics: "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt." I compete with my entire being and my whole heart, and in doing so I feel like a winner every time I'm on the track.

If you have an interest in racing or even just riding on a track, there are a lot of opportunities to bring your street bike to a track day. Many track days are designed for non-racers, and they are an excellent opportunity to experience a unique type of riding that you will not get on the street. If you don't have a motorcycle and want to learn, Madison College offers classes and they provide a motorcycle for you to use.

Whatever your interest, whether it's on a motorcycle or something entirely different, I encourage you to go for it! Don't let fear or excuses get in the way. We all have feelings of intimidation and uncertainty when trying something new. I felt that way my first time on the track, but pushing through was worth it because I discovered something that I'm passionate about. And don't worry about being perfect or being the best. Just be the best "you," and you will find success. ■

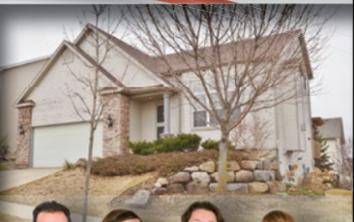
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## A Hero of Our Own

When **Jere Foley** couldn't find a mainstream fantasy novel with a queer hero, he set out to write one of his own in *Slumberscythe*.

I was only in college, and already that sounded like every single LGBTQ person I knew.

Where the iconic hero is often depicted as a shining knight, the Urban Fantasy character is generally a gritty, wise-cracking, tough-as-nails hero. The villains repeatedly knock the hero down. Yet deep in this hero's core resides the inner strength to not only keep standing up but also to insult the attacker's heritage and fashion choices while doing so. That mettle and determination is pure heroism. The bonus snark from the "never-give-up-and-screw-you-for-looking" attitude locks in my fondness for the Urban Fantasy hero.

After graduating, it didn't look like the literary world was going to offer up a queer hero. Disappointed, I took a job and invested more of my time into acting as a hobby. Starting on stage, and eventually crossing the line into independent film, I once again connected to the common themes that ran deeply in our stories. Mainstream theater and film offer more variation in heroes, and for nearly a decade it was enough. But there is something mind-opening about the novel, and I couldn't quit them completely.

Returning to printed fiction at the end of the *Harry Potter* era, I thought for sure the LGBTQ hero had to finally exist. Hunting high and low, I discovered a lot of very good erotica, but the focus of that genre is different. No matter whether I searched online or on shelves, I still could not find a single mainstream Urban Fantasy novel where the primary character was gay, queer, transgendered, or in drag.

I'd reached the point in my quest where all of my heroes would have said something incredibly sarcastic (I did), rolled up their sleeves, and gotten their hands dirty. What the hell? I'd been studying story structure for over 20 years. The characters I'd developed as an actor plumbed the depth of human complexity. I'd certainly read a library's worth of fiction in my lifetime. The only thing I didn't know was how books went from an author's head to a shelf to a reader's hands. It was time to get my hands dirty.

I earned a job as a production editor with the Wisconsin Historical Society Press. I wanted to make sure there'd be no competition, and fortunately they specialize in nonfiction that collects, preserves, and shares Wisconsin's stories. It's a small enough publisher that I've been able to see book development at all stages. It was exactly the right match. During the day, I rolled up my sleeves and brought other people's books into the world. At nights and on weekends I wrote, rewrote, edited, and produced *Slumberscythe*, the first novel of my *Outré War* series.

I'm not going to lie; it's both terrifying and humbling to release a mainstream novel with a gay hero. But he's our hero, facing challenges in a world that feels familiar and yet hides mysteries. James



**MAINSTREAM URBAN FANTASY** is an easily accessible fiction genre. Its authors blend fantasy and supernatural elements into the modern world to weave a story grounded in what's familiar while also delivering an undercurrent of otherworldly mystery. The genre includes several long-running series like Jim Butcher's *The Dresden Files* and international hits like J. K. Rowling's *Harry Potter*. Yet in a genre known for pushing the boundaries of what goes bump in the night, where are our LGBTQ heroes?

I started looking for a gay hero in mainstream fiction in the early nineties while I was pursuing my degree in linguistics at Lawrence University. My studies highlighted themes in classical literature and mythology that echo in modern literature. Heroes of all eras stand up to rulers who would put them down. They take the fight to monsters who would destroy their homes and families. Deepest of all, heroes inevitably wrestle with their own inner demons lest the darkness claim them.

is caught in a decades-old struggle between Sandmen and Reapers, and he's going to have to stop being a smartass long enough to get help surviving. He's also a dreamer, a bit of an aging fan-boy, and when push comes to shove, he tries his damndest to do the right thing. In this first novel, he takes a stand against a would-be dictator, fights a monster of a man, and faces his own inner darkness.

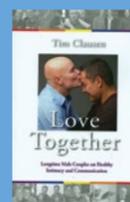
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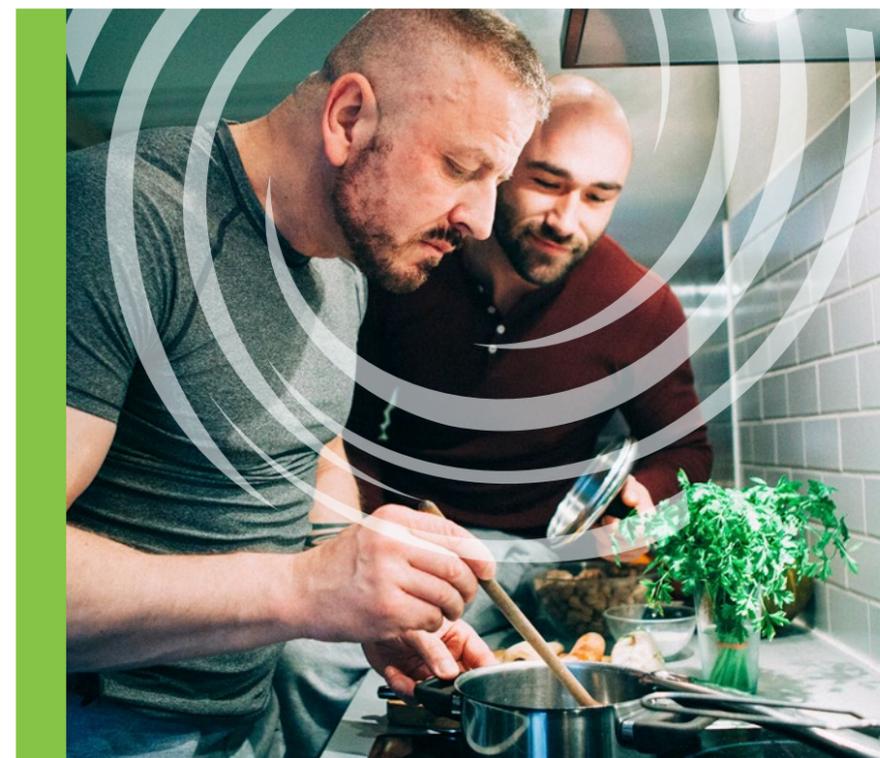
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## Moving Image

**Megan Milks** reviews **The Wet Archive's** queer take on photography as a changeable art form as well as its challenge to traditional methods of museum curation.



**THIS SPRING** the Chazen Museum of Art housed *The Wet Archive*, an exhibition that invited attendees to encounter photography queerly. Subtitled *History, Desire, and Photography's Liquid Intelligence*, the show complicated notions of the image as static and knowable and insisted upon photography as a “wet”—liquid, slippery—medium. In its insistence on the conceptual, the exhibition effectively reimagined the space of the museum gallery—so effectively, in fact, it led to some tensions with the Chazen.

Organized by a team of PhD candidates and advanced undergraduates with the oversight of UW-Madison Professor of Visual Studies Jill H. Casid, the exhibition proposed that the gallery return to the more liminal space of the darkroom. In opposition to the moving images of film, photography is often thought of as a static form, but, as stressed by *The Wet Archive*, the photographic image is volatile, subject to morphing over time. By invoking a version of the darkroom where images are in process and still emerging, the exhibition emphasized

the mercurial nature of both the photograph itself and the viewer's encounter with it.

Made up predominantly of images from the Chazen's permanent collections and including work by Claude Cahun, Andy Warhol, and Helmut Newton, among others, the exhibition stretched across a number of historical milieus to archive a queer past persistent with desire for ambiguity and crossings. Oscar Wilde stared out, bemused, from an 1882 cabinet card, placed near a 1975 Newton photograph of two female models on a Parisian street, one of whom presented a sleeker, haute-r version of Wilde's original dandy. This adjacency seemed to suggest a trans-historical (and transgender) reading of the dandy, as both figures resisted the fixity of their own frame; at the same time, they remained elusive, flirting from a knowing distance.

Throughout the exhibit, objects, bodies, and identities exceeded the boundaries of the frame, resisting a full or stable “read,” even as we found ourselves drawn to their intimacy: in one of Warhol's *Nude Model (Male)* Polaroids, the model's expression, shown in profile as his nipples were clenched in another man's fists, may have been a grin, a grimace, or both. Images by Cindy Sherman and Claude Cahun made a case for authenticity in artifice, plurality, and play. And Ralph Gibson's *Doorknob* presented a handle that was also a vulva. Here, even objects defied the closet of fixed identity.

Presumably riffing on the exhibition title's erotic connotations, the headline of a negative review has posited that it “leaves viewers limp.” Leaving aside this headline's strange conflation of “wetness” with erection, what the review overlooked is precisely what was most exciting about *The Wet Archive*: that is, how dynamically its titular wetness was defined. Describing not only the desire provoked by the photographic encounter, “wet” here extended also to the liquid skin of the image and its slippery mutability over time. As a surface, these images seemed to accrue moisture, light and darkness both becoming liquid: Larry Clark's *Acid, Lower East Side*, for example, presented a street wet with night, its unknown desires taking new form in each encounter.

Framing photography in conceptual terms, *The Wet Archive* posed a critique to standard museum conventions of curating along biographical and/or historical lines. The wall text, elegantly written, did a superb job of placing each image into this conceptual context, foregrounding idea and interpretation over biography (though history and experience were not absent from the show).

According to the curatorial team, the show's textual framing prompted significant pushback from the Chazen, who “made persistent attempts to block” it. Moreover, the show's status as student-run was presented by the Chazen as not a strength, but something of an embarrassment. Ignoring the approved copy provided by the team, the museum seemed to distance itself from the show by presenting it as “a class project.” The direct result of such condescending framing is its

echo in the aforementioned negative review, which unfairly dismissed the show as a self-congratulatory “student project.”

As the team pointed out in their letter to the editor in response to that review, the students involved are hardly the naïve dilettantes the critic makes them out to be, but PhD candidates and advanced undergraduates who represent a range of job experiences and areas of expertise. But the larger issue here is the condescension leveled without question at the idea of students as “real” curators, as though students are always already frivolous and unserious, as opposed to potentially visionary sources of new ideas about art. This reflects what seems to be, troublingly, an increasingly popular construction of the student (especially the adult student) as childish, self-indulgent, and over-idealistic. This same construction is seen in the recent pillorying of students who have sought to bring trigger warnings and safe spaces into institutions of higher education and the more widespread disregard for the arts and

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humanities and, per the state's own governor, the university overall.

