



JANUARY 2025

Twenty Twenty Thrive!

Welcome to our monthly newsletter to keep LGBT FSA members updated on our events, opportunities to get involved, and issues affecting the LGBTQ+ community at GVSU.

In addition to sending the newsletter out via email, we'll also post the newsletters on our website each month.

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CHECK OUT THE LGBT FSA WEBSITE!
OR EMAIL US AT LGBTFSA@GVSU.EDU

Hello LGBT FSA members!

Welcome back to campus and to our monthly newsletters. The LGBT FSA Steering Committee is looking forward to another great semester of community, advocacy, and engagement. We know this semester/year/foreseeable future is likely to be rocky as the the new federal administration takes office and as we continue to advocate for a more inclusive campus here in West Michigan.

But it won't all be doom and gloom. We have a lot of events planned this semester to celebrate and create space for queer joy, as well as opportunities for more casual connection with friends and colleagues.

We're also excited to have a full steering committee for the FSA for the first time in a few years, which means more capacity to serve and engage our community. We hope you'll take some time this semester to come out to an event, join the advocacy sub-group, nominate someone for our new member spotlight, share a queer media recommendation, and/or send us an email (lgbtfsa@gvsu.edu) to let us know how you're doing and what you'd like to see the FSA working on.

Here's to an engaging and collaborative semester!

-LGBT FSA Steering Committee

MEET THE LGBT FSA STEERING COMMITTEE



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GVSU LGBT FSA



WINTER 2025 EVENTS

CASUAL QUEER HANGOUTS

Thurs. 2/20 12:00-1:30pm
Allendale Campus

Weds. 3/19 2:30-4:00pm
Pew Campus

Drop-in anytime - BYO coffee/lunch/crafts
we'll have casual crafts to share too.
Exact locations coming soon!

FEB 5

Wednesday

LGBT FSA HAPPY HOUR

05:30 PM - 07:30 PM @ New Holland - GR

FEB 24

Monday

KARAKOKE

8:00 PM - ??? @ Apartment Lounge - GR

MAR 20

Thursday

GAME NIGHT

05:30 PM - 07:00 PM KEN 134 (Pew)

APR 29

Tuesday

END OF YEAR PICNIC

11:00 AM - 01:30 PM Kirkhof/Library North Lawn

**HAVE AN IDEA FOR AN EVENT OR WANT
TO MEET UP FOR A COMMUNITY
EVENT? LET US KNOW!**



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No Chick-Fil-A on Campus!

In December 2024, the LGBT FSA leadership was informed by administrators that there are no plans to move forward with CFA for the foreseeable future.

In addition, a group composed of members of senior leadership team, AALT representatives, and community representatives have begun meeting to discuss a procedure to "vet" vendors against GVSU policies and gather input and feedback from minority communities on outside vendors the University is considering partnering with, including food vendors. We will update you on those efforts as they proceed.

LGBT Advocacy Group Meetings

Thank you to everyone who expressed interest in the Advocacy sub-group of the LGBT FSA!

The Advocacy group will continue meeting throughout the winter 2025 semester. We'll share updates with the FSA membership in the newsletter and via email.

If you're interested in joining the group - or just learning more about what this group will be doing - it's not too late! Please email lgbtfsa@gvsu.edu to let us know you are interested. Or just stop by the meeting!

We are excited to see this group get started and engage more of you in advocacy conversations and work at GVSU!



Member Spotlight Nominations Open!

[CLICK HERE TO
NOMINATE SOMEONE!](#)

This semester, we are adding a Member Spotlight feature to the newsletter.

Member spotlights will include a photo (if comfortable), as well as a few tidbits about that person based on a short survey. We are excited to highlight the diverse experiences and interests of our community each month and build connections with one another across campus.

We want to hear from you! Who should we spotlight?

Do you know someone in our community doing interesting work on- or off-campus? Someone who is active in the LGBTQ+ or other communities? Someone who is passionate about a hobby or interest they have? Someone who you think other people would be interested to know more about? Are you that someone?

Nominations are open! Simply [fill out the nomination form](#) and AJ will reach out to that person with more information about how to participate. Self-nominations are welcome and encouraged!

Looking for a great LGBTQ+ books, articles, podcasts, tv shows, movies, etc.?

We've got recommendations! Each month we'll highlight some queer media recommended by LGBT FSA members.

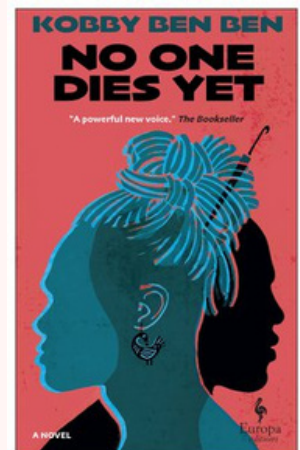
[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT
A RECOMMENDATION!](#)

Two book recommendations from AJ Young

No One Dies Yet

by Kobby Ben Ben

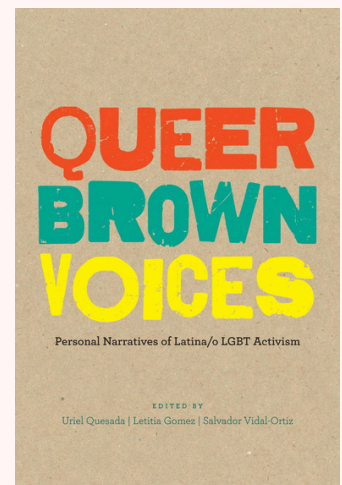
A group of U.S. gay men visit Ghana and are hosted/toured around by two local men with very different interests and intentions. And a major event which changes everything that I definitely didn't see coming.



Queer Brown Voices

Edited by U. Quesada, L. Gomez, & S. Vidal-Ortiz

Stories of Latina/o LGBT activism told by the activists themselves. I learned so much about different LGBT organizations and advocacy groups that I hadn't known before.



Ebook available through the GVSU Library.

Join the Out List!

The LGBT FSA and LGBT Resource Center maintain an Out List of LGBTQ+ faculty & staff at GVSU.

You can use this list to find and connect with queer colleagues across campus.

Participation is completely optional. **Click here to add your name to the list!**

In next month's newsletter...

- Winter events calendar
- Member spotlights
- and more!!

Did a friend send you this?

Email lgbtfsa@gvsu.edu to sign up for the LGBT Faculty & Staff Association email list!

Have an idea for our newsletter?

Please share it with us!

Check out our [idea submission guidelines](#) & [submission form](#)!