



LGBTQ+

FACULTY AND STAFF ASSOCIATION

happy new year!

Welcome to our monthly newsletter to keep LGBTQ+ FSA members updated on our events, opportunities to get involved, and issues affecting the 2SLGBTQIA+ 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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JANUARY 2026

Welcome Hannah!

We have a new Steering Committee Member! Hannah Applebee works in the Division of People, Equity, and Culture as a Communications & Design Specialist and has taken over Communications for the LGBTQ+ FSA. She graduated from GV in April 2025, earning two degrees in writing and psychology, and received the Kenneth R. Venderbush award upon graduation. She's on the masthead as Social Media Director at Honey Literary, a poetry enthusiast, and cat lover.

If you see her on campus or at an event, please don't hesitate to say hello!

Pronouns

she/her

Occupation

communications & design specialist

Astrology sign:

cancer

sun

aries

moon

scorpio

rising

Fun fact

I backpacked 34 miles in 3 days on Isle Royale after 0 days of training in unbroken-in gear. Stupid? Yes, but lots of fun.



Hannah

Want to celebrate another member of the FSA or be featured in the newsletter? Click [here](#) to fill out our member spotlight form.

Looking to get more involved in 2026? Pick a square, explore what the LGBTQ+ FSA has to offer, and see how many you can complete by the end of the year! Full event schedule coming soon.



2026 BINGO

**VISIT
THE RAINBOW
RESOURCE
CENTER**

**ATTEND
REEL PRIDE
EVENT**

**LEARN
ABOUT
LGBTQ+
ADVOCACY**

**HOUSE/APT
CLEAN
OUT**

**MEET
ANOTHER
MEMBER OF
THE LGBTQ+
FSA**

**START A
HOBBY**

**GO TO
HAPPY
HOUR**

**GO TO A
PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT
SESSION**

**SPEND MORE
TIME WITH
LOVED ONES**

READ MORE

**20TH
ANNIVERSARY
EVENT**

**ATTEND A
GV EVENT**

**LEARN A
NEW LIFE
SKILL**

**ATTEND
LAV GRAD**

**BUY
FLOWERS
FOR
YOURSELF**

**ATTEND
A PRIDE
EVENT**

HAPPY HOUR



January 22
5PM to 7PM

@ The Knickerbocker
417 Bridge St. NW, GR

Presented by **Out on the Lakeshore**



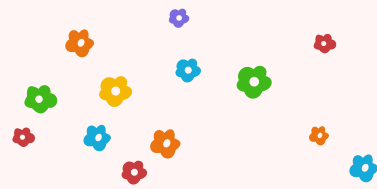
FEBRUARY 14, 2026

Holland Armory | Doors open at 7pm | 21+

Celebrating 10 years of queer joy, we invite the LGBTQ+ community and their allies to a night of laughter, 2000s nostalgia, and love. We're throwing the prom we always deserved—no closets, no corseted expectations, just space to shine. Join us this Valentine's Day for throwback hits, posed prom pics, and a slow dance with the crush you never have to call "just a friend." Come as you are. Bring who you love.

Presented by Out on the Lakeshore | [Check out the EventBrite site here!](#)

Membership Survey



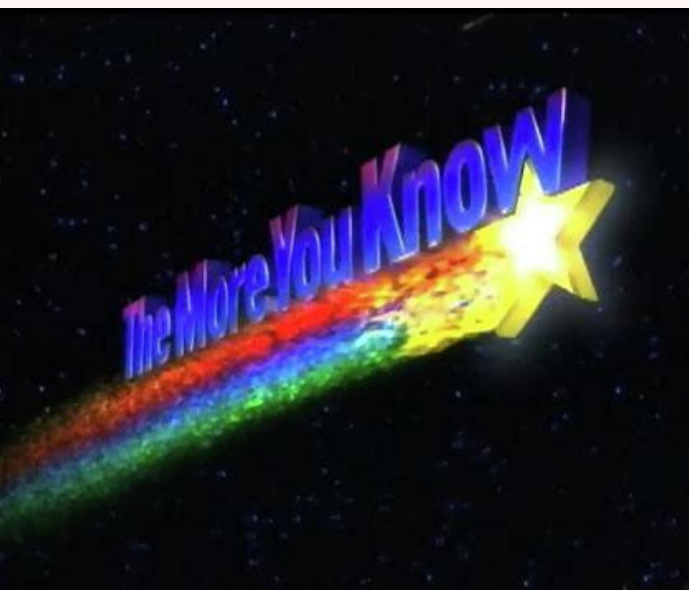
We'd love to know more about what you, our members, are looking for from and with the LGBTQ+ FSA.