Students should be rethinking and reshaping the institutions they are inheriting, and *The Wet Archive's* intervention in the Chazen's curatorial tendencies is a sparkling example of this kind of revisionary approach. While the exhibition is no longer showing in its gallery space (it closed on April 5), it is archived in full on the team's web site, [wetarchive.wordpress.com](http://wetarchive.wordpress.com). Here we are invited to encounter its images again and again, producing slippery new meanings each time. ■



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## On Solid Ground

**Rev. Everett Mitchell** talks about the whys and hows of his work to support the LGBTQ community within his own congregation, the challenges and misconceptions faced there, and why the work is an important part of the greater struggle for social justice in the African American community.

*“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”*  
—Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

**THIS QUOTE BY MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.** scares me. It reminds me that I have a responsibility to challenge injustice wherever I see it. I used to believe that I had no power to change systems of oppression, so all I could do was be a critic and hope for eventual change.

One day Rev. Donte Hilliard asked me, “You are not powerless against oppression, so what are you going to do with the power that you have been given?” As a black pastor and a straight man, I thought I would not even come close to being an ally for anyone in the LGBTQ community. While I have friends who are gay, two sisters who are lesbians, and transgender friends, I listened to their stories of having to separate their lives into being black, queer, and Christian with empathy and sadness. When I became Pastor of Christ the Solid Rock Baptist Church in Madison, those words became even more relevant: What will I do with the power that I have been given?

One Sunday morning during worship, Sharon “Shae” Frazier walked up to the altar and announced that God had healed her and restored her vision. I stopped service, assuming that I was being punked on TV. But she said it again, “God has healed my eyes. I can see. I can read the church bulletin. All I wanted was for God to heal my eyes so I could see again.” Doctors had just told Shae that her vision would be lost. But standing at the altar of Christ the Solid Rock was this lesbian woman witnessing that God’s love had touched her so deeply that she could see again.



I realized that in order to dismantle the constructs that suppress even the gentlest hearts of people, I needed to give my people the tools to deconstruct the false narratives that they had been taught through church and in parts of black culture.

After that moment, Shae and her life partner, Renee, came up to me after service and humbly said, “We are a couple and have been together for 44 years. Are you okay with us?” I smiled and answered, “Not only am I okay. God is okay as well.” Those two women gave me the biggest hug and cried. They held me and cried, as they never thought a black pastor would accept them into the church. I told them, “God accepts us all.” I would later marry them on the steps of the Dane County Courthouse and then eventually in the sanctuary of Christ the Solid Rock Baptist Church.

### THE CHALLENGE

It is no secret that a majority of traditional black churches still preach and teach a hermeneutic of hate regarding gays and lesbians. Even though musicians, praise dancers, deacons, trustees, choir members, and even some pastors are either closeted or openly gay, preachers routinely preach rhetorically homophobic sermons. I am adamant that this has to stop. NOW! We cannot continue to accept this or to act as though it is okay or to be dismissive. Every time a sermon is preached that or justifies oppression because the Bible “tells me so,” it just dehumanizes some of our friends and family and places broken spirits deeper into closets of despair.

In my church, no hate-filled preaching is allowed in our pulpit. The pulpit in the black church is the sacred desk. It is the place where the divine and humanity are joined together as the Spirit descends to empower everyday people to transcend the limitations of

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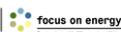
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hurt and culture. It is a powerful instrument that can yield positives such as giving birth to the Civil Rights struggles or negatives such as disempowering people and making them nothing more than the walking dead. I decided that at a minimum at Christ the Solid Rock that no one preaching in the church's pulpit will preach a message of hate, homophobia, and fear-peddling. It is amazing how the messages transform from ones of hell and damnation to those of love and empowerment. But limiting the types of preaching is not enough.

**A MINISTRY OF PRESENCE**

I recognize the enormous responsibility I have as a Pastor of all people. The pastor in a black church is the spiritual leader of the congregation and as such sets the tone for how the congregation thinks about its mission related to the gospel. I needed to embody in action the support of standing and using the power I had been given to expose the people to the power of God's love. So I had to begin a journey of sitting and listening to my LGBTQ brothers and sisters.

I learned that the most powerful weapon for justice is just to embody the ministry of presence. I publicly embraced the ministries of young men and women of color who were shunned at other churches because they were openly gay. I supported organizations such as Freedom Inc. who were doing work to bring brown, yellow, and black children together in order to discuss issues related to sexual orientation and identity. I admit that being a straight black man comes with a great deal of limitations when thinking about LGBTQ advocacy. But my journey into learning and ultimately using the power I have to fight for LGBTQ inclusion has been a walk of humility and love.

At Christ the Solid Rock our motto is "The Church where everybody is somebody." In the church, I challenged the congregation by beginning to teach and preach on the power and the necessity of inclusion in Jesus' ministry. Adamant about biblical truths, some of my members who had grown up in traditional and conservative biblical environments challenged my interpretation and perceptions of the Bible. But I continued to remind them that God is a power and force of love that transcends the boundaries of the biblical text and enters the very heart of every human being. I thought the congregation was

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poised to be a different kind of congregation because of the chorus of "Amen's" I received after preaching those fiery sermons on God's love. Needless to say, when I announced that I would marry Shae and Renee in the church, I found prejudice had been planted deeper into the culture of the black community than I'd thought.

**WALKING THE WALK**

The preaching of inclusion of gays and lesbians was different than actually performing a marriage ceremony of two lesbians, especially in the church. When I announced that I would marry them in the church, "all hell broke loose." I heard traditional arguments: Adam and Eve, not Steve; Man should not lay with a man; it is unnatural; people choose to be gay; no one is born that way; etc. People were talking in churches, barbershops, at school, on Facebook about this preacher teaching that it is all right to be gay.

I realized that in order to dismantle the constructs that suppress even the gentlest hearts of people, I needed to give my people the tools to deconstruct the false narratives that they had been taught through church and in parts of black culture. I was compassionate and sympathetic because these thoughts were all people had been taught. Many had never been offered a different narrative until I confronted their deep-seated homophobia reinforced by generations of families. I often remind black Christians that their arguments of condemning gays and lesbians are similar to the arguments of those who used the Bible, science, and history to justify the atrocious brutality and economics of slavery. I continued to teach, brought in others to help discuss uncomfortable positions regarding sexuality and sexual identity, engaged in a hundred small conversations about whether this was right or wrong. I stood and continued to preach a message of inclusion and love.

I also taught a different vision of Jesus. I wanted them to wrestle with the reality of a Jesus who did not come to just die so we could get to heaven. I wanted them to address a Jesus that sat with those that everyone in their culture rejected and turned over tables in a temple that had normalized injustice. It is a Jesus that sought to change systems that oppressed and excluded by exposing the ability of those in power to kill someone who encouraged marginalized people to stand up and be free. This is a Jesus that reminded us "That whatever you do unto the least of these, you do unto me."

Therefore our treatment of our gay brothers and sisters is a reflection of our love and treatment of Jesus.

There were members who left the church. There were black pastors who I considered friends who turned their backs on me. There were members who openly criticized me for leading people in the wrong direction. But I knew then as much as I know now that marrying Shae and Renee was a symbol of God's loving power that all human beings need to experience. I stood on my faith and faced the fears and anger of many.



Everett Mitchell with Rev. Christopher Long at Christ the Solid Rock.

As a Christian, Baptist-raised, straight black man, I am often asked by my gay and lesbian friends, "Why would you get involved in this issue?" If I am around straight black people, I am often reprimanded because some do not see the intersection between gay rights and civil rights. But I listen to my sisters, Shuntol and Artrai, and I hear their pain and struggle to hear a prophetic voice willing to be vulnerable and risk everything to do what is right—for them, and others like them. I figured, at the church, the least I can do is risk it all in the name of equality and trust that God will have the last word.

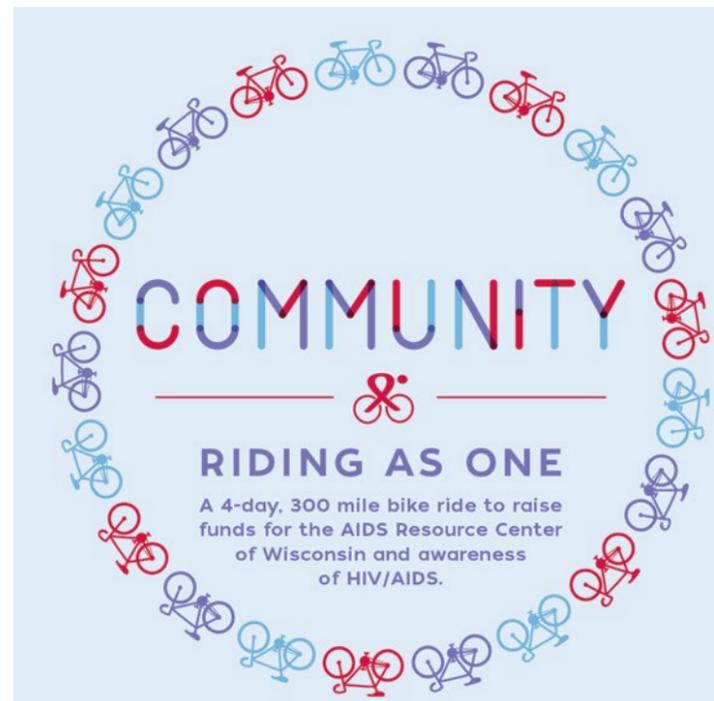
I have been helped in this and learned to be a better listener thanks to people such as Rev. Christopher Long, my mentors Linda Ketcham and Kim Fisher, Donte Hilliard, Perry Williams, Clyde Mayberry, M Adams, Jasmine Timmons, and Z! Haukeness. These circles of friends teach me on a continual basis about the power of love, trust and the strength of the human spirit to make positive change.

Every one of them is worth me taking the risk of being shunned because, at the end of the day, it is their stories that remind me, "Silence is not an option." Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me?" Peter responded, "Yes!" And so Jesus responded, "Feed my sheep!" I am feeding the sheep with love by transforming systems of oppression.

**FAITH IN A BETTER FUTURE**

I will end where I began—"injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere"—because I recognize that injustices are interrelated. When we march in the streets shouting, "Black Lives Matter," it resonates from a belief that all people should be included within the chorus of human importance.

Places of worship will become irrelevant if we do not use the power that we have to include and fight for those voices that are often excluded from the mainstream community. We can and must continue to fight. It was both amazing but sad that in 2014 a small Baptist congregation in Madison was the first black Baptist church in Wisconsin to have the courage to marry a same gender couple. The end of the world did not happen because of the ceremony. If anything it removed a barrier so that the creative power of God can give us the strength to tackle the depth of racism in liberal Madison. Because in order to fight this enemy, we will need all brothers and sisters, gay and straight, together singing in one loud chorus, demanding equality for all. ■



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## Behind the Scenes Builder

Caroline Werner talks to a motivating force behind OutReach LGBT Community Center, board president **Roger Hansen**.

