



MARCH 2025

Let the sun shine in!

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

LGBT FSA

Steering Committee Elections



Nominations due by
Friday, March 28

[CLICK HERE TO
NOMINATE YOURSELF OR
SOMEONE ELSE!](#)

Are you looking to get more involved in the LGBT FSA? Consider nominating yourself for the LGBT FSA steering committee!

We've put together [a full FAQs document](#), but here are a few short answers to common questions about the nomination and election process...

What positions are open? All of them! We elect people to the committee and then determine who holds which role.

What's the time commitment? We ask people to serve for 1 year. Depending on the role, you can expect 2-6 hours of work per month, with most of it flexible.

What if I've only been at GV for a few months/a year/not long? That's great! The only qualifications are that you are a faculty or staff member at GVSU, a member of the FSA (aka you're on the email list), and are interested and available to commit to the time needed.

Have more questions?

Email lgbtfsa@gvsu.edu and a current steering committee member will reach out to chat with you!

Don't forget! Submit your nominations (for yourself or someone else) by Friday, March 28.



Spotlighting Keigh-Cee Bell she/they

[CLICK HERE TO
NOMINATE SOMEONE
FOR A FUTURE
SPOTLIGHT!](#)

What's your connection to GVSU? I have been the Director of Tutoring and Supplemental Instruction for the last three years.

What are 3 words you would use to describe yourself? Curious, Creative, Catalyst (That is unintentional alliteration, but hey—it works!)

What's something in your life you're proud of? My daughter, Luci, is the biggest source of pride and joy. I love watching her become this incredible little human who shows me how to find beauty and love in otherwise really dark times. I am also incredibly proud of the work my team has accomplished in tutoring and supplemental instruction the last few years. We have had huge programmatic growth and have made a positive impact on the learning journeys of many students. I love what I get to do every day and am excited to see what else we can accomplish.

What's something you recommend? Pottery is my creative outlet, and I would recommend it to anyone. Or really—any type of art. Whatever makes your soul happy. Get your hands dirty, free your brain, and just express yourself in the medium that works best for you. It's the only thing that sustains me most weeks!

Q&A Session: Title IX Policy Updates

Questions about the updates to the Title IX policy? Join MJ and Stacy from the Office of Civil Rights and Title IX for a Q&A session with LGBT FSA members.

Wednesday, March 19th

11:00am-12:00pm

Zoom

link will be emailed out to the LGBT FSA listserv closer to the event

Please submit your questions beforehand so MJ and Stacy can answer as many questions during the session as possible. You can also submit questions if you aren't able to make the live session.

An FAQs document will be shared with the LGBT FSA membership after the session. For privacy purposes, this session will not be recorded.

The Advocacy subcommittee is working on finalizing a statement of focus for it's work moving forward. Once it is final, it will be shared with the FSA membership.

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.

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



GVSU LGBT FSA



WINTER 2025 EVENTS

CASUAL QUEER HANGOUTS

~~Thurs. 2/20 12:00-1:30pm~~
~~Kirkhof 2259~~
~~Allendale Campus~~

Weds. 3/19 2:30-4:00pm
DeVos C lobby area
Pew Campus Social Justice Ctr

Drop-in anytime - BYO coffee/lunch/crafts.
We'll have casual crafts to share too.

~~FEB 5~~
~~Wednesday~~

LGBT FSA HAPPY HOUR

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

~~FEB 17~~
~~Monday~~

KARAOKE

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
RSVP HERE

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



[GVSU.EDU/LGBTFACSTAFF](https://www.gvsu.edu/lgbtfacstaff)



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Trans Day/Week of Visibility Events

Trans Day of Visibility is March 31! There will be multiple events leading up to the day on campus and in Grand Rapids.

Campus events kick-off on Monday, March 25 with the Trans Empowerment Assembly and Keynote Speaker. Assembly starts at 1:30pm at the Allendale Campus Clock Tower. Keynote speaker at 2:30 in Kirkhof 2263, followed by lunch.

Click these links for more [On Campus Events](#) and [Community Events in Grand Rapids](#)

Women's History Month @ GVSU

Multiple events throughout March sponsored by the GVSU Women's Commission
[Click here for more info.](#)



As always, lots of great options from from the **Inclusion & Equity Institute!**
We've highlighted a few below - [click here for a full list](#)

"The Anthropology of Indigenous Religion" with Dr. Casey Church

March 12, 2025 | 10am-12pm | Kirkhof 2215/2216

Intro to Restorative-Based Conflict Prevention & Resolution

March 21, 2025 | 10-11:30am | DeVos Building - Pew Campus

Gays In Faith Together Presents:

A Night Under the Glittery Galaxy

Adult LGBTQ+ Prom

Dinner – Drag – DJ – Trivia– Dancing

Saturday April 5, 2025
6pm- 11pm

Watermark Country Club
1600 Galbraith Ave SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

\$35 Ticket:



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

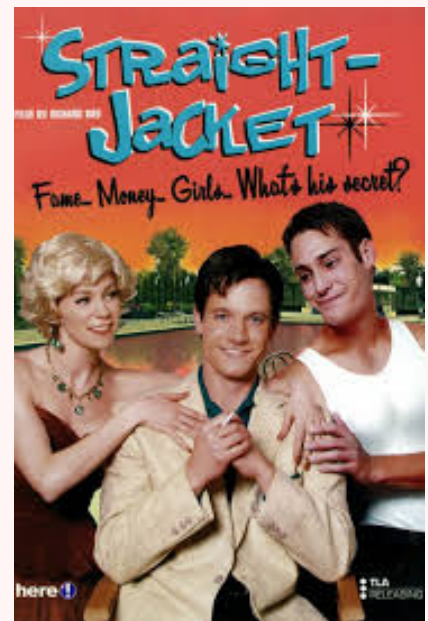
We've got recommendations! Each month we'll highlight some queer media recommended by LGBT FSA members.

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

Straight Jacket

Film written & directed by Richard Day
Recommended by Kyle Felker

This under-appreciated little gem is a romantic comedy set in the 1950s at the height of the red scare. It's very much in the vein of screwball comedies like "It Happened One Night" or "Bringing Up Baby," but it involves gay characters and issues of homophobia. It's funny, it's topical, and very few people know about it. It's an indie movie made on a shoestring with (then) largely unknown actors. [Learn more on IMDB.](#)



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...

- More queer media recs
- Member spotlight
- 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](#)!