

Hello LGBTQ Caucus Members!

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the fall semester.

The LGBTQ Caucus has had a fantastic year so far and we're very excited for the upcoming chapter conferences throughout the country. In this newsletter, you'll read information about:

- **our new Skype-based mentorship program**
- **how to sign up for an Instagram Takeover**
- **our forthcoming resource guide for educators and students**
- **LGBTQ-specific programming at upcoming chapter conferences**
- **member news**
- **upcoming shows**
- **and so much more...**

Now more than ever, the LGBTQ caucus is running programming and building community year round, so we invite you to get involved with us on a daily basis, not only at conferences. Join in and follow along, both online and in person. We're looking forward to seeing you soon!

In Solidarity-

Jess, caucus Chair



Caucus News

SKYPE MENTORING SESSIONS (Contact: Allen Morris at allen@allenmorrisphoto.com and Kris Sanford at kris.sanford@gmail.com)

By popular demand, the SPE LGBTQ Caucus offered the first in a series of Skype Mentorship Sessions to our membership on Sunday, May 20, 2018. After the idea was brought up during the 2018 SPE National Conference in Philadelphia, a Mentorship Subcommittee was created to find volunteers to be mentors, to drum up interest from our caucus members, and facilitate the scheduling. We were grateful for the opportunity to support those in our membership who would benefit from receiving a meaningful critique of their work from another LGBTQ caucus member.



Our first set of sessions was a smashing success! Mentors and participants were matched up, and participants were asked to provide their mentors with a list of items that they were particularly interested in receiving feedback about. Both mentors and mentees alike have sent us extremely positive feedback about the experience, and we hope to offer another series of mentorship sessions in the coming months. Keep an eye peeled for information about this fantastic opportunity heading to your inbox soon!

SPE Member Joshua Gutierrez and SPE Leadership team member Kris Sanford (bottom right) skype during a mentoring session.

Mark your calendars! The next SPE LGBTQ Caucus Mentorship Session will be the evening of Sunday, November 11th. This is an opportunity for students and emerging photographers in the caucus to get one on one feedback on their work through a Skype call. Don't miss this unique opportunity! Contact Midwest Chapter Rep Kris Sanford at kris.sanford@gmail.com for more information on how to reserve your spot.

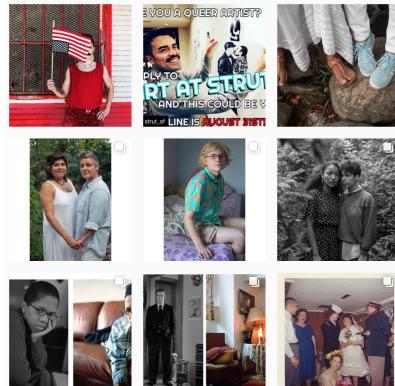
INSTAGRAM + SOCIAL MEDIA

(Contact: Adam for Instagram and abencomo@mica.edu or Matt ms@mattstormphoto.com for takeovers)

We are **your** caucus, and we want to highlight your wonderful work! To be featured on our Instagram, hashtag your photos with **#spelgbtq** and follow us on Instagram and Facebook **@spelgbtq!**

We are also starting **Instagram Member Takeovers**:

All active members can submit work to be considered for a takeover. Participating in an instagram takeover is a one week, Sunday-Saturday commitment, and requires posting at least one photo every day (you're welcome to post more). We want to see members' work, practices, inspirations, or the art of other LGBTQ artists you respect and want to highlight. This is a great opportunity to share your work with our community.



Look at recent takeovers for inspiration **#spelgbtqtakeover** and learn more / submit your work here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfjf5jGXeRWdIUC1d0fAZV_nHKbfdLor8jzYaxdW146JK9ug/viewform?usp=sf_link

RESOURCE GUIDE (Contact: Marico marico@mfayrephotography.com)

Many of us are familiar with the feeling of invisibility when looking at both contemporary and historical art and photography texts, lectures, and exhibitions. Some of us have also been approached by fellow

educators or students who want to know where they can find work by queer and minority artists - and this is a question we take seriously. The caucus has been hard at work compiling a Resource Guide since the National Conference and we are excited to share the first draft here! (second PDF in this email)

We are including individual artists as well as books and articles that we believe build a foundation for understanding and finding inspiration in LGBTQ photography. This is a living document that will be housed on the LGBTQ Caucus page and we welcome your suggestions for future additions!

Chapter Conferences + LGBTQ Programming

NORTHWEST: Human/Nature

September 21-23, 2018 in Grand Teton National Park, WY

Keynote Speakers: Jesse Burk and Claire Benson



Student Lightning Talks: June Saunders (caucus member)

Thursday, September 20 - 8:00pm, AMK Ranch

June T Sanders is a transfeminine photographer, writer, and curator from the shrub-steppes of south central Washington State. They are an MFA candidate in photography at Washington State University & hold a BA in Media Disparity from Fairhaven College.