**ROGER HANSEN** is the OutReach LGBT Community Center Board President. This “junior senior,” as he prefers to be called, is a mover and shaker for our community. Roger’s at OutReach so often that anyone who didn’t know better would think he’s staff.

He works closely with Brian Poncé, Publications Director. Since my office is in the same room with Brian, I see Roger a lot: he’s often talking to Steve Starkey, our Executive Director, or Angie Rehling, Program Director, and to our volunteers. Sometimes the guy can be a “pest,” but he’s a well-intentioned one—and he keeps us on our toes and energizes the entire agency. Roger went so far as to pledge to match the first \$1,500 in donations made to the center during the Big Share in March. His energy and commitment to the community leads me to want everyone to know about what he does:

Roger grew up on a farm outside of New Holstein, Wisconsin. He knew his sexual orientation by age 10 or 11 and also knew not to disclose what he was thinking to anyone, especially in a rural environment in the 1960s. Roger graduated from high school in ‘71. He attended the UW Oshkosh and received a BS in Zoology in ‘76. He did not come out in either high school or college.

**SO, WHAT HAPPENED AFTER COLLEGE?** I went to work in the pharmaceutical industry. I had several different positions in sales and marketing. I worked for the same company for 31 years.



**WHEN DID YOU COME OUT?** I came out as a gay man when I was 31. I came out with a group in Iowa City and worked on a coming out project there. I had a long-term relationship at one point in my life.

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN ACTIVE WITH OUTREACH?** For about 14 years now.

**HOW DID YOU GET INVOLVED?** When I came to Madison, I began volunteering under former Program Director Harry Straetz. I told Harry about my experience in Iowa City and he put me on the Speakers’ Bureau, where I’m still active. I asked to work with coming out support groups as well, so I began by co-facilitating a gay men’s group.

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN ON THE BOARD?** I’ve been on the Board a little over four years.

**WHAT MOTIVATED YOU TO GET INVOLVED WITH EVERYTHING YOU DO NOW AT OUTREACH?** I saw the need to work to improve the lives of MY people. Basically, what motivated me was they wanted me to get more involved and asked me to be on the Board, and I said yes. Once I was involved with the Board, I realized that the number one thing was to raise funds and improve our financial status. I’ve been working with OutReach’s The Directory for four years. In that time, the ad revenue has tripled. I work with the Executive Director to increase OutReach’s

funding. I track the donations and maintain the donor records, working with Steve and Barb Kneer, our bookkeeper. In my years on the Board, I’ve served as the Treasurer, Vice President and now President.

**AS A SENIOR, WHAT DO YOU SEE IS IMPORTANT FOR OUTREACH TO BE DOING?** I support the senior programs and the social activities. Everyone who knows me knows that I support OutReach on all fronts. I get excited about everything happening at OutReach and all the people we serve—programs for young adults; helping transgender people get equal rights with the rest of us; and supporting Latino and African American LGBT youth and families. The work of OutReach is important on all fronts.

**WHAT IS YOUR GOAL FOR OUTREACH?** My goal is for OutReach to grow and thrive on the broad front. We managed to pay down the debt taken on eight years ago. We’ve added more programs. We took on the Pride Parade last year. My goal is to continue to grow the organization while improving our financial stability. ■



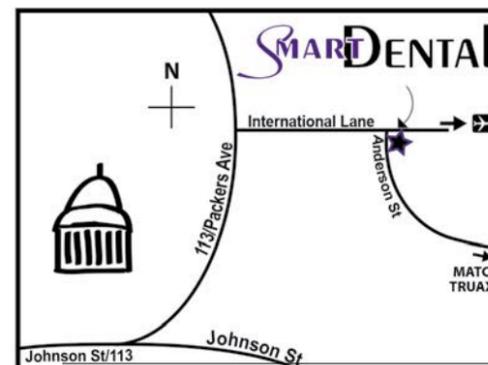
**CAROLINE WERNER** has a Master’s Degree in Social Work. She did case management with Dane County seniors before retiring. Now she is an LGBT Senior Advocate for the OutReach LGBT Community Center.

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JUNE 13

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ORGANIZATIONS

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**Out Professional and Executive Network (O.P.E.N.)**  
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**Perfect Harmony Men's Chorus**  
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**Proud Theater (LGBTQ Youth)**  
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**StageQ - Madison's Queer Theater**  
[stageq.com](http://stageq.com)

**UW - Madison LGBT Campus Center**  
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[wisc.edu/lgbt](http://wisc.edu/lgbt)

**Wisconsin Rainbow Families**  
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feature local actors, writers, directors, and stage crews tackling a wide array of topics and themes on the Bartell Theater's Drury stage. [stageq.com](http://stageq.com)

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**Wisconsin Transgender Health Summit, May 2** Transgender and health organizations, plus members of the community, will come together for a day of discussion, workshops, networking and more to help build a more affirming and welcoming environment for all transgender people, especially in regard to health care. [witranshealth.wordpress.com](http://witranshealth.wordpress.com)

**Mad Rollin' Dolls roller derby championship bout, May 9** The hard-hitting, fast-skating athletes of the Mad Rollin' Dolls roller derby take to the track at the Alliant Energy Center for the championship games of their 2015 home season, with doors at 5 and action at 6 p.m. Expect great halftime entertainment, chances to play games and win prizes, and incredible feats on eight wheels. [madrollindolls.com](http://madrollindolls.com)

**OutReach Annual Garden Party, May 21, Rotary Botanical Gardens, Janesville** William Wartmann and the board of directors of OutReach LGBT Community Center invite you to their 7th Annual Garden Party, this year at the beautiful Rotary Botanical Gardens in Janesville. The event will feature a hot and cold buffet, beverages, mingling, and a brief program. [lgbtoutreach.org](http://lgbtoutreach.org)

**Perfect Harmony's "That Sixties Show," May 30** Perfect Harmony Men's Chorus teams up with Milwaukee's City of Festivals Men's Chorus for a concert featuring musical hits from the 1960s. [perfectharmonychorus.org](http://perfectharmonychorus.org)

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Leanne Cordisco has walked a slightly improbable but always interesting path from caretaker to business consultant to purveyor of sweet confections and a home-away-from-home at the well-regarded **Chocolaterian Café**.



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Walk into its high-ceilinged space from the Winnebago side, and you immediately pass a row of windows that afford a direct look into the candy- and dessert- making operations that are at the core of Chocolaterian's appeal. This is also where the now famous Christine's Gourmet Toffee brand—once featured in the celebrity swag bags at the 2011 Emmy Awards—gets made. On any given day, a person can grab a table to sip coffee and nibble on treats, all while watching the candy makers and dessert chefs ply their delicious trade, pouring molten chocolate into giant pans, decorating tarts, baking cookies, and so much more.

At the heart of it you'll often find the sandy-haired, smiling visage of co-owner Leanne Cordisco, always busy with the operation's day-to-day business but never so much that she won't stop to greet familiar faces and newcomers alike, recommend the Ugly Cookies, or even sit and chat with friends for a moment—until something in the kitchen demands her attention once again.

Leanne and business partner Kimberly Vruble opened the Chocolaterian Café in 2012, then a second, smaller space in the newly renovated Central Library just 11 months after that, a move Leanne ruefully admits was "maybe not stupid, but certainly a stretch" at the time, but a stretch that has since proved a beneficial one.

The sheer amount of drive and hustle displayed by that move, too, is par for the course for Leanne, a seemingly perpetual whirl of energy wrapped in the form of a warm-hearted, enthusiastic human being.

### FAMILY FIRST

The path to dessert and café maven was not a straightforward one for Leanne though, either literally or figuratively. The self-described "Philadelphia girl" grew up on the East Coast and only moved to Madison as an adult. Though she wasn't out yet in high school, she and her boyfriend at the time both knew the other was gay by the time they went to the prom together: "About halfway through the night he was like, 'Can I wear your heels?'" and I was like, "Can I wear your shoes?"

She would go on to work in the medical device industry while still living in Pennsylvania, but she ended up spending much of her time acting as caretaker for various ailing family members instead. It mattered to her that these loved ones received the care they deserved, but the work took a major toll. Over the course of about a year and a half, five members of what she calls her "core family" died. "My father died unexpectedly of a stroke on a beach in Aruba at the age of 50, just dropped dead," she explains. "Very shortly after that my favorite person who ever walked the planet died—I was holding her hand when she passed. She was in a nursing home in Cleveland, and they called me up and said 'you need to get out here,' so literally I was just on the next plane to get out there and spent the day with her. And then my grandmother died. I was taking care of her; she had cancer and came to live with me for a while. And then her other sister, my other great aunt Jean, she had a stroke and couldn't be alone anymore, she was 82, so she came to live with me, and so I took care of her through hospice, and she died in my house."

Shortly after that, Leanne's maternal grandmother also passed away. "At that point I was like, I'm out. I need to get the fuck out of here, and this was right around 2000, and I thought, what am I gonna do? I'm working in the medical device industry, I'm around death every day, and my family is droppin' like flies. I just needed a change."

A little 40-seat pizza place in Nederland, Colorado, caught her eye, and she planned to head west to start life over with a brand new venture—but not before swinging through Madison to catch up with a few

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We all know that there are fish that are eco-friendly to consume, as well as those that are endangered/overfished species that we should avoid (edf.org/seafood). There is also a movement to avoid seafood caught/processed by companies that are not in the States. This is due to extensive poaching and other illegal fishing methods used in countries like China. Think shark fin soup (they cut off the dorsal fin of the shark, while still alive, and then dump it back in the ocean to die a horrible death). There are too many disgusting practices to go into here, but it pays to do your research and buy seafood only from U.S. companies with a history of sustainable and ethical harvest/processing procedures.

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### Fourth-Wave Coffee



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Coffee is one of the largest imports to the United States, and it mainly comes from developing countries. Organic and Fair-trade Certifications were once the thing to look for when in search of a sustainably grown bean. This is changing because of the high cost of certification and cost of living surpassing fair-trade pricing. Fourth-wave roasters (such as JBC Roasters of Madison) are helping to change the way coffee is grown and sold by paying well above fair-trade pricing and buying from growers that use organic methods regardless of certification. This results in more money going directly to the growers, pickers, and their communities. It takes a bit more work on the part of the consumer to find these products, but roasters that use these practices are usually more than happy to share information about their sourcing. And it all leads to a tastier brew that you can feel good about!

### Creative Wedding Ideas



SWEET LIFE CAKES, COOKIES & CONFECTIONS  
DEREK AIMONETTO, SUGAR ARTIST

One of my new favorite ideas is a concept we came up with for a recent same-sex wedding. To identify the seat assignment for each guest, we created cake pops to match the brides' colors, which were then attached to each guest's place card by the stick of the pop and set around the tables at the reception. Each of the guests arrived at the reception and were treated with a special sweet surprise.

friends. It turned out to be a fortuitous side trip.

