



"Potty Talk"

Queer Issues



"Having sex is just one part of anyone's life. Most people spend a lot more time doing other things."

LGBTQQA

Lesbians: Women who are attracted (emotionally, spiritually, and physically) to other women.

Gay men: Men who are attracted (emotionally, spiritually, and physically) to other men.

Bisexual: People who are attracted (emotionally, spiritually, and physically) to both women and men.

Transgender: People whose gender identity or gender expression contrast with traditional social norms and expectations for their physical sex.

Transvestites: men who dress in women's clothing. They see themselves as men, not women, and they may be either gay or straight.

Transsexuals: people who feel they are a different gender than their bodies. They may be straight or gay, and some choose to have a sex-change operation while others don't.

Queer: In the past, this term was a derogatory word for gays and lesbians. It was reclaimed by many activists during the 1980s and has become part of common vernacular. Considered a more inclusive term than gay, queer is an umbrella term for all sexualities that are not strictly heterosexual (i.e. gay, lesbian, bi, and questioning).

Questioning: Anyone who is uncertain about their sexual orientation, that is, anyone who is unsure whether they are heterosexual, homosexual, or bisexual.

Ally: A heterosexual individual who supports LGBTQ people.



STOP Harassment & Hate Crimes



More Than 1/3 of Gay College Students Experienced Harassment in the Past Year

- 50% of gay college students conceal their sexual orientation to avoid intimidation
 - 43% Call Their Campus Homophobic
- Report ANY & ALL Harassment or Hate Crimes to Campus Safety 554-4444**



LGBTQQA Resources at SCU

"Queer Abby" Advice Column - Whether your attractions and relationships are same-sex, opposite-sex, both, or unclear, Queer Abby is ALL ABOUT helping you make sense of your sexual health, relationship and intimacy needs. Send email questions to QAbby@scu.edu

Spectrum Group: A Same-Sex Attraction & Identity Remix

A weekly, drop-in, confidential discussion and supportive group to help SCU students explore the common struggles and unique opportunities that many students with sexual or gender identity differences share. Common discussion topics include:

- Dating, relationships and intimacy
- Coping with anxiety, discrimination and prejudice
- Coming out and building self-esteem
- Developing spirituality
- Making and maintaining friendships
- Family stress



Date: Every Tuesday evening

Time: 5:15 - 6:30 PM

Place: WGST Resource Room at the Crossroads, 862 Market Street across from Swig and Dunne. ****Just drop-in**

SCU Safe Space Program -The Safe Space program enhances Santa Clara's educational commitment to its students by improving the environment for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (GLBTQ) members of our community. By providing physical signs of welcome, such as the rainbow sticker, and by inviting the University community to ongoing conversations, we can make a difference for all SCU students. www.scu.edu/safespace/

Gay and Lesbian Alliance (GALA) at SCU -Student run group for support and building awareness of sexual diversity and GLBTQ culture at Santa Clara University. www--cc.scu.edu/clubs/GALA/homepage.html

Resource Room -A collaborative project sponsored by the Center for Multicultural Learning, the Ethnic Studies Program, and the Women's & Gender Studies Program. Provides resources on a number of different topics and themes, including gender, race/ethnicity, sexual identity, age, disability, and socio-economic class. www.scu.edu/pswg/resourceroom.cfm

HOMOPHOBIA



Homophobia is the irrational judgment and fear of LGBT people. Unfortunately, these feelings are oftentimes manifested through violent or discriminatory acts. In addition, this term can also be used to define the self-loathing LGBT people feel.

Homophobia hurts everyone, LGBTQ or straight.

10 Tips on How to be an Ally!



Don't assume everyone is heterosexual. Also be aware that transgender and intersexual people do exist.

Do not ever out someone. Just because you might know, don't assume that others do.

- Avoid anti-gay jokes and conversations.
- Create an atmosphere of acceptance.
- Use all-inclusive language. Use "partner" or "significant other" instead of "boyfriend" or "girlfriend".
- Actively pursue a process of self-education. Read and ask question.
- Acknowledge and take responsibility for your own socialization, prejudice, and privilege.
- Educate others. Use One-on-one, group programming, teachable moments, etc.
- Interrupt prejudice and take action against oppression even when people from the target group are not present.
- Have a vision of a healthy, diverse and multicultural society and the different groups in that society.

Some SCU Courses that Explore LGBTQA topics:

- English 67: U.S. Gay and Lesbian Literature
- English 122: Film, Gender, and Sexuality: Special Topics
- English 156: Studies in Gay and Lesbian Cultural Studies
- English 156A: International Gay and Lesbian Cultures
- History 177: Gays and Lesbians in American History
- History 182: Sex and the Family in American History
- Philosophy 4: Ethics and Gender
- Sociology 153: Race, Class, & Gender in the U.S.
- TESP 124: Theology of Marriage
- TESP 170: Homosexuality and Catholic Theology
- WGST 50: Gender in Culture and Society



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