SOUTHEAST: The Fierce Urgency of Now

September 28-30, 2018 in Bakersville, NC

Keynote Speaker: Kalup Linzy

LGBTQ Caucus meetup

Friday, September 28, 5:15-6:15 PM, Penland School of Crafts



Join your fellow Caucus members for networking and mentoring sessions. Hopefully to be continued at dinner (details TBD)

Imagemaker Presentation: Michael Borowski (leadership team), Azurest

Friday, September 28, 10:15-11:00AM, Penland School of Crafts, B

In this talk I present a body of work on Azurest South, the home and studio of Amaza Lee Meredith in Ettrick, Virginia. Despite being restricted from the architecture profession for being a woman and African American, Meredith designed and built this home for her and her "companion" Dr. Edna Meade Colson in 1938. My work incorporates photography, archival materials, and sculptural objects that weave together the architecture of the house with its history, life, and habitation. It is a reflection on race and housing, expressions of queer domesticity, difference, and belonging.



SPE Southeast Conference Keynote Presentation: Kalup Linzy, Tangled Sweet

Romantic Melodramas

Saturday, September 29, 7:30PM - 8:45PM, Penland School of Crafts

Linzy will perform and speak about his narrative performance works that satirize, but are also inspired by daytime soap operas, Hollywood melodramas, pop culture, art world politics and cultural politics.

Photo Credit: Daniel Trese

SOUTH CENTRAL: Material + Meaning

October 04 - 06, 2018 in Baton Rouge, LA

Keynote Speaker: Alfredo Jaar

LGBTQ mixer

Saturday October 06, 3:30 PM, Magpie Cafe

Join your fellow Caucus members for networking, food and drinks.

MID-ATLANTIC: Pop Up

October 05 - 06, 2018 at Tyler School of Art Philadelphia, PA

Keynote Speaker: Michelle Bogre

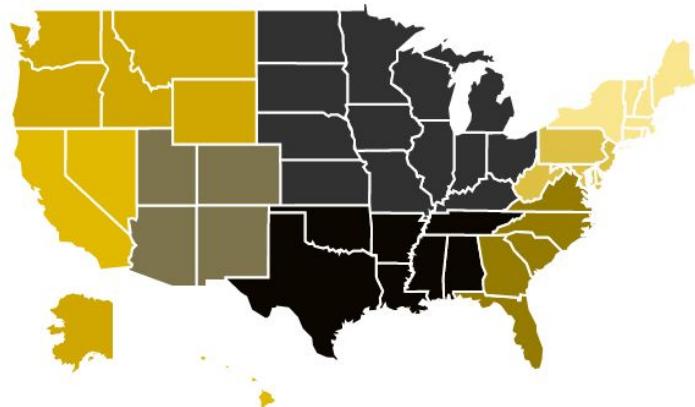
Mid-Atlantic LGBTQ Coffee

Hour

Saturday October 06, 8-9 AM, Saxbys Coffee
1902 Liacouras Walk, Philadelphia, PA 19122

Mid-Atlantic LGBTQ mixer

Saturday October 06, 9 PM, Woody's
Join your fellow Caucus members drinks and dancing.



MIDWEST: Medium

November 01 - 04, 2018 in Lexington, KY

SPE LGBTQ Caucus Meet Up: TBA

Contact Midwest Chapter Rep Kris Sanford for further details: kris.sanford@gmail.com

NORTHEAST: Tipping Points

October 06--07, 2018 in SUNY New Paltz,
New Paltz, NY

Keynote Speakers: Paul Mpagi Sepuya

WEST + SOUTHWEST: Conflux

November 02 - 04, 2018 in Albuquerque, NM

Keynote Speakers: Ana Teresa Fernandez, Mario Ontiveros

Imagemaker Presentation: Martin Wannam (caucus member), THEY

Saturday, November 03, 3:40 PM to 4:00PM

Martin Wannam was born in Guatemala City, Guatemala in 1992. His work and research address the influences of religion in Latin American societies, emphasizing the effect of repression that has been created in the queer community. Wannam uses subjects and objects that he encounters through his friends, drifting, or tinder dates to deconstruct and disrupt religion by addressing issues of gender, sexuality, and race. The artist currently resides in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and is pursuing an MFA in Art Studio in the area of Photography. Previous to coming to the United States, he received a BA in Graphic Design from the Universidad Rafael Landivar and a Diploma in contemporary photography from La Fototeca, both in Guatemala.



W&SW LGBTQ Caucus meetup: TBA

Contact Southwest Chapter Rep Apolo Gomez for further details: ApoloGomezStudios@gmail.com

Exhibitions + Book Launches**EXHIBITION: *Whipping It Up: Collaborative Alchemy***

University of Idaho Pritchard Art Gallery in Moscow, ID
August 9 - October 6, 2018

Whipping It Up: Collaborative Alchemy features a comprehensive representation of the work SPELGBTQ members Garth Amundson & Pierre Gour have produced together over the last 30 years. Garth and Pierre are thrilled to be invited to produce this overview and artist talk. There is also a hard-cover, 60 page, full color book/catalogue being released on August 30 with an essay by Jonathan D Katz.

