

## Get Ready for SPE National in Las Vegas!

The LGBTQ Caucus is getting ready for our national conference in Las Vegas in a just a few days time! Over the last few months the Caucus leadership team has been hard at work putting together a great program of things to do while you are hanging with your SPE friends! We've captured the highlights of things here for you in a handy, easy to read format. We've listed the main meetings, cocktail hours, LGBTQ themed presentations, and exhibition events for you. Make sure to check the official SPE website and program guide for any last minute changes. Sometimes rooms and locations change for these things and we would hate for you to miss out on stuff. You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter too!

Lastly, don't forget to read the section on elections. This is YOUR Caucus and it needs you! We'll be having elections in a few weeks so make sure to think seriously about standing for one of the leadership positions! It's a great thing to do and it looks good on your resume as well!

### The LGBTQ Caucus Leadership Team

## Overview of LGBTQ Events and Interests at SPE National

### **Wednesday March 9th**

7pm—8pm

LGBTQ Cocktail Hour Mixer (Onyx Bar)

### **Thursday March 10th**

4pm—5pm

LGBTQ Caucus Meeting (Vistas)

6pm—7pm

LGBTQ Cocktail Hour Mixer (Onyx Bar)

### **Friday March 11th**

8.30am—3:30pm

SPE Film Festival (Red Rock Ballroom Foyer)

10am—10:45am

"Don't hold on to your bones" Leonard Suryajaya (Summerlin F)

11am—12:30pm

SPE Members Meeting (Summerlin D)

2:15pm—2:35pm

"Undertones: Bits and pieces on bodies, beauty and violence", Sakura Kelly (Summerlin F)

7pm—8pm

LGBTQ Cocktail Hour Mixer (Onyx Bar)

### **Saturday March 12th**

8am—9am

LGBTQ Caucus Meeting (Siena)

9am—5pm

SPE Film Festival (Red Rock Ballroom Foyer)

9:30am—11:30am

LGBTQ Mentoring Sessions (Siena)

8pm—10pm

Combined Caucus Exhibition Reception (Pavilion Ballroom)



## LGBTQ Things to do at SPE National!



### Cocktail Hour

New to SPE? A little unsure of how to meet people in the crowd? Or just don't want to drink alone... Come and join us for cocktail hour at Onyx Bar. Each night there will be two or more people from the Caucus Leadership team so you don't have to feel lonely.

Wednesday, March 9th @ 7:00p (with David and Logan)

Thursday, March 10th @ 6:00p (with Kristina and Garth)

Friday, March 11th @ 7:00p (with Kristina and Eliana)

### LGBTQ Caucus Roundtable/Mentor Sessions

This year we are pleased to once more offer roundtable/mentor discussion sessions for LGBTQ caucus members. Rather than be presentation based, they are designed as informal small group sessions to talk about important professional and academic topics with other LGBTQ caucus members. Each session will take place in the Siena room on Saturday morning.

#### Saturday, March 12th @ 9:30am to 10:30am.

*Queer Collaborative Teams.* Successful duo Garth Amundson and Pierre Gour will discuss how they work together and will offer advice and guidance on collaborative projects within the LGBTQ art space.

#### Saturday, March 12th @ 10:30am to 11:30am.

*Queering the Artist Statement: Perspectives and guidance from a queer Latina.* Lens based media artist Eliana Cetto specializes in multimedia photo/video installations and alternative processes. Her work explores identity, visibility and reclamation. In this session she will discuss with attendees how they can use artist statements to highlight and showcase queer points of view.



### LGBTQ Caucus Meetings & Portfolio Share

Each year we hold two official caucus meetings; one on Thursday (4:00p — 5:00p) and one on Saturday (8:00a — 9:00a). Our Thursday meeting will be a portfolio sharing session with a brief introduction to the caucus. Bring work, chat with people, and get to know each other. On Saturday, we will do a yearly summary, talk about elections, and then do a second portfolio share. We heard you wanted more opportunities to chat and share work so here they are!



### Combined Caucus Film Festival & Combined Caucus Exhibition

Once again, the LGBTQ Caucus has joined with the Women's and Multicultural Caucuses to produce a Combined Caucus Film Festival. This year the film festival will be screened in the Red Rock Ballroom Foyer and will be available for viewing on Friday and Saturday.

This year also marks the fourth Combined Caucus Exhibition. With a slight twist this year, come and see all the works on site in our alternative presentation. There will be an artist reception on Saturday open to all from 8pm to 10pm!



