



# NOGLSTP

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## AAAS MEETING



NOGLSTP held a lovely catered reception for fellow travelers at the American Association for Advancement of Science convention in Washington DC. The room arrangement and attendance (~20) made a perfect setting for an intimate gathering and continuous group conversation about NOGLSTP history and goals, homophobia (and its demise in the high tech workplace), and the local political elections. After the crowd dwindled, the remaining attendees went for dinner at the local queer steak pub.



A quick pose before dinner: NOGLSTP members are Mike (front left), Barbara (middle), Michael (back, second from right), and Finley (front right))

## AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION PASSES TRANSGENDER RESOLUTION

At its 1999 National meeting the Governing Council of Governing Council of the American Public Health Association (APHA) passed resolution 9933: "The Need for Acknowledging Transgendered Individuals within Research and Clinical Practice". The resolution explains what transgender refers to and the health concerns of transgender individuals (including intersex issues and the miss-use of Gender Identity Disorder by health care professionals). <http://www.apha.org/legislative/policy/99policy.pdf>

## NOGLSTP NEWS

NOGLSTP's transitional board of directors got together for a business meeting during the AAAS convention, and approved a draft strategic plan. The plan is designed to leverage NOGLSTP to the next level, and one of the first things it calls for is stronger engagement of its members. You may review the draft at <http://www.noglstp.org/strategicdraft.html>. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

## CONGRATULATIONS to QUEER SCIENTISTS

Mark Tumeo, NOGLSTP Board Member, was promoted to Interim Dean of the College of Graduate Studies and Research in January. Also, he recently interviewed by IEEE's "Engineering Today" magazine as part of an upcoming series on Diversity in the Engineering Profession.

Meteorite researcher and NOGLSTP Member Harold Connolly was recently awarded the Antarctica Service Medal for his efforts in recovering more than 600 meteorites during a 3 month expedition to Antarctica. Connolly, currently a staff scientist in geology and planetary science at Caltech, served as a field volunteer for the Antarctic Search for Meteorites (ANSMET) in late 1994. ANSMET is an ongoing expedition established in 1976 by the National Science Foundation to collect and preserve meteorites for scientific study.

The January 31, 2000 issues of Chemical and Engineering News featured a biographical article on UC Berkeley Chemistry Professor Carolyn Bertozzi, who recently received the prestigious MacArthur Fellowship. Bertozzi's research is at the chemistry/biology interface, using chemistry, especially organic synthesis, to answer fundamental questions in biology. Her colleagues and students know her for her infectious enthusiasm for science, and her ability to make chemistry relevant with real-world examples. And the best part of the article? It casually mentions Bertozzi's life-partner of 11 years, Cynthia! Congratulations to Carolyn for receiving this prestigious fellowship, and congratulations C&E News, for providing us queers with a role model without forcing

## SCIENCE RESUMES

Science has launched a new Resume/CV Database where scientists can post a resume/CV for inclusion in this database accessed by human resources professionals at leading biotechnology and pharmaceutical organizations. Point your web browser to <http://www2.sciencecareers.org> to post your resume/CV.

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# Millennium March on Washington *for Equality*

A National March for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Civil Rights

## *Making Our Own History*

The Millennium March on Washington for Equality, scheduled for April 30th, will be the fourth national march for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender civil rights, and promises to be one of the largest and most powerful civil rights demonstrations in recent history. The purpose of the Millennium March on Washington for Equality is to energize and galvanize the GLBT and supportive communities to work for equality at all levels, strengthen the overall movement for equal rights and empower and inspire voters for the 2000 elections.

## *March and Rally*

The Millennium March on Washington for Equality will take place Sunday, April 30, 2000 at the National Mall, drawing hundreds of thousands of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) individuals and organizations and our allies. The March will step off at 10am, and the Rally will begin at noon and continue until 6pm. In addition to the March and Rally, the weekend will feature a two-day street festival, several GLBT conferences and hundreds of affiliated events, including the Millennium March's national dinner.