One of those friends made "that fabled offer you can't refuse," and instead of going to open a pizza place in Colorado, Leanne stayed in Madison and became a technical trainer for GE. "It was kind of like Leanne 2.0," she muses. "I've had kinda three different versions of my life, you know? Chocolaterian is Leanne 3.0."

She credits the influence of several close friends and family members with helping her see and jump at opportunities and changes in her life. One in particular, a woman by the name of Nina who passed 20 years ago, left a particularly indelible mark. It was Nina's adaptable and loving approach to life that made the biggest impression. "She never bitched about anything," Leanne explains, speaking with something very much like reverence. "The worst thing I heard her say, even when she was dying, was 'you know, today wasn't a very good day.' She was this awesome, incredible person and every day was a gift to her."

Being present for the end of so many loved ones' lives wasn't remotely easy, but the lessons learned through those experiences and more have shaped the person she is now. It also threw some things into sharp focus. "You have to have the courage to accept what the universe throws at you," Leanne says. "And a lot of people go through their lives in denial thinking their life is this way when really it's this other way. Life is what you make of it right now."

### JUST DESSERTS

After the move to Madison, the story of how Popular Snacks and Christine's Toffee came into being is somewhat improbable. Part of her job as a trainer meant traveling the world to give talks and workshops—everywhere from Paris, Helsinki, and London to various cities in Australia. As an ardent "travel junkie," it was right up her alley.

But it was while on a vacation with her partner in Italy that Leanne had another idea. Some would call it the ultimate dream: "We're driving from vineyard to vineyard and olive orchard to olive orchard, and I said to my partner, there's gotta be a way for me to be able to go to all the beautiful places in the world and have it be my day job."

Leanne is a strong proponent of the power of travel to change one's life and perspective. She recounts the story of an Iranian cab driver who once told her he could tell when he'd met someone who had traveled a lot based on how they treated strangers and being in new places. "He said every time you go to a new place in the world you see the world through a new set of eyes. And I just love that because it's so true."

The vineyards and the wine had a creative effect on her too. It was during that trip that she initially had the idea for a new wine accessory that has since come to market, a sort of wine bottle-shaped dry bag for carrying precious cargo onto airplanes without fear of spilling.

As fate would have it, about a month after that Italian vacation Leanne ran into Dennis Collins, a professor at Edgewood College, who recommended that she seek an angel investor, and oh by the way, did she want to come with him to a meeting with Sam Jacobsen later?

Sam Jacobsen, it should be noted, was the founder and owner of PDQ stores, a self-made millionaire with a yen for investing in interesting new business endeavors.

"So I put together a pitch for my idea," Leanne recounts, "and I went there with Sam, a bunch of 19-year-old college students, and me—corporate veteran. And we talked for about an hour, just about my life and entrepreneurship, but I never had the chance to pitch my idea. At the end of it I was really thankful to have met him because he was such an interesting guy. Smart as smart can be."

Happily, just days later Jacobsen's secretary called to invite Leanne back for another meeting. This time she got in her pitch—but Sam wasn't interested in the wine business. Instead, he made a counter offer:



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## WHAT'S TRENDING

### Small, Local, AND Sustainable



COW & QUINCE  
LORI STERN, OWNER

At Cow & Quince we are deep in the challenges and joys of local food sourcing to be consistent with our value of eating local year 'round, even in Wisconsin! As a small eatery and market in a rural community emerging from our first winter, I would like to report that "it can be done!" I think more shoppers and eaters are looking for a connection with their food and the people who grow it. I like to think this is a definite trend that will hopefully support an increasing number of small diverse farms and food systems in the future.

### Expanding gluten-free options



DAISY CAFÉ & CUPCAKERY  
DARYL SISSON, OWNER

We've seen a continuous rise in demand for gluten-free options. From what we hear, this increase comes less from those with celiac disease than from those with a general gluten intolerance. My wife and I cook gluten-free at home, so we keep finding new ways to work it into our menu. At Daisy, we now have more than 40 gluten-free entrees for breakfast, lunch, and dinner (including a GF Fish Fry). For desserts, we offer several GF cupcakes daily, and we've added a Flourless Chocolate Cake and GF Fruit Tarts (including an Olive Oil-Grapefruit Tart topped with Sea Salt). We're still waiting for scientists to tell us why gluten intolerance seems to be on the rise, but in the meantime we're happy to show items tagged with "GF" can be just as tasty as those without.

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## WHAT'S TRENDING

### Know Your Chocolate's Story



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In the past few years we have seen increasing interest in the local food movement. This holds true with the chocolate industry. Everyone, it seems, wants to know where their chocolate is coming from, which country or which farmers. The stories are worth telling, and it increases awareness about our food sources. We are also seeing more collaboration between artisan food makers. We have done some work with Madison Chocolate Company (Megan Hile), MadUrban Bees, Ale Asylum, and recently Really Granola. This is an exciting trend as it helps to boost both businesses and strengthens relationships.

### Coming Back to Old Favorites



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### Tried and True



ROOTS CHOCOLATES  
LISA NELSON, OWNER

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"I'd never made candy before in my life," Leanne laughs. Obviously, she said yes, and Christine's Gourmet Toffees (named for Jacobsen's mother, who made him candy when he was a boy) was born.

"Leap, and hope the net will appear," she adds. "The net might be one inch off the ground and you might not hit it anyway but, why not? The universe just dropped this gift wrapped package with a big bow into my lap and said 'I dare you to open that box.'"

### HOME AWAY FROM HOME

During all of this change in careers and physical locations, Leanne was always out as a lesbian, though it sometimes proved difficult to maintain that status when it came to the business itself. Jacobsen passed away in 2010, and shortly thereafter Leanne found a new business partner in Kimberly Vruble, who was the wife of a former coworker at GE.

They built Chocolaterian around the idea of the "third space," where anyone who wanted to spend a little time and a little money on a special treat could come and "sit down, hang out, use it like a coffee shop or like a date spot on the weekends, and just have it built around chocolate and desserts rather than coffee," Leanne notes. "Very European."

All that said, the location of the café in the middle of one of the most densely populated lesbian neighborhoods in Madison isn't lost on her, nor is it something she wants to shy away from embracing. "This is kind of the epicenter of lesbian Madison in one of the gayest neighborhoods in the city. So this place is one of the gayest in the country, really."

"I saw that as something that was going to have to be talked about

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delicately because my business partner is not gay," Leanne says thoughtfully. "One of her concerns is that she didn't just want to be a gay place. And I said you can't be open in this neighborhood without being super welcoming. And I'm gay! And I'm out. It's gonna happen. So we talked about it. And it still sometimes wears on her because so many people think she's gay now, and any time anybody makes—I guess, I shouldn't put words in her mouth, but if someone's always making some kind of wrong or inaccurate judgement about you, it's wearing."

That focus on being welcoming to all people is, ultimately, at the core of everything they do at Chocolaterian. Leanne had always wanted to create a place where friends could come and go as they pleased, and that was nurturing and welcoming, but it never worked out that that place could be her actual house. The café has since become that place, with the bonus of having specific hours of operation and closing times.

"That's one of the things I like best about the vibe of Chocolaterian," she adds. "It's welcoming, it's warm and cozy. Everybody is safe here."

Looking back, Leanne has to admit that it makes a strange and perfect sense that she's come to this place of using food as a means of expressing love. Growing up in an Italian family, that was tradition after all. "I'm a cook. I'm a foodie. All the important events of my life I can tell you what people had to eat or what I cooked," Leanne says. "My second memory as a human being on this planet is making meatballs. My first memory is me spending Christmas with that favorite relative, Nina. I grew up in this Italian family, and food is love. That's how you express love for somebody, and so when I cook for someone it's just an expression of how much I give a damn." ■



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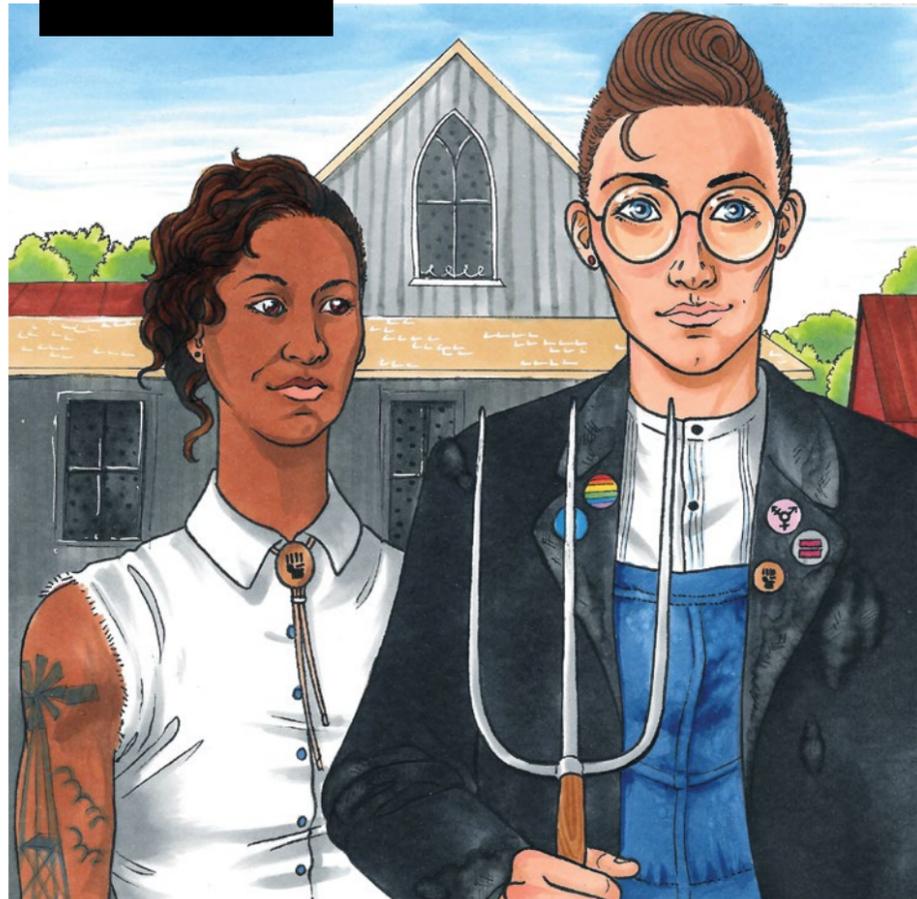
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## feature



# Queering the Farm

Sociologist **Jaclyn Wypler** explores the growing community of **lesbian farmers** and finds a desire for better connections and visibility.

"**STAND UP IF YOU'VE BEEN** farming for less than five years," called out the lunchtime speaker to a room of nearly 400 gathered in Iowa at a national conference for women in sustainable agriculture. Chairs scratched as women began to stand up from round tables dotting the room, enthusiastic applause greeting them. The farmer on my right, Helen, was on her feet. In her early sixties with cropped hair and a button-down shirt tucked into blue jeans, she recently purchased land and began raising goats. "Stand up if you're over 45 and left another career to farm," the speaker called, and again vibrant clapping chorused around the room. On my left, Margo now stood up, another short-haired farmer with a tucked-in t-shirt. In her fifties, Margo was new to farming and just venturing into the endeavor full-time that season. The speaker then repeated her mantra for educators and activists; a feeling of solidarity spread among the geographically diverse audience members, united by their contributions to sustainable agriculture. (Both Margo and Helen are pseudonyms for real women who opted not to have their legal names used in this article.)

