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NOGLSTP Board Announces Annual Awards Program

The NOGLSTP Board is pleased to announce that it has implemented an annual awards program to honor its volunteers, outstanding queer engineers/scientists/educators, and institutions/organizations who support NOGLSTP programs and goals. The inaugural awards ceremony will be held over President's Weekend, February, 2004, in Seattle WA, either at the NOGLSTP Reception at the AAAS Annual Meeting, or at a venue nearby.

The Walt Westman Award, named after one of NOGLSTP's founders, will be the highest national award our organization gives to a NOGLSTP member. This prestigious award will recognize the unselfish and outstanding contributions of a NOGLSTP member who has shown dedication and commitment to the advancement of NOGLSTP's growth.

The GLBT Award will honor a lesbian/gay/trans engineer, scientist, or educator who has made outstanding contributions in their field. The awardee will be recognized for sustained contributions in design, production, management, education, or research.

The Institution/Organization Award will honor the institution or organization which has demonstrated outstanding support for NOGLSTP and its programs or objectives. Examples of such support are: providing assistance to NOGLSTP programs, enhancing the achievements of GLBT employees, and dedication and commitment to advancement of NOGLSTP's growth.

NOGLSTP is currently accepting nominations for each of these awards. Nomination forms and guidelines can be downloaded from the NOGLSTP website, or can be requested by calling the NOGLSTP office. The nomination deadline is October 15, 2003.

Upper Left Photo—After the NOGLSTP Board Meeting Feb 2003: Treasurer Barbara Belmont, Chair Rochelle Diamond, and Board Members John Burke and Mark Tumeo

GLMA Protests Government Censorship of LGBT Health Research

SAN FRANCISCO — The Gay and Lesbian Medical Association today announced that it will send a letter to President George W. Bush, Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson, and the Directors of the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention protesting widespread reports of censorship and monitoring of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered health research by government funding agencies. Recent reports in *The New York Times* and prestigious journals such as *Science* have underscored the seriousness and extent of the problem. Staff members within the Department of Health and Human Services have been cautioning prospective grant applicants that e-mails and other communications are being screened for sensitive keywords such as "commercial sex workers," "needle exchange," "men having sex with men," "prostitutes," "transgender," and "harm reduction." Furthermore, some program staff members have been reprimanded for the use of such terms, which have been called "inappropriate language."

GLMA has created a letter to which health care providers, researchers, and teachers may sign on through the GLMA website at www.glma.org.

"We urge everyone in health care to sign on to this letter," said GLMA President, Kenneth Haller, MD. "Over the coming days we hope to gather over one thousand signatures to deliver to the Administration. Information provided by sources such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has been trusted in the past because it has been based upon unbiased, scientific studies. The scientific credibility of even the CDC under the current Administration has begun to become suspect. For example, an online fact sheet on condoms and sexually transmitted disease prevention was pulled from the Centers for Disease control website in July 2001."

Haller concluded, "We cannot allow the integrity of health research and the health of LGBT persons to become victims of political ideology."

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Only in the U.S.A....

NOGLSTP extends its congratulations to Julius Carter, a gay graduating high school senior from Lincoln High School in Des Moines, IA. Carter will enter the University of Iowa as a pre-med student with a four year Matthew Shepard Scholarship. This Matthew Shepard Scholarship is underwritten by the Rich Eychaner Charitable Foundation, and is awarded by the First Friday Breakfast Club and Lambda Beta Nu to deserving lesbian and gay Iowa high school seniors. Carter, who is on the football team, in the school choir, and is senior class president, will graduate May 31. Anti-gay Rev. Fred Phelps and members of his church plan to protest the event.

Out and About with NOGLSTP



NOGLSTP Chair Rochelle Diamond welcomes AAAS meeting attendees at the NOGLSTP Reception this past February in Denver Colorado.

National Postdoctoral Association Formed

Postdoctoral fellows have a new organization established to provide a voice and hopefully change in the conditions for their employment. Their constitution includes a non-discrimination clause for sexual orientation. Postdoctoral associations are forming at various institutions which hopefully will use this organization to their advantage. The AAAS Office of Opportunities in Science has been instrumental to the formation of this group, especially in the procurement of an Alfred P. Sloan Foundation founding grant. For more information see their website at: www.nationalpostdoc.org

NPA Objectives are to:

- Establish a self-sustaining organization, the National Postdoctoral Association (NPA), to provide a voice for the interests of postdoctoral scientists.
- Gather information and build consensus regarding "best-practice" policies for postdocs, develop educational initiatives to disseminate these policies to postdocs and institutions, and encourage their implementation into institutional policy.
- Enter into meaningful dialogue with government bodies, funding agencies and professional organizations to advocate for improvements in postdoctoral training policies at the national level.