For more information, contact the Millennium March offices at: 1000 16th St., NW, Ste. 300 Washington, DC 20036(202) 467-8100 [www.mmow.org](http://www.mmow.org)

## **IMPACT OF THE INTERNET ON QUEERS**

This April, Stanford University's BGLAD will sponsor a discussion of "The impact of the internet on queers" during their queer awareness days. The discussion participants will include David Shaw, PhD in communication from University of Colorado, Mel Bramyn, a co-producer of [lesbian.com](http://lesbian.com), Tom Rielly, co-founder of Digital Queers and PlanetOut, Kathy Levenson, COO of E\*TRADE, and Ann Mei Chang, Director of Product Development at Intuit. Topics of discussion will range from the social implications of the internet to its impact on workplace trends and the threat of censorship or government monitoring. Details can be found at [www.stanford.edu/group/BGLAD](http://www.stanford.edu/group/BGLAD)

## **CENSUS 2000**



Remember to fill out your census forms! LGBT people are not recognized on the census form specifically BUT if you are living with a partner, please mark the "UNMARRIED PARTNER" category when defining

your relationship with other members of your household. This is the only way we are currently recorded on the census.

## **PAST MEETINGS**

Mathematical queers got together this past January in Washington DC for The Nth Annual Queer Mathematicians' Social Gathering at the Joint Meetings of the MAA (Math. Assoc. of America), AMS (Amer. Math. Soc.), SIAM (Soc. for Industrial and Applied Math.), and AWM (Assoc. for Women in Math.).

## **IEEE-USA ISSUES CALL FOR PAPERS AT PRODEVCON, CAREERCON**

IEEE-USA is seeking presenters for its 2000 Professional Development Conference, to be held Sept. 1-4 at the Camelback Resort and Spa in Scottsdale, Arizona. Entitled "The Millennium and Beyond," the conference offers an opportunity to explore professional and career issues of interest to industry and engineering professionals -- ranging from career planning and professional skills management to engineering leadership, mentoring, financial planning, organizational ethics, diversity and public policy. For more information, go to

<http://www.ieeeusa.org/prodevcon/index.html>

IEEE-USA's biennial CareerCon will be held in San Jose, CA on November 2-3. Papers are sought from prospective presenters to explore the changes that are occurring in engineering careers. For more information, go to

<http://www.ieeeusa.org/careercon/callforpapers.html>

## **ENHANCING OUTCOMES IN WOMEN'S HEALTH**

*Translating Psychosocial and Behavioral Research into Primary Care, Community Interventions, and Health Policy*

OCTOBER 4-6, 2001, Hyatt Regency, Washington DC

## **CALL FOR PAPERS AVAILABLE NOW**

Proposal deadline: September 1, 2000

Requests for Call for Papers, Registration and Information to: Wesley B. Baker, Conference Coordinator, American Psychological Association, 750 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002-4242, Tel: 202-336-6120, Fax: 202-312-6490, Email: [wbaker@apa.org](mailto:wbaker@apa.org), <http://www.apa.org/pi/wpo/whc3/whc3.html>

## LATEST BATTLE FOR SAME-SEX MARRIAGE: PROPOSITION 22 IN CALIFORNIA

by Pei-Chi Chang, *No On Knight Campaign*

Although we lost the battle on this initiative, I believe that we will win the war for gay marriage. There are still many positives that were gained despite our defeat. We should take a moment to highlight them:

### *Civil Rights Discussion*

The radical right was forced to discuss LGBT civil rights issues and to admit that the LGBT community should have hate crimes protections and domestic partnership protections. They could not use the offensive language that they had used in Hawaii and Alaska because their polling showed that Californians were fair minded and that over 80% of them knew other LGBT people. These Californians were not about to let homophobic fear mongers send their message of hate. As a result, the radical right took the far-reaching step of talking about tolerance for the LGBT community. They were forced to use the language of civil rights protections for a community that they did not support. They discovered that only with the messages of tolerance and compassion could they win the election.