I stood when the rallying call turned to students, a first-year in University of Wisconsin – Madison's Sociology Department. After undergrad, I had worked on small vegetable farms, in school gardens, and with a women's farming cooperative in Peru. Now in graduate school, I planned to study women sustainable farmers in the Midwest. Though the number of women farmers in the US has been on the rise, they only comprise 14% of overall farmers and often

struggle to be recognized within the male-dominated field. I started research by working with Mary Celley, the Bee Charmer, behind her stand at the Dane County Farmer's Market. What captured my interest, however, were Mary's experiences as a lesbian farmer.

After college, I had worked on a small farm in rural Wisconsin. Co-workers perceived me to be straight, privileging me to their casual homophobic remarks, like believing that gays and lesbians were mentally ill or that they feared for society with same-sex marriages and same-sex couples raising children on the rise. I had committed to the farm and worked for the entire season, but I felt tense and isolated by being in the closet. I desperately wanted to find other lesbian farmers—were there others out there? This question was still on my mind years later at the conference in Iowa. It led me to choose a seat at lunchtime between Helen and Margo, two short-haired, butch-looking farmers. As we went around the table introducing ourselves, I mentioned my project on lesbian farmers. Later, Margo invited me to visit her farm and meet her wife, and Helen pulled me aside as we were leaving the auditorium. Helen had a similar question.

"How many lesbians do you think are in there?" she asked. "I wanted to shout 'and stand up if you're a lesbian!'" We laughed and pondered the possible number. We were present—though visually identifying lesbians in a sea of hardy female farmers can be challenging—but rarely recognized in the farming community as lesbians.

### FAMILY ON THE LAND

Lesbians have a legacy on the land, at least since the landdyke movement of the 1980s, which paralleled the back-to-the-land ethos with a feminist impulse. Landdykes established communal lands and formed intentional communities where they lived, hosted workshops, and learned new skills. According to Helen, lesbians and landdykes

## WHAT'S TRENDING

### It's Not a Fad



BUNKY'S CAFÉ  
TERESA PULLARA, OWNER

Working with local farmers seems to continue to be the way to go. We even have a new Food Hub Co-op that will deliver to each restaurant and represents 30–50 farmers. Gluten free and vegan options are on the rise. When we started serving GF almost ten years ago, people commented that "It was a fad," but now those folks are eating GF to feel better too. Fundraisers are still a growing trend. We have always felt that you need to give back to the community, and we look to our neighborhood for that!

### Trendy Veggies & Alternative Grains



WILLY STREET CO-OP  
BRENDON SMITH, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Kale has transitioned from a trendy veggie to an official staple at this point. In its place, cauliflower has become the new "trendy" vegetable. It works well as a rice or potato substitute. Fresh turmeric (only available December through June, from Hawaii) is also very popular for its health benefits. We're also seeing the rise of new alternative milks: coconut, almond and hemp are becoming more popular than soy and rice, which are both receiving some bad press at the moment. Paleo diet and gluten free products continue to spread, as well as "ancient grains" like kamut, quinoa, spelt, farro, and chia. Meanwhile, vegans are losing their minds over Field Roast's new Chao cheese.

  
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## WHAT'S TRENDING

### Local Is Still Better



MADISON ESSENTIALS MAGAZINE  
AMY JOHNSON, EDITOR

Locally sourced food. The trend may not be new, but it is still building. The interest in and availability of locally sourced food continues to grow with strengthening connections between farmers, chefs, and consumers. When we choose local options for what we prepare at home, what we serve in restaurants, and what we serve in schools (think farm to table in all cases), the results are fresher and healthier, and the choices support local farmers, growers, and producers. It's important to keep in mind that these dollars spent locally stay in and reinvest in our community, which strengthens our economy. Also, when you choose locally sourced food, you help the environment because the food doesn't have to travel as far to get to its destination. Fortunately, in Wisconsin, accessibility to local produce, meat, cheese, and more continues to expand through CSAs, farmer's markets, grocers, and more.

### More Options for Food Cart Dining



FRIED & FABULOUS  
STEVEN LAWRENCE, OWNER

Food carts are now in your neighborhood, with a major program expansion set for this year. Once just a downtown lunch option and farmer's market treat, food carts are now all over the city under a new food cart cooperative called Let's Eat Out. And it's more than just food carts, with musicians playing live, cupcake tables, and even farmers joining us to truly make it a neighborhood event.

were the forgotten grandmothers to the current movement of women in sustainable agriculture. At this conference, she felt invisible, like a ghost.

Indeed, editorials and memoirs tend to depict straight white women as the face of the sustainable agriculture movement, omitting lesbians or erasing their queerness. An example of journalists erasing queerness occurred in an April 2014 *Yes!* magazine article on women farmers. The article featured three farmers, including Lindsey Morris Carpenter of Grassroots Farm, LLC located in Monroe, Wisconsin. The journalist referenced the other farmers' husbands and then described Lindsey as "unmarried." Lindsey had described herself as queer multiple times in their interview, and same-sex marriage was currently illegal in the state. Lindsey joked, "If it wasn't, I'd be divorced three times by now."

**Contrary to my experiences of isolation, I found established lesbian farmer networks in which lesbian farmers create a safe space for other queer people to learn how to farm.**

Since meeting Helen and Margo in the fall of 2013, I have visited each of their farms and spent time with 12 other lesbian farmers across the Midwest. The farmers are artists, veterans, mothers, scientists, musicians, daughters, vegetarians, wives, and librarians. They range from 22 to 62 years old, some new to farming while others have 35 seasons of experience. They are all white and predominately live in rural areas. As an ethnographer, I collect data by spending time with farmers; my advisor refers to the method as "the science of hanging out." We attempt to place ourselves in the shoes of the people we're researching and to see the world through their lens.

I visit farms for an afternoon or sometimes several days, where I pull weeds, hoe beds, and trellis tomatoes. I herd goats, chase escape-artist calves, load hogs, and butcher chickens. I accompany farmers to markets to deliver CSA shares and to run errands in town, all the while typing field notes into my phone. These women have opened their homes and lives to me: they share meals, introduce me to family and friends, and tell personal stories. For their warmth and kindness as I do a job that I love, I am so thankful.

In my research, lesbian farmers can have fruitful lives in the country alongside other lesbian farmers and restaurants. Contrary to my experiences of isolation, I found established lesbian farmer networks in which lesbian farmers create a safe space for other queer people to learn how to farm. Last season, several queer people interested in farming sought out Lindsey of Grassroots Farm and became employees, volunteers, and CSA worker shares. Lindsey describes her farm as "a safe space for womyn, men, kids of all ages, trans-people, parents, retirees, locals, city-dwellers, and queers."

While these individuals sought Lindsey, Nett Hart of Webster Farm Organic in Minnesota is seeking out interested farmers. She posted a purple flier advertising her land as a place for someone to "learn & earn" while farming 20 hours a week: "Lesbians especially encouraged to apply," the flier read. Nett coined the word "landdyke" and founded Lesbian Natural Resources, a nonprofit to provide lesbians lands with legal and financial resources. As landdykes, both Nett and Helen wanted their lands to be havens for lesbians to visit, to learn skills, and to live for generations.

The farmers in the Madison area have strong business relationships with other queer farmers and businesses. I met Jennifer DeBolt and Tami Lax of the Old Fashioned and Harvest while working behind The Bee Charmer stand at the Dane County Farmers Market with Mary.

Jennifer came to the stand weekly to fill bags with several dozen ears of Mary's sweet corn. After I introduced Mary, the Bee Charmer, to Lindsey of Grassroots Farm, Lindsey bought Mary's corn and squash to include in her summer vegetable share. Finally, Lori and Leann of the Cow & Quince local food eatery and grocer in New Glarus source meat and vegetables from Lindsey of Grassroots Farms. The three also talk shop—tractors, hog feed, and chicken breeds—over meals at the couple's bed and breakfast, Lucky Dog Farmstay, topped with their own goat-milk caramel for dessert.

### BUILDING THE RURAL CONNECTION

But some farmers in my research lack a nearby network of lesbian farmers and express a desire to meet other queers in the field. A farmer outside of the Twin Cities captured this sentiment well: she has a strong group of local farming friends who are all straight. When she visits queer friends in the city, they don't understand why she has to leave early to do livestock chores. Lesbian and farmer are two important aspects of her identity, and she would like to know people who understand both. With farmers in my research, we have been trying to bring visibility to queer farmers and facilitate connections among them at farming conferences.

At the Women in Sustainable Agriculture Conference the year after I met Helen, she ran a discussion on the legacy of women and lesbian lands. She spoke about her own landdyke experiences, and Nett shared information about resources available through the nonprofit, Lesbian Natural Resources, to the audience of 40 farmers, activists, and educators. We set aside two tables at lunch to continue the conversation. Conference attendees provided positive feedback on the session, describing it as "awesome," "touching and raised awareness and positions of acceptance," and "a bonus for those who are seeking a voice."

## WHAT'S TRENDING

### Look Local for Your Sweet Treats Too



CHOCOLATERIAN & CHRISTINE'S POPULAR SNACKS  
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Madison is a town filled with socially conscious foodies, and that is a terrific thing. Our superb network of farmer's markets gives Madisonians unrivaled transparency in what they eat. We don't think twice about asking how the animals and vegetables we eat are raised. Madisonians have those same expectations when it comes to desserts, and because of this, I have seen an increased interest in clean, raw, and vegan chocolate requests.

### Drink Pink for Fresher Wine



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Rosé wine has finally hit its stride. I have long been a proponent of rosé—the average drinker, not so much, but 2015 is the year of rosé. If you still think of all rosé as *déclassé*, here are a few reasons you can't afford to pass up that next glass: Rosé wine is super food friendly; it provides the acidity of white wine with the slightly richer texture and body found in red wine. These are the freshest wines—from vine to bottle in about six months. Rosés hitting the shelves are the 2014 vintage, whereas we won't see 2014 whites for a little while longer. Rosé is the fresh hopped beer of the wine world. Lastly, it's a great way to try a wine from a premium producer at a more reasonable price. Red Car rosé will set you back \$20, everything else will start at \$35. Drink pink.

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In February, we organized a queer farmer networking session at the Midwest Organic and Sustainable Education (MOSES) conference, the first in MOSES's 26 year history. Thirty attendees joined the session, ranging from college undergraduates to nonprofit organizers, landdyskes to large scale organic farmers. We introduced ourselves and then shared how this group could be of use: people were looking for land, workers, or local farming friends. Some struggled with rural queer isolation and how to be out in their communities. Attendees were glad to have the session, and we played with the idea of queer farmer field days and exchanged emails. "MOSES will never be the same," one wrote to the group.