The survey will take approximately 10-15 min and can be anonymous (if you're interested in getting more involved, we have questions that ask for an email, but you can skip those if you'd like your other responses to remain anonymous - instead email lgbtfsa@gvsu.edu to let us know you'd like to get involved).

Thank you in advance for your feedback. This information will help guide our planning for the rest of the academic year & beyond so it is more aligned with what you, the membership, are looking for!

If you have any questions about the survey or would like to provide us with feedback more directly, please email lgbtfsa@gvsu.edu with your thoughts or to set up a time to meet with an LGBTQ+ FSA steering committee member to discuss your thoughts.

[Click here to take the survey.](#)



Advocacy Updates!

All members of the LGBTQ+ FSA are invited to join the advocacy subcommittee! All meetings are hybrid via Zoom and Lake Michigan Hall and will take place 10-11 am on 1/23, 2/19, 3/19, and 4/16. Contact Sarah Chase at chasesa@gvsu.edu for more information and/or joining the fun.

We will continue to update our 2SLGBTQIA+ resource document and will highlight sections throughout the academic year to draw attention to resources for GVSU faculty, staff, and families:

[Resource Document Link](#)

Get Involved

with the LGBTQ+ FSA!

Join the Advocacy Sub-Committee!

Interested in being more involved with 2SLGBTQIA+ advocacy on campus? Consider joining the advocacy sub-committee. This group meets throughout the semester and works on various advocacy projects and events. For the fall, they are focusing on building awareness about resources and for the winter they are focusing on professional development and training.

Attend an event or become an event volunteer!

You can always be involved by attending LGBTQ+ FSA events, but if you want to take it a step further, you can volunteer to host or help with our events. Have an idea for an event? Let us know! We are happy to add more events to our programming calendar, but the steering committee doesn't always have time to host additional events. We are happy to help with planning and organization, then you act as the host the day of the event.

Have questions for the Steering Committee or want to be more involved in the LGBTQ+ FSA?
Please email us at lgbtfsa@gvsu.edu.

We Recommend...

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!**

Detransition, Baby and Stag Dance

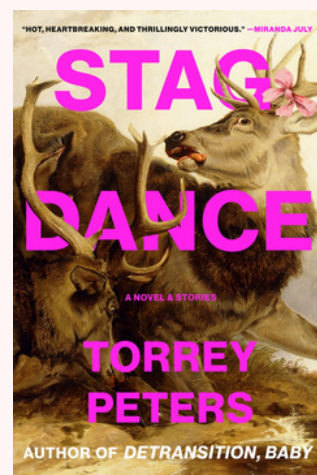
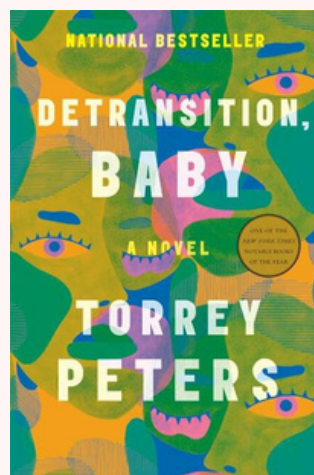
by Torrey Peters

Recommended by AJ Young

Torrey Peters captures nuances of the trans*/queer experience so well, writing characters that are complex, varied, and compelling.

Detransition, Baby Available at [Bookshop.org](https://www.bookshop.org).

Stag Dance Available at [Bookshop.org](https://www.bookshop.org).



My Policeman

Recommended by Hannah Applebee

The heartbreak. The love. I could watch this movie over and over again. (and I have).

Available on PrimeVideo.



Get Connected!

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
- Event calendar
- and more!!

Did a friend send you this?

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

Have an idea for our newsletter?

Please share it with us!

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