### *Gay Marriage*

The subject of gay marriages is now taken seriously as item for discussion. We need only think back to 3 years ago, when only very few LGBT gave serious thought to gay marriage. Now the entire nation is talking about it. Considering that in a poll conducted by the Wall Street Journal, over 60% of the respondents believed that they would see gay marriage in their lifetime, what seemed unachievable a few years ago seems eventually inevitable. Individually, we may not support the idea of marriage for ourselves, but we should wholeheartedly support marriage for the LGBT community that wants it. After all, Andrew Sullivan was quoted as saying that if LGBT couples win marriage, we win everything. Our relationships will be put on the same level of government recognition as heterosexuals. We will not need to fight for everything piecemeal as we currently do for domestic partnerships.

### *Domestic Partnerships*

California was the second state in the US to recognize domestic partnerships for same sex couples. Hawaii, the only other state in the union to do so, strengthened its domestic partnership laws after the passage of the anti-gay marriage initiative. It is very hopeful that California will also strengthen its laws after Prop 22.

Californians already support same gender domestic partnerships by over 80%. Voters can now understand the difference between domestic partnerships and marriage. More people will see the necessity of having protections for LGBT couples. Even our opponents agree in commercials and in debates that LGBT couples need to have increased their legal protections for their relationships. The other factor is that not only did the Democrat leadership come out against Prop 22, the majority of Democrats voted no on 22. It seems likely that the Democrats in California will continue to support LGBT civil rights. For the record, the Assembly, Senate, and Governor of California are Democratically controlled. Thanks to everyone who worked on this campaign. I really think that we were able to change people's minds and move the ball forward with regards to LGBT civil rights and increasing public awareness and understanding of who we are and who we love.

### FUTURE MEETINGS

Queer chemists will convene for a meal and socializing in San Francisco sometime during the Spring American Chemical Society meeting (March 26-30). For more information, contact Frank Rossi, [frossi@combimatrix.com](mailto:frossi@combimatrix.com), who is coordinating the gathering.



## IS IT TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES?

Check your mailing label. If it says 200003-200006, it is time to renew your dues. If it says 199911-200002, 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. Please 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 \$5 US if you are subscribing outside of the US. Thank you. You may also use this form to inform us of any 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  
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Annual Membership Dues are:  
\$15-25 (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!)  
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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email/URL: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Technointerest or profession:  
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Latest Degree/Subject:  
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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 →



**QUEER SCIENTISTS OF HISTORICAL NOTE**

*Sir Francis Bacon:* 17th century English philosopher of science, author of *Novum Organum*; called "the high priest of modern science" for elucidating principles of the scientific method. Bacon was well known during his lifetime as a homosexual, and good friend of the homosexual English King, James I. At one point, it is told, Bacon's mother criticized him for inviting his young latin lover, Antonio Perez, home to live. She ordered "that bloody Perez and bed-companion of my son" out of the house. Source: Jonathan Gideon, *The Homosexual in History*, N.I. Garde, Vantage Press, NY, 1964.



*S. Josephine Baker:* 20th century physician, who organized the first child hygiene department under government control in New York City. Her tenure led to the lowest infant death rate in any American or European city during the 1910's. Baker was a consultant to many child care organizations, and the president of several child health professional societies. Personal encounters with Baker and her companion, Louise Pearce, are described in A.R. Wylie's autobiography. Baker and Wylie shared a New York apartment together, and eventually a house in Princeton where they were joined by Pearce. Source: *The Gay 100*, Paul Russell, Citadel Press, Carol Publishing Group, NY, 1994

**Membership/Renewal Form (continued):**

Please list any other professional organizations that you belong to:

For New Members: How did you learn of NOGLSTP?

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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 lesbigay 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 gay, 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). Membership dues are \$15-25 (sliding scale) annually for non-students. Student dues are \$10 annually. After the first \$10, dues are tax deductible. \$5 extra for memberships outside the US for the extra postage. Please, US dollars only. Written correspondence may be addressed to: NOGLSTP, PO BOX 91803, Pasadena CA 91109-9813. For more information, see our web page at <http://www.noglstp.org/>

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