**WORK YET TO BE DONE**

Despite the success of this networking session, there remains confusion among the farming community about its queer members. One of my professors also attended the MOSES conference and congratulated me on the success of the queer session. He reported, however, that other people had "less than progressive" responses. They didn't understand the need for the session, joked that "anything could happen at MOSES," and made sure to set themselves apart from the queer farmers. The professor told me to keep at it: work needs to be done within the farming community so that queer farmers are seen, heard, and recognized.

I remembered Helen at the Women in Sustainable Agriculture Conference, wishing that lesbians had been recognizing during the lunch-time rallying calls. The next morning at the conference, the executive director invited Helen on to the stage. She stood behind the podium and told the audience about the landdyske movement and the legacy of lesbians on the land. "We're all over the world," she informed us. "We're on the land and we're doing our part." ■

**GAVIN LOGAN** I've always liked **Monty's Blue Plate Diner**. Very fun atmosphere, great food, and I find the location ideal for a post-meal walk.

**EMILY WUNDERLICH** **K-Peppers** and **Red Sushi**. We went to Red for our wedding, after our house signing, and for our anniversary. The Surf & Turf roll is amazing—but I really wish they'd bring back their mussels.

**CATHERINE RENEE KIMPORT** **Rossi's Vintage Arcade and Pizzeria**—because that way if the date goes sour I can turn to a woman who's always been there for me and never breaks my heart: Ms. Pac-Man.

**ELISA DERICKSON KRUEGER** The **Tip Top Tavern!** It's a diverse, friendly crowd and has excellent walleye on Friday nights. Service is quick, too.

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**VIVIENNE RUTH ANDERSEN** We are big fans of the **Weary Traveler**. A little loud if you go during typical mealtimes, but delightful to be able to get great food at midnight.

**SUSIE SEIDELMAN** We don't live in Madison, but Laura and I drive in from Milwaukee to go to **Forequarter**. I think they're making some of the best food in the region, and we usually stop to see what they have in the shop at **Underground Butcher**. It's fun, it's delicious, and Forequarter has excellent ambiance.

**LINDA KETCHAM** My favorite is a romantic picnic that includes a loaf of Madison Area Urban Ministry/**Just Bakery Program** sourdough bread, some Just Bakery truffles, or chocolate biscotti.

**GABI HELFERT** We don't live in Madison, but whenever we're there we love the **Green Owl Cafe** because it has the best vegan selection in town and because of the sweet staff.

**DAISY QUINTAL-LEPINSKI** **Tornado Steak House**—we got engaged on the patio almost 12 years ago. They never disappoint, ever. Great food. Great service. When we take the time for us, get a sitter, and actually go out, it's so awesome to go somewhere you know will be worth every penny.

**KRISTEN BROCK-PETROSHIUS** **The Taj**. They're LGBT-friendly, consistently provide great service to people of color, and have a big restaurant that's usually quiet and spacious. The food's delicious, and they catered our wedding. They also have beer/wine, mango lassis, and masala tea—so whatever your drink of choice, it's delicious.

**LINDA LENZKE** For a celebration or romantic dinner with a special someone (and when I'm able to splurge), I like **Johnny Delmonico's Steakhouse**. For me it's the perfect balance of both comfortable and refined ambiance, with white linen and attentive service and a menu that features my favorite steak, the bone-in ribeye. Yes, some lesbians still enjoy red meat! It's in downtown Madison, so a stroll around the Capitol holding hands after dinner is a sweet ending to an evening. ■

**READERS' POLL**

**Madison Date Night**

We polled some of our readers to see where their favorite spots around town were for date nights.

**DONNA WINTER** We love the **Greenbush on Regent Street**. Excellent food, much of it locally grown, and wonderful ambience and bar with great owners and staff.

**VIRGINIA HARRISON & MELISSA PEYTON** We like **Graze Gastropub** for its exceptional food, service, and atmosphere. We also love **Sardine** for the same reasons. They have fantastic, upscale bar food.

**PATTY MONTGOMERY & AMANDA PAUS** We love **Sushi Muramoto** at Hilldale. We love the location (catch a movie at Sundance 608 before or after), atmosphere, service, and plum wine. The main attraction—sushi—is artful, fresh, and scrumptious.

**AUDREY WAX** My partner is the Assistant General Manager of **Dotty Dumpling's Dowry**, and I think it is an amazing place to go on a casual date. The lighting is a little darker, the beers on tap are diverse, there are old-fashioned movies playing on TV, and the food is LOCAL and great to share! To seal the deal you have a choice of private, high-backed booths, bar top tables, or sitting at the bar itself. Could it get any better?

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# Gay and Lesbian by Official Order

Historian **Dick Wagner** recalls his part in some of the pioneering efforts to officially recognize and support gays and lesbians through Wisconsin government.

**IN 1982, WISCONSIN** made national news by being the first state to enact a nondiscrimination law on the basis of sexual orientation. Republican Governor Lee Sherman Dreyfus signed the bill authored by Democratic State Representative David Clarenbach, and it passed with bipartisan votes into law in the spring of that year. Dreyfus then upset the political applecart by announcing he would not run for reelection.

The winner of the fall 1982 general election was Democrat Anthony Earl, who had openly campaigned in favor of gay rights. This raised hopes that he might appoint a special liaison to the lesbian and gay community. Liberal mayors around the country had appointed a few such positions, and this appeared an opportune time to push for such a position in Wisconsin.

As he began to appoint key aides, Governor-Elect Earl named as his press secretary Ron McCrea, who he knew from the Madison press corps, though McCrea was now working for a California paper. Ron had also been a gay activist, having been involved with the state's first gay organization, the Madison Alliance for Homosexual Equality (MAHE). The *Milwaukee Sentinel* headlined its story, "Avowed Homosexual Named Press Chief." McCrea offered to decline over the controversy, but Earl would have none of it.

Beyond the McCrea appointment, there was still grassroots interest in a position that would specifically be appointed to work with the gay and lesbian community. Several well-known activists from each of the Madison and Milwaukee lesbian and gay communities were recommended during the transition period prior to the swearing in of the new governor.

The Shawano County Board unanimously adopted a resolution urging a repeal of the state gay rights law. That debate had offered the assertion that "Wisconsin has attracted more homosexuals since they were granted equal rights."

The decision was made, however, that the Executive Office's budget could not afford a liaison position. Despite this, Governor Earl still wanted to work with Wisconsin's lesbian and gay communities. In 1982, when I had already served one term on the Dane County Board as a gay man, Kathleen Nichols, a lesbian activist, joined me. We wrote a joint letter to Gov. Earl congratulating him for his forthright support on gay issues. This led to a request by the Governor for a meeting.

Earl knew the lack of an appointment of a liaison had been a disappointment, and he wanted to gather information on what things he might instead do. Earl asked Kathleen and me to go visit with lesbian and gay communities around the state. It was sort of like Charlemagne sending out a pair of officials, or missi dominici, to inform him. We took to the road and visited Racine, Milwaukee, Stevens Point, Green Bay, La Crosse, and Appleton.

Meanwhile there were discussions around another Wisconsin model of a Governor's Commission. One of the most famous had been the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women, appointed by Gover-



Gov. Anthony Earl signs the Consenting Adults Bill in 1983 decriminalizing homosexual acts and other private sex acts. Such a bill was first proposed by Lloyd Barbee in the early 1970s. Looking on are (left to right) Dan Curd, Linda Kessel, Dick Wagner, State Representative John Mankske, State Representative David Clarenbach (author), State Representative Marcia Cogg (Barbee's successor, State Representative David Travis, and an unidentified woman.

nor Lucey in the early seventies and chaired by Katherine Clarenbach, a nationally known feminist. This body had highlighted and advanced women's issues.

After traveling the state, Kathleen and I reported to the Governor and recommended he appoint, by Executive Order, a Council on Lesbian and Gay Issues. The Governor accepted the recommendation and in turn asked us both to serve as co-chairs of such a body. When the appointments were later announced the *Milwaukee Journal* wrote, "It is significant, we think, that both Nichols and Wagner...serve in elective public office" and "indicates a welcome degree of public enlightenment about homosexuals, at least in their community." Next we worked with the Executive Office staff to draft the Executive Order and with the appointments secretary on who would be on the Council.

The Executive Order stated the body "would be of assistance in advising the Governor and executive branch agencies on measures to eliminate discrimination against and victimization of lesbians and gays in Wisconsin." The order established there would be gender parity and minority representation. It instructed the "Council to advocate for lesbian and gay interests in general areas of concern throughout the state."

The first appointments ranged from Mark Behar, a physician's assistant with the Brady East STD Clinic, to Cheryle Williams, a graphic artist with the Wisconsin Women's Building Project; from Louie Crew, an English professor at Stevens Point who founded the gay Episcopal group Integrity, to Cynthia Lampman, a Racine activist who edited a national gay newsletter for the Unitarian Universalists; from Lawrence Roeming, a deputy sheriff in Racine County, to Charlene McLauchlan, a technical writer who also had a 17 acre goat farm in LaValle and lawyer Shelly Gaylord who would go on to be a Dane County Circuit judge.

Governor Earl spoke to the first meeting on April 23, 1983. He praised the members: "By stepping forward to become a part of this council, you have already shown the kind of courage and determination necessary to overcome frustration and achieve goals." Earl said of Wisconsin, "Many here are unaware of the size, richness, and sophistication of the lesbian and gay community. They are unaware in part because long habits of dislike, disapproval, and discrimination—largely the result of ignorance—have made it necessary for gays and lesbians to conceal a part of themselves and lead double lives."

Showing the ongoing struggle, that same month the Shawano County Board unanimously adopted a resolution urging a repeal of the state gay rights law. That debate had offered the assertion that "Wisconsin has attracted more homosexuals since they were granted equal rights."

Also speaking to the group's first meeting were Rep. Clarenbach and Fran Tryon, Administrator of the Equal Rights Division, charged with enforcing Wisconsin's new nondiscrimination statute. She reported working with the Wisconsin Lesbian/Gay Network on outreach efforts about the relatively new law. She observed there was a tendency to settle complaints based on sexual orientation rather than going through the formal hearing mechanism.

At the first meeting, because of the increasing national AIDS crisis, the Council's whereas clause noted one thousand cases had been reported nationally, and so it adopted a resolution I had prepared that requested significant new funds for research into the transmission and cure of AIDS. Copies were sent to President Ronald Reagan and the Wisconsin congressional delegation.

While the 1982 law was groundbreaking in providing state power to prevent and remedy discrimination based on any sexual orientation, this 1983 effort was another step altogether, an actual positive recognition of the lesbian and gay communities in the state. The listing of the Governor's Council on Lesbian and Gay Issues in the 1983-84 Blue Book would be the first appearance of lesbians and gays in the official record of the state other than the earlier criminal laws.

Unfortunately Gov. Earl was not re-elected in 1986. One of the attacks had been to characterize his gay-friendly efforts as part of his "Granola" administration—that is, made up of fruits, nuts, and a few flakes. Tommy Thompson was elected and abolished the Council. ■



**DICK WAGNER** (rrdickwagner@gmail.com), openly gay former Dane County Board Chair and co-chair of Governor Earl's Commission on Lesbian and Gay Issues, is now working on gay Wisconsin history and welcomes topics and sources.