"...Amundson and Gour have been engaged in a long-standing recuperative effort, producing an affirmatively out, openly queer art decades before it was politically safe to do so. Their pioneering efforts not only originate in a queer response to the hostile erasure of our collective history, but they pursue this recuperation in a notably queer way, namely through scouring and sifting the past for its unrecognized signs of queerness, those quietly coded, easy to overlook bits of evidence that produce in queer observers a sudden sense of familiarity or jolt of acknowledgment." - Jonathan D. Katz, Director, Visual Studies Doctoral Program, University at Buffalo.

<https://www.uidaho.edu/caa/galleries-centers-and-labs/prichard/exhibits>

EXHIBITION: *Heartbreak City* (a poster show)

Redux Gallery in Portland, OR
August 3 - September 30

SPELGBTQ secretary Marico Fayre is featured in this exhibition along with the other members of Small Talk Collective: Featuring work by Audra Osborne, Briana Cerezo, Jennifer Timmer Trail, Kelli Pennington, Kristina Hruska, and Leslie Hickey.

Heartbreak City evokes the nostalgic feeling of warm summer nights, seedy motels, female desire, and being young and free. The exhibition features small editions of posters. reduxpdx.com/reduxgallery



Signed copies of *We're Always Touching* by Underground Wires, Small Talk Collective's first book, which was released in April, are available at the gallery.

**EXHIBITION: *From Here On Out*** Curated by June T Sanders & Julie Gautier Downes
Object Space Gallery in Spokane, WA

September 7 - October 1, 2018

Co-curated by SPELGBTQ member June T Sanders, this photo exhibition showcases new work from emerging photographers and explores expanding ideas of home & place. The exhibition can be viewed at: <https://fromhereonout.cargocollective.com>

Image by Tyler Healey

EXHIBITION: Bodies curated by Amy Lokoff

Otis Street Arts Project in Mount Rainier, MD

September 15 - October 13, 2018

Curated by Amy Lokoff, this exhibition uses photography, drawing, embroidery, and performance to center and celebrate bodies that have traditionally been hidden or marginalized within mainstream media and pop culture. It aims to broaden our collective vision of who can be the protagonist in the stories we tell. This exhibition includes new work from SPELGBTQ member Matt Storm's series *Act of Looking*.

<http://otisstreetarts.wixsite.com/otisstreetarts/in-the-gallery>

<https://www.facebook.com/events/256909458495864/>



EXHIBITION: Re/member/construct juried by Lisa Volpe

Filter Space in Chicago, IL

September 21 – October 27, 2018, reception Sept 28, 6-9 pm



SPELGBTQ leadership team members Kris Sanford and Matt Storm have images in this exhibition in conjunction with the annual Filter Photo Festival in Chicago.

Re/member/construct features the work of 30 artists that explore the quality of a photograph to simultaneously stop time and infuse form, construct memory, and fuel nostalgia. Juror Lisa Volpe says the images, "tackle issues of identity, loss,

presence, pain, and knowledge, their messages strengthened through their means and style.

Photography is an incredibly complex field, but that character makes it the perfect vehicle for investigating complex issues. The artists represented here have not shied away from that challenge."

Photo: "Plaid Ties" by Kris Sanford

<http://filterphoto.org/portfolio/re-member-construct-2/>

EXHIBITION: Absence // Assemblage

Cascade Paragon Gallery in Portland, OR

February 21st - March 23rd, 2019

SPELGBTQ member June T Sanders will be showing her recent photo work (alongside painter Ayanna Z Naylo). Both are MFA candidates at Washington State University and their combined show, *Absence // Assemblage*, works towards a disruption of

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dominant visual narratives through alternative approaches to representation of black & trans experiences. By utilizing the absence of bodies and the assemblage of artifacts, commodities, and landscapes, they elicit questions surrounding cultural production and the limits of visibility.

<https://www.pcc.edu/galleries/cascade/>



BOOK LAUNCH & EXHIBITION: *To Survive on This Shore: Photographs and Interviews with Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Older Adults*

Projects+gallery in St. Louis, MO

September 6 - October 10, 2018

SPELGBTQ Chair Jess T. Dugan's project *To Survive on This Shore* was recently published as a hardcover book by Kehrer Verlag.

The project will also be on display as a solo exhibition at projects+gallery in St. Louis, MO from September 6 through October 10. Other book release events are planned in Chicago, Boston, and Tulsa. Visit

<https://www.tosurviveonthishore.com/> for more information.

<https://www.kehrerverlag.com/en/jess-t-dugan-vanessa-fabbre-to-survive-on-this-shore>

Call for Entry

Call for Entry (students): **SPE National** is currently accepting submissions for their *Innovation in Imaging* Awards, which provide conference scholarships and travel stipends to current students!

Deadline: October 14

Jurors: Tomiko Jones, Liz Allen, Mark Malloy, and Rebecca Nolan

Details: <https://www.spenational.org/files/assets/updated2019spescholarshipform.pdf>

Plus, keep your eyes peeled for an **upcoming Call for Entry for the Combined Caucus Exhibition** for the 2019 SPE National Conference, March 7-10 in Cleveland, Ohio!

All SPE National Calls for Entry can be seen here: <https://www.spenational.org/resources/calls-for-entry>

