Queer and Trans* Resource Guide
Barnard & Columbia 2013–2014
Everyone Allied Against Homophobia
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About this Guide

This guide was created by Everyone Allied Against Homophobia (EAAH) as an effort to point queer and allied students to the many resources available at Columbia and Barnard.

Suggestions? Comments? Contact EAAH:
eaah@columbia.edu

A note about language: In an effort to avoid confusion, throughout this guide we will be using “queer and trans*” and “trans* and queer” as umbrella terms for our communities. We hope that this choice will be both clear and inclusive. Another very common umbrella term is “LGBT,” (Lesbian Gay Bisexual Trans*).
Everyone Allied Against Homophobia (EAAH)

EAAH is Columbia University’s anti-homophobia taskforce and queer political activist group. We work to fight homophobia, transphobia and other forms of oppression within the CU community and beyond through activism and education. EAAH is also a space for friendship and support; we welcome and love allies. All are welcome.

http://www.facebook.com/ColumbEAAH
http://columbEAAH.tumblr.com/

Columbia Queer Alliance (CQA)

Founded in 1967, the Columbia Queer Alliance has a legacy of pioneering activism and social justice work, breaking down barriers and fostering strong, engaged communities. We have continued to stand up, speak out and organize with queer and trans* students and their allies by facilitating educational workshops, open forums, speaker series, and social events like our First Friday Dance. Membership is open to all CU students.

http://cqa1.wordpress.com/

GendeRevolution

GendeRevolution (GendeRev/GR) is the trans* support and advocacy group of Columbia and Barnard. We aim to create safe spaces and advocate for trans* and queer people at Columbia and Barnard, raising awareness about the spectrum of trans* identities and experiences. GendeRevolution embraces an intersectional approach to social justice. Drop by our meetings Tuesday nights at 7 PM, Stephen Donaldson Lounge, Furnald Hall, or send us an e-mail to get in touch. All are welcome.

grboard@columbia.edu
columbiagenderevolution@gmail.com
http://genderevolution.tumblr.com

Q

Q is Barnard’s one and only queer group aiming to build, support, and maintain our queer community on campus. We meet weekly on Wednesdays at 9 pm in the Well Woman office (119 Reid). Our meetings consist of discussion, crafting, snacking, and collaboration
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with other on and off campus groups to enrich our queer community and, in doing so, enrich our Barnard/Columbia community as a whole. Our meetings are safe spaces where everyone and every aspect of everyone’s identity is respected, appreciated, and celebrated. For further information about Q check out our blog or join our Facebook group to keep up on us, see what we’re up to, or show us a neat article or baby animal .gif you like:

http://www.facebook.com/groups/2200168471
http://queeratbarnard.wordpress.com/
clubq@barnard.edu.

Gayava

Gayava (גאווה, pride) - [also, Gay + ahava (אהבה, love)] is the Jewish gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and allies group at the Columbia/Barnard Hillel. We host social, educational, religious, and cultural events for members and allies of Jewish, queer and trans* communities. We provide queer, Jewish space on campus and within Hillel, and work to build connections between communities. Gayava also works to foster awareness of queer and trans* issues in the greater Jewish community, and awareness of religious issues within trans* and queer communities.

gayava@hillel.columbia.edu

Proud Colors

Proud Colors is a group on Columbia University’s campus for and about people. The overall objective of Proud Colors is to implement a comprehensive action program to promote an understanding of the past, present, and future experiences, problems, and needs of queer and trans* students of color as well as the queer and trans- community of color as a whole. Proud Colors intends to develop effective methods of dealing with these problems. Further, we know that neither we, nor the peoples we aim to serve are simple, fixed entities of colors and desires. We believe that the notion of queer includes, but extends past gender expression and sexual orientation. We understand queerness as the call to respect and affirm the complex intersections of one’s ethnicities, gender expressions, religions, socio-economic statuses and backgrounds, nationalities, abilities, and/or
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sexual orientations. It is in these critical points of collision that we situate ourselves and our activism, as it is in these intersections that we truly live: Queer and Proud.

pc-board@columbia.edu

QuAM (Queer Awareness Month)

QuAM is a collaboration between Columbia University and Barnard College that takes place in October. QuAM strives to celebrate queer identities and to increase awareness about queer and trans* issues and history. Join us on Low Steps at the start of October to grab a calendar and chat with the committee. Just look for the rainbow balloon arch!