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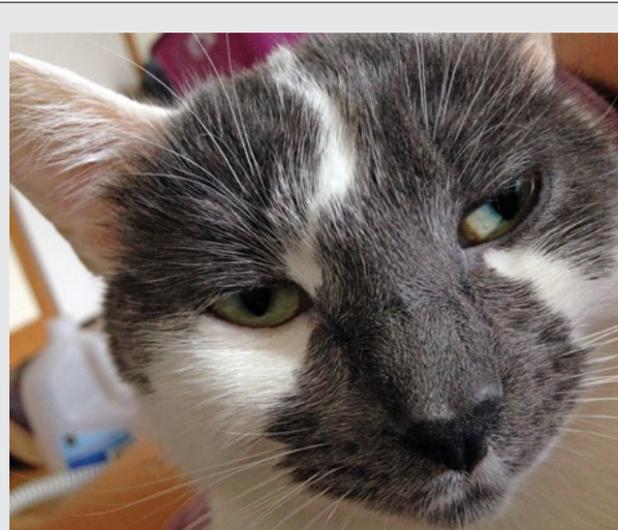


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**PARENTS:** Miriam Hall and wife Dylan Bryne  
**NAME:** Aviva and Drala  
**HOW DID YOU FIND HIM?** Long wonderful story! Friends rescued both separately and we adopted  
**AGE:** Both are 5ish  
**BREED:** Tabico and Burmese  
**BIRTHPLACE:** Madison (That we know of...)  
**RESIDENCE:** Den of Woobies  
**OCCUPATION:** Eating Miriam's extensive library  
**FAVORITE TOYS:** Sparkle Balls and sparkle whizzing toy  
**FAVORITE LEISURE ACTIVITIES:** Dylan's lap  
**FAVORITE FOODS:** Dehydrated chicken  
**PET PEEVES:** Not getting fed enough!  
**LEAST FAVORITE PHRASE:** "It's not dinner time yet."  
**IF PETS COULD TALK, WHAT WOULD YOURS SAY?** "We love you. We really do. Now feed us."



**PARENTS:** Joshua Lynch and his partner  
**NAME:** Gizmo  
**HOW DID YOU FIND YOUR PET?** Gizmo was a barn cat that we adopted.  
**AGE:** 2, female  
**BREED:** Siamese cat  
**BIRTHPLACE:** Madison  
**RESIDENCE:** Mazomanie  
**OCCUPATION:** Part time lawn meowing  
**FAVORITE TOYS:** Pieces of paper. (Needless to say, we no longer have an office).  
**FAVORITE LEISURE ACTIVITIES:** Sleeping  
**FAVORITE FOODS:** Favorite? Oh, I only eat from a can. What am I an animal or something?  
**PET PEEVES:** My owners CPAP machine. I call it a wind-machine. How am I supposed to get any sleep around here?  
**IF PETS COULD TALK, WHAT WOULD YOURS SAY?** Geeeeezez....



**PARENTS:** Natalie & Victoria  
**NAME:** Sandwich (aka Sammie)  
**HOW DID YOU FIND YOUR PET?** Craigslist  
**AGE:** 2, male  
**BREED:** Springer/Blue Heeler  
**BIRTHPLACE:** Madison  
**RESIDENCE:** East Side, Madison  
**OCCUPATION:** Friend Beast  
**FAVORITE TOYS:** Logs, Large Blocks of Wood  
**FAVORITE LEISURE ACTIVITIES:** Licking his junk (Or where his junk used to be)  
**FAVORITE FOODS:** Everything, seriously. But especially... yeah, no, everything  
**PET PEEVES:** Putting his harness on  
**LEAST FAVORITE PHRASE:** Off!  
**IF PETS COULD TALK, WHAT WOULD YOURS SAY?** Hey! Hey! Hey! There's a ball over here. Hey! Hey!

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## Getting Unstuck

Connie North explores how downgrading expectations and setting boundaries helps maintain self-respect and lessen anger.

I RECENTLY FELT SURPRISED at the intensity of my anger.

I've spent several years practicing mindfulness and self-compassion and thought my capacity for rage had largely subsided. But a relational issue sprung up to remind me how the interaction between expectations and boundaries (or, rather, a lack thereof) can spur intense anger.

Happily, Pavel Somov's book *Present Perfect* came into my life just in time to help me attend to the burning embers rather than react from them. This quote in particular initiated a very helpful pause:

"By insisting on reality being a certain way, we get stuck. To get unstuck, downgrade your expectations to preferences. Whereas an expectation is an unwarranted entitlement, a demand that reality comply with your vision of how it should be, a preference is just a wish...Practice expecting nothing and flowing with what is."

The metaphor of the pot boiling over rings true: we can only ignore our experience of indignity for so long before we explode or experience other symptoms of de-selfing such as depression and anxiety.

This simple act of shifting an expectation to a preference significantly calmed my desire to lash out at the person whose behavior triggered so much angst. I could still wish for them to be more respectful and considerate of my time and efforts but not view this desire as a just dessert. As I changed my stance, the self-righteous anger dissolved. What came in its stead was some very useful information.

Above all, I realized I had not been paying enough attention to my boundaries. I took a historical look at this relationship and acknowledged to myself—really acknowledged—how frequently I did not say anything to this person about the behavior that was bothering me so as to avoid conflict. I feared that being at odds would result in this person cutting me off, and the relationship

## EXPECTATIONS vs. REALITY

mattered enough to me that I did not want to risk its loss. But as conflict resolution expert Donna Hicks asserts, when we avoid discord we oftentimes violate our own dignity.

"Stand up for yourself...A violation is a signal that something in a relationship needs to change," she stresses in her book *Dignity*.

Upon recognizing how many times I attempted to overlook the parts of our relationship that needed to shift for me to feel accepting of our interactions, the strength of my anger was no mystery. The metaphor of the pot boiling over rings true: we can only ignore our experience of indignity for so long before we explode or experience other symptoms of de-selfing such as depression and anxiety. Although we often focus on the "no" part of setting boundaries, the act itself really amounts to saying "yes" to ourselves.

Somov's book helped me to engage in a cooling off period so that when the opportunity arises to establish boundaries, I can do so calmly and with kindness. I particularly liked his exercise "Open the First of the Past" as a way to begin letting go of the anger and its underlying fear and hurt:

When wanting to let go of painful thoughts of the past, try this. Think of the worst part of what happened in the incident that's bothering you. As you do, clench your fist as tightly as you can. Notice the tension. Think of this as the tension of holding on to the past. Recognize that you have a choice right now: you can stay tense or you can let go. Decide if you want to hold on to the thought or if you're ready to let go of it. When you decide to let go, gradually open your fist to drop the issue. Notice the release of the tension. If it still has a hold on you, repeat this process until it doesn't. If

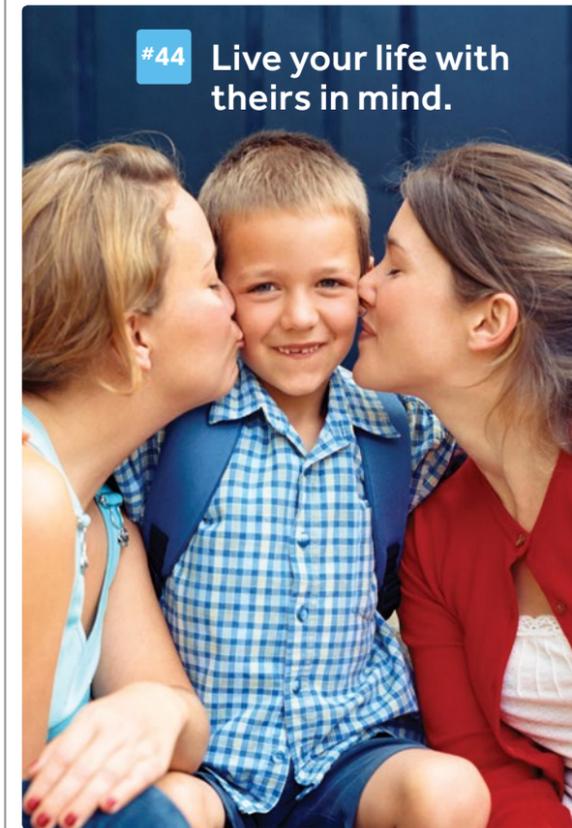
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what happened bothers you in more than one way, think of the next worst part. Repeat the sequence.

At the end of the day, downgrading our expectations to preferences is not the end of the story. We still get to respect ourselves, which is precisely what boundaries allow us to do. With enough courage, practice, and support, we can set boundaries with loving kindness, recognizing that difficult truths can be expressed without thorns. In Hidayat Inayat-Khan's lovely words from *Reflections on Spiritual Liberty*, "What use is there in a blunt truth thrown like a stone, which breaks the heart? There is no virtue in truth which has no beauty." ■



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## Caring for All

**Molly Herrmann** talks with **e.shor**, a Wisconsin Population Health Service Fellow, about work being done on an important new approach to gathering data about transgender and gender non-conforming people and their health and wellness needs in the community.

**TRANSGENDER COMMUNITIES** need and deserve more culturally appropriate resources. That is why some folks in Wisconsin are collecting information from transgender and gender non-conforming (GNC) people to elevate their voices and their needs.

A small committee of folks from transgender and GNC communities, OutReach, Inc., and University of Wisconsin-Madison realized they had no idea what type of programming and advocacy would be useful for transgender and GNC folks living in Wisconsin. They then worked with the Center for Excellence for Transgender Health to draft a community health and needs assessment survey to ask folks about their needs and experiences, and to talk directly with people through a series of dialogues to gather stories about what is going on in their communities.

Shor, a Wisconsin Population Health Service Fellow on the committee, is going to talk with me today about the importance and future of this work.

In many other communities, other folks (like the government) collect data and information, however, trans\* identities often are not included in mainstream collection efforts which means we have to do it ourselves.

**Why is it important to collect information and data in transgender communities?**

Often surveys, both large and small, do not ask about gender identity at all! Some large scale surveys like the state Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) are adding a question about gender identity, but even those sometimes do not capture transgender and gender non-conforming people's actual identities and this is still pretty rare overall. It is so important to ask questions about gender identity, because otherwise people doing work in government, non-profits, education, wherever, have no idea what is happening with transgender people's lives and health.

Our workgroup wanted to create an oppor-

tunity for transgender and gender non-conforming folks to be able to say who they are and what they need in their Wisconsin communities. We wanted to capture this in terms of what resources are working and what needs improvement, as well as capturing what is happening in regards to community health. This way we can create intentional and directed programming and training to improve community resources.

**What motivated the group to take on this project?**

We noticed that there are a smattering of resources for trans\* Wisconsinites across the state and in south central Wisconsin (trans\* is used here as a catchall umbrella term encompassing anyone with transgender/gender non-conforming lived experience). We also noticed that there were not many agencies who were asking questions in trans\* communities and who were seeking to build on community generated knowledge. We felt that it was very important to generate some community knowledge, and then try to build a movement, program, or advocacy based on what is truly happening there.