ENDA Symposium and NOGLSTP Reception Slated for Fall ACS National Meeting in NYC

NOGLSTP member and American Chemical Society Councilor Chris Bannochie has co-organized a symposium entitled "The need for ENDA, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, in the Chemical Process Industries." The symposium is sponsored by ACS's Division of Professional Relations, and cosponsored by ACS's Committee on Economic and Professional Affairs, Younger Chemists Committee, Women Chemists Committee, and Division of Chemistry and the Law. It will be presented on September 9th during the National American Chemical Society meeting this fall in New York City.

The symposium will discuss

- Background & Current Status on the ENDA bill in Congress
- The need for ENDA and its utility in the Chemical Process Industries, and
- Profiles of Current Employment Non-Discrimination & LGBT-Friendly Leaders in Industry, Government, and Academia

Planned speakers so far are a representative from the Human Rights Campaign, two HR/Diversity staff from Industry, a representative from the Federal Globe (an LGBT government employee organization), and a representative from the ACS Office of Legislative and Government Affairs and/or the Division of Chemistry and the Law.

Immediately following the symposium, NOGLSTP will host a reception for all ACS meeting attendees. One must be registered for the ACS National Meeting to attend the symposium and reception. For updates on these events, point your web browser to the meetings link at www.noglstp.org, or www.chemistry.org

What is ENDA?

ENDA is the acronym for the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which would prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, and provide basic protection to ensure fairness for all in the workplace. Currently, federal law provides basic legal protection against employment discrimination on the basis of race, gender, religion, national origin, or disability, but not sexual orientation. Versions of ENDA have been introduced to Congress and the Senate, but have yet to make it to the floor for vote. While we're waiting for these bills to pass, we're fortunate that over 59 percent of the Fortune 500 companies, as well as 119 cities and 23 counties across the United States, have implemented non-discrimination policies that include sexual orientation. For more information on ENDA and what you can do to support it, point your web browser to www.hrc.org/issues/federal_leg/enda/index.asp

One of NOGLSTP's basic organizational objectives is to advocate equal employment opportunity for all people. It is in this context then, that NOGLSTP supports strong governmental policies that extend the promise of equal opportunity to all citizens, including gay men, lesbians, bisexual, and transgender persons through the passage of such measures as the Employment Non-Discrimination Act.



Renew or Make Changes Online
at
www.noglstp.org/memberservices.php

Spam or Scam—Reality Check

Editorial by Rochelle Diamond

These days it's hard to get through my email without getting a carpal tunnel cramp from my delete finger. Do I really need 20 messages a day for viagra? Do I need to enlarge my genitalia to impress my spouse? Does that housewife with the webcam really want me? And how many millions can I get into my savings account from Nigeria or Uganda or You-name-it?

When I sit down to eat my dinner, the democratic party must know exactly when I pick up my fork. I must be having telephone spam for dinner because they want to fill my plate. Every night charities, alumni associations, political parties, police and sheriff associations try to force feed their wallets with my hard earned paycheck. Not that I mind giving money, but I would like to decide where or when to make that gift, meager as it may seem.

Is it spam or is it scam? Tonight I found out that the cholesterol lowering drug that I take to keep me a little longer in this world may be counterfeit! Are they using color printers to make drugs now too? And then there were the three people charged with stealing more than \$130,000 from the city of Philadelphia in a transgender counseling scam who apparently never saw or spoke to a client but led a pretty terrific lifestyle. Does anyone ever check on where our money goes?

The terror alert is high? What does that mean? What comes after high? And what does that mean? Kiss our behinds good-bye? Deflation — that's a good one. Some one is taking the air out of our money?

Well, I am a scientist who believes that science is the search for the truth. But to tell you the truth, it's hard to find any truths these days. Certainly not in the news and low and behold not from our politicians. The government seems to like to make up its own science about anything they want to twist their own way from global warming to vaccine safety. Scientists who we quoted from in the past seem to be making broad sweeping statements that don't seem to follow any structured attempt at proof — just say what they want the science to say and not what the science says.

Am I crazy or have I entered the twilight zone? Just take my money and leave me deflated.

Well, on the bright side, NOGLSTP is still alive and kicking, 23 years after its first informal meeting of gay scientists who were concerned about homophobia in their workplace. We've come a long way since then, organizationally and culturally. NOGLSTP is now an Affiliate of AAAS. We're working on becoming a recognized Advocacy Group with ACS. We're laying the groundwork for expansion and national visibility. We never call or spam you. But we would like your participation and feedback. So feel free to participate. This is your organization. We would like you to feel a part of it and we promise this is no scam.