It is super empowering to generate data in community and then to use it to bring folks together. In many other communities, other folks (like the government) collect data and information, however, trans\* identities often are not included in mainstream collection efforts which means we have to do it ourselves.

**Can you talk a bit about what you ask in the Transgender Community Health Assessment?**

We used a template from the Center for Excellence for Transgender Health out of the University of California-San Francisco. They helped us put together a series of questions about health and resources in transgender and GNC communities. The questions addressed community resources and needs, and included a series of demographic questions, some of which are specific to transgender and GNC folks and experiences.

**What types of questions are good to ask on a survey to capture gender identity?**

Really great question! There has been so much work on this over the last two years. A national work group call the GenIUSS group produced a report about standardized questions to capture transgender identities. Here is the breakdown: ask at least two questions - one of which captures "sex assigned at birth" and another that captures "current gender identity."

**Have you looked at any of the data? Is there anything to report yet?**

The survey just closed at the end of January, so we are currently in the process of analyzing and looking at the data. We will be releasing a community report and will explain the data to the community as soon as the results are in.

**You mentioned that you gathered people to have dialogues as well. How did that go?**

We wanted to hear in multiple ways from trans\* and GNC folks, so we hosted a series of community dialogues in Madison and Janesville (we would have loved to do this statewide, but we could not accomplish that this time around and so it is definitely a future project). We had a structured discussion about what is working, what is not working, and how people want to see improvements. A lot came up around accessing health care and finding competent providers, housing, and jobs.

**So what is next for this project and what are your next steps?**

Our next steps are to gather more stakeholders and community members to plan an event for May to get the data out to the community and have a real, honest conversation about how to use the data to advocate for trans\* folks needs in Wisconsin. I envision the event in May being both a jumping off point to build a coalition/workgroup to take on some of the issues identified in the needs assessment, and an event to bring people together to celebrate trans\* community. I hope this information will build a platform for local work and for growth in the work that is already happening at all the amazing agencies that work with transgender and LGB people in Wisconsin. ■

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## A Call for Wider Queer Solidarity

**T. Banks** with the Young Gifted and Black Coalition makes the case for why queer people everywhere should be standing in solidarity with people of color against state sponsored violence.

ON SATURDAY, APRIL 4, Young Gifted and Black Coalition announced they would call on the United Nations to run a separate and concurrent independent investigation into the killing of unarmed Madison teenager Tony Robinson. The press conference explained their reasoning and blunt awareness that they expect a non-indictment of Officer Matt Kenny and have taken note of the other high profile cases where there have also been the same results.

The Young Gifted and Black Coalition is a circle of young leaders determined to end state violence and raise the voice of



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communities of color. We are young Black women, queer folks, straight folks, and feminist men who are fighting for Black Liberation. The death of Tony Robinson is a queer issue, and the independent investigation by the UN should be supported by all queer organizations.

Historically and very recently, Black

people have been forcefully reminded of the truth: that Black people are unable to get justice when we are victims of violence. We know that state violence not only shows up in disparate arrest rates for Blacks (11:1, according to the 2015 Race to Equity Report) but also in violence done by agents of the state and vigilantes and our community's inability to get justice.

We saw this on January 28, when Joseph Weekly was cleared of all charges after murdering Aiyana Jones. Aiyana was seven years old, an innocent child who was sleeping when Detroit Police Department's Special

Response Team conducted a violent raid on the Jones's home, which resulted in the child's death. Often when Black people are the victims of violence not only is there a lack of justice, but also many times we are criminalized for trying just to survive that violence.

We saw an example of this when CeCe McDonald, a Black transwoman, was viciously chased and attacked in 2011 and was charged with second degree manslaughter

for defending her right to life. We saw this when four queer Black women, called the New Jersey 4, defended themselves against a male attacker and were criminalized in the media and given harsh sentences while he walked free. Because of countless examples like these, Tony Robinson's family and friends have no cause to believe they will get justice for the murder of their 19-year-old loved one.

The Black Queer community asks for solidarity from our White queer allies. LGBTQ activists and organizers fight for the human right to dignity, to live without fear, and to live free from violence. Black queer folks are denied these human rights every day in the United States. Where is the outcry? Where were the rainbow flags and No H8 protests when a young Black teen's human

right to life was infringed upon by Madison Police officer Matt Kenny on March 6?

In the past, we have seen a complete erasure of Black queer people from the LGBTQ narrative. Many Black queer folks feel disconnected from campaigns like the fight for equal marriage because many low income people and people of color may not benefit from this victory and because there are more pressing issues to our lives such as addressing a lack of equitable education and over-policing. Simply put, if there are communities being denied their human right to life and to live without fear of harassment, assault, rape, incarceration, or death as a result of their identity, it is a queer issue. Queer advocates, activists, and organizers must broaden the way we see violence. How can we see the human rights violation when one teen is bullied until he feels forced to commit suicide, but not when a teen is killed by the very "service provider" that was called for aid as was the case with Tony Robinson? Criminalization of identity is a queer issue, and a violation of the human rights of one person is certainly a threat to justice for all queer folks. ■



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**AMID ALL OF THE FUNKY** and fun pubs and eateries on Madison's east side, Willalby's Cafe stands out as one of Williamson Street's top eclectic treasures. I went there to hang out with owner Nate Prince on a recent, balmy spring day. Despite the bright midday sunlight that was literally blinding, inside Willalby's it could have been 10 a.m. or 10 p.m. The funkified high-luster lacquer of the knotty pine paneling, red, vinyl-topped spinning counter seats, and old-school booths all suggest years gone by and also that new hipster vibe that practically oozes out of the cracks.

And then there's the "unicorn corner" (or unicorner as the staff refers to it) that Nate put up by the service window. Now I've seen some top unicorn art in my day, but Nate's understated collection really gives you something to talk about while sipping hot diner coffee and devouring pancakes. "It [unicorn art] just sort of happened; it really wasn't planned or anything," Prince stated demurely. I don't know—where I come from, that kind of unicorn homage rarely just happens.

Like many Madisonians, Nate pursued a classic education suited perfectly to the service industry: he was a geography major. (I get it—I'm personal chef who was a business comm major with an English minor). Any hoots, as he was telling me his story and the story of Willalby's, it was obvious that the world of geography missed out on a solid catch. Nate had been cooking there for 10+ years (one day a week for extra fun money) well before he was approached by the former owner with an offer to buy the place in 2010.

"It was crazy. She offered me the restaurant in May, and I owned it by mid-July!" Nate told me. "I had to work days and then also late nights on the weekends for a while to pay off the note!" Eventually the late nights became a thing of the past (a sad day for many of us because going there after 11 guaranteed both excellent food and people-watching). These days, Willalby's is strictly a breakfast joint (6 a.m.–2 p.m. during the week and 7 a.m.–3 p.m. on the weekend).

So after taking the reins of Willalby's, Nate took the menu and really made it his own. I love the waffles, but Nate tells me I need to try the



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Nate Prince

banana-walnut pancakes. His own personal favorite is the Fair Oaks Skillet. Word has it that the Hart's Content Omelet (no idea who Hart is) is more than noteworthy, and my wife loves the Bomblet Omelet. Several good vegan options are also on offer, including a killer French toast. I also consider myself to be a bit of a connoisseur of diner coffee, and Willalby's delivers.

The only thing I'll warn our readers of is that if you come in on Saturday or Sunday mornings, you'll sometimes experience a bit of a wait for your food to arrive (think very small staff). We like to think of it as a funky, family outing—bringing along a paper (yes an actual newspaper for sharing) and catching up with one another. So if life finds you on Madison's East Side, check out Nate and Willalby's. Not a hipster? Doesn't matter. Willalby's is a quintessential come-as-you-are place—no full beards or retro '80s neon specs required. What is required, however, is cold, hard cash (no plastic accepted). Hope we see you there sometime. ■



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**ONE WILL NOT FIND ME** with my school's GSA or presenting on issues in the queer community; although crucial work, it's not me. Yes, I am a bisexual youth involved in my community and occasionally get the opportunity to collaborate with many incredible LGBTQ youth advocates who admirably work to advance the support of the queer community, but I am not one of them. My work's emphasis is on youth issues and bringing the youth perspective to those making decisions on behalf of youth. From sitting on the Board of Directors for the United Way of Dane County to being the Student Co-President of the Madison School District, I continue to ensure that the crucial decisions affecting youth involve youth in the process.

During eighth grade, my school hired a new teacher who "re-found" our inactive GSA, and together we built up the membership. Granted many of them were my friends and were arguably forced into coming, but I call it persuasion. Now whether our GSA was productive in doing things could also be questioned as I may have sidetracked us many times, but I call it leadership. We did, however, create a safe environment in which students felt comfortable expressing themselves, including me. It was here that I came to terms with the fact that I may not only be interested in girls, but boys also. Thankfully due to the accepting community that is Madison, I experienced an easy time embracing my sexuality and "coming out" per se. I never made a big announcement: "I'm bi!" Slowly I started to tell my friends whenever we had those silly middle school conversations late at night or amidst games of truth or dare, about who we like; I do not feel the need to announce my sexuality, but I also will never lie about it. One by one my friends found out that I am interested in both guys and girls, which not at all surprised them.

Freshman year I involved myself in various clubs, none of them a GSA, but it wasn't until my sophomore year when I delved deep into my community through leadership positions and different organizations. It was then when I first felt the experience of being an outcast, feeling like I do not belong when I was the only youth in the room. There's the assumption that adults think that youth do not know what they are doing because many decisions are made for us, and that results in us not feeling like we belong. So when I enter a room of a group of adults for the first time, I am terrified. A great example was my first ever Board of Directors meeting for United Way of Dane County; not only did I know very few adults in the room, but all of them also knew each other and regularly worked with



each other. As a result of this type of experience, many young people feel a sense of isolation around adults. Every new experience comes with a modicum of fear, but one eventually one learns to adapt as I did, and I became a comfortable, productive, and participating member. The feeling of not belonging never goes away entirely, but as I mature it minimizes. Furthermore, it is not specific to United Way, but continually happens with every new meeting and every new organization.

I never got heavily involved in a GSA because my passion was for something else, and my sexuality does not define who I am. It is one part of my identity, but my identity is complex and made up of many different circumstances, experiences, and interests. I enjoy what I do and the work I do in my community, but one's sexuality does not have to influence their work if they don't want it to. I may not follow the status quo that LGBTQ leaders work within the queer community, but sometimes the status quo has to be broken; just because one does not conform to heteronormativity does not mean they are not passionate about issues outside the LGBTQ community. Furthermore, my sexuality never had a big impact on my life; it's just something that adds on to what makes Henry.

After graduating a year early from high school, I look forward to taking a year off to further discover what I would like to pursue and continue with my passion for helping my community and neighbors. I am thankful for the experiences and leadership opportunities that have been given to me, and a special shout out goes to all of my inspiring mentors who have helped me along the way. I will attend college and major in political science with an emphasis on either policy or communication. ■

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