Inquire at office@noglstp.org

NOGLSTP Volunteer Opportunities

- ∇ Edit or write articles for The NOGLSTP Bulletin
- ∇ Compile of a list of professional societies to which our members belong, including any official or unofficial lesbian/gay/trans special interest groups
- ∇ Solicit and secure grants to support expansion of NOGLSTP activities
- ∇ Facilitate a relationship between NOGLSTP and professional societies
- ∇ Start a local chapter in your geographic area

IS IT TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES?

Check your mailing label. If it says 200305-200307, it is time to renew your dues. If it says 200302-200304, or trial2, it is past time to renew or join, and this will be your final newsletter unless we hear from you. We need and appreciate your continued support. You may renew online (and pay with a credit card), or fill out the form below (and on the other side of this page), and return it with your check to NOGLSTP, PO Box 91803, Pasadena CA 91109. Remember to add \$5US if you are subscribing outside of the US. Thank you. You may also use this form to inform us of any address or area code changes.

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Membership Form

To renew your NOGLSTP membership or become a member of NOGLSTP, support its activities, and receive a newsletter, complete this form and send it with a check or money order to:

NOGLSTP
PO BOX 91803
Pasadena CA 91109

Annual Membership Dues are:

\$15-35 (sliding scale) (tax deductible after the 1st \$10)

\$10 for students and unemployed*

*inquire about our limited free memberships to 'starving students'

\$5 extra for memberships outside of the US
(for the extra postage) (US Funds only, please!)

Renewal New Info change only

Name: _____

Address: (don't forget your zip code!)

Telephone: _____

Email/URL: _____

Technointerest or profession:

Latest Degree/Subject:

Do you want your name and phone/email printed on a membership roster to be released to other NOGLSTP members?

YES NO

Do you want your email/URL to be placed on the NOGLSTP web page?

YES NO

Don't forget to fill out the other side →

C.A. Tripp: Psychologist and Groundbreaking Author

NYACK, N.Y. -- C.A. Tripp, the author of a widely read book which sought to dispel popular misconceptions about homosexuality, died Saturday. He was 83, and died of cancer.

Tripp's book "The Homosexual Matrix," a scholarly work published by McGraw-Hill in 1975, set forth new ideas about sexual attraction and sold nearly 500,000 copies. Author and AIDS activist Larry Kramer said in an interview with The New York Times that the book was the first from a "reputable source" that "dared to speak openly of homosexuality as a healthy occurrence."

Born Clarence Arthur Tripp in Denton, Texas, Tripp studied at the Rochester Institute of Technology and served in the Navy before immersing himself in the work of Freud during the 1940s.

Beginning in 1948, he worked with Alfred Kinsey at his Institute for Sex Research in Bloomington, Ind., until Kinsey's death in 1956. Tripp then earned an undergraduate degree from the New School for Social Research and a doctorate in clinical psychology from New York University, eventually establishing a private psychology practice.

He and author Lewis Gannett recently finished a biography of Lincoln that speculates that the former president was gay.

Source: Associated Press , Thursday, May 22, 2003 / 05:04 PM

Membership/Renewal Form (continued):

Please list any other professional organizations that you belong to:

Special Techno-Interests or Expertise:

For New Members: How did you learn of NOGLSTP?

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP US WITH? (CHECK ANY THAT INTEREST YOU)

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- HOLD OFFICE
- AAAS
- FUNDRAISING
- NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
- EDIT NEWSLETTER
- PRODUCE NEWSLETTER
- NEW PAMPHLET TOPICS
- GRANT WRITING
- G/L/B/T CAUCUS OF PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES (which one?)
- OTHER _____

ABOUT NOGLSTP

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF GAY AND LESBIAN SCIENTISTS AND TECHNICAL PROFESSIONALS, INC., is a nation-wide organization of lesbigaytrans scientists and technical professionals, regional and caucus groups, and others interested in technical matters and the gay and lesbian community. NOGLSTP's goals include dialog with professional organizations, providing information, improving our member's employment and professional environment, opposing homophobia and stereotypes, educating the queer, scientific and general communities, and fostering inter-city contacts among our members. National Organization of Gay and Lesbian Scientists and Technical Professionals, Inc. is a tax-exempt educational organization under IRS section 501(c)3, incorporated in the State of California (TAX ID # 95-4358685). Written correspondence may be addressed to: NOGLSTP, PO BOX 91803, Pasadena CA 91109-9813. For more information, see our web page at www.noglstp.org/

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