Q House

Q House is a unique residential community dedicated to providing a safe living environment for trans* and queer students at Columbia. Q House residents strive to foster a safe campus environment and engage the Columbia community in meaningful dialogue about queer and trans* issues. In addition, residents seek to foster a creative environment of collaboration that focuses on the inter-sections of identity, and further builds community among all Columbia students. To this end, the Q House sponsors events for the larger Columbia community focused on building safe and comfortable social and educational environments in which students feel welcome.

Columbia Mentoring Initiative (CMI)

CMI fosters mentoring relationships between historically underrepresented first year students (students of color, queer and trans* students, Arab and Middle Eastern, and international students), upperclassmen, and alumni. CMI establishes identity-based mentoring networks “Family Trees” among alumni, upper-class students, and first-year students. CMI is administered by the Office of Multicultural Affairs and is connected to Columbia’s constituency-based alumni associations. CMI offers the opportunity for first year students to be mentored by upper-class students who provide guidance about navigating Columbia University and adjusting to college life. Participating students also have the opportunity to be mentored by
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Columbia alumni from a wide range of career fields. CMI aims to facilitate the academic, social, emotional and intellectual growth of Columbia University students.

Queer Peers and Allies
Queer Peers and Allies provides support for queer and trans* students at Columbia University through regular online and in-person peer support and programming and provides opportunities for students to create and maintain a sense of community. QPA's are not peer counselors or educators, but are a source of referrals and guidance to the campus community. To join the Queer Peers & Allies team, contact Lea Robinson, Assistant Director, LGBT Programming & Advisement:

lr2476@columbia.edu
212–854–1675

CU SpeakOUT
CU SpeakOUT provides an avenue through which queer and trans* students can actively express their affirmation for the trans* and queer communities at Columbia University. CU SpeakOUT members are identified by displaying the CU SpeakOUT symbol and thus signify that their space is safe to talk about queer and trans* issues and that people can be “out” or reveal their sexual orientation or gender identity. All students, faculty and staff are welcome to join.

Barnard Queers and Allies Network (BQAN)
The Barnard Queers and Allies Network was established to create a visible support community at Barnard. Look for the blue cards with the rainbow symbol across campus or this list of those displaying the BQAN card!
GendeRevolution’s Online Bathroom Map

GendeRevolution, Columbia’s transgender and gender non-conforming student advocacy group, is delighted to announce the public release of its map of gender-neutral restrooms at Columbia and Barnard. A key feature of GendeRevolution’s Pee in Peace campaign, the Gender-Neutral Restroom Map contains information for nearly all publicly accessible buildings on the Morning-side campus, highlighting those buildings with gender-neutral restrooms and specifying what floor they can be found on. It can be accessed at http://www.studentaffairs.columbia.edu/oma/gnmap or http://tinyurl.com/gnbmap. GendeRevolution is very grateful to the Student Governing Board for providing financial support towards building the map, and to Dean Melinda Aquino and the Office of Multicultural Affairs for helping us put it online.

MAP POLICIES: We have tried to map every building either entirely publicly accessible or accessible via swipe access. Of residential buildings, we have given information for only those restrooms which one can access without going into solely residential areas.

PLEASE NOTE that maintaining the map is an ongoing project. Please e-mail grboard@columbia.edu with any corrections to the map, information about renovations involving new gender-neutral restrooms, or reports of incidents of bias or discrimination related to use of a sex-segregated facility. Or come talk to us at our meetings, Tuesdays nights at 7 p.m. in the Stephen Donaldson Lounge, basement of Furnald Hall. Finally, if you witness or are victim to a bias incident, you should contact Public Safety directly at 212-854-5555.

VolunteerLGBTNYC

Want to get involved in the larger queer and trans* community in the city, but not quite sure how to start? Looking to do volunteer work or grab an internship with queer organizations in NYC? Look no further—VolunteerLGBTNYC can connect you to organizations throughout the city, with descriptions of the kind of work you could be doing written by volunteer coordinators themselves. This volunteer guide lists organizations by community of intersection, so decide what cause you’d like to work for—be it youth, economic justice, HIV/AIDS, or others. VolunteerLGBTNYC lists over twenty organizations, so take a look, get off campus, and experience NYC and all it has to offer!

https://volunteerlgbtnyc.wordpress.com/
CQA is the oldest queer student organization in the world. In early 1967, a group of twelve Columbia College students gathered in secret to discuss the formation of a ‘Student Homophile League” as a support and discussion group. After meeting for some time, it was decided that the students would apply for recognition as an official student organization. Accordingly, the leader of the group, Robert Martin, going by the name “Stephen Donaldson,” filed the appropriate paperwork and waited.

On April 19, 1967, immediately after the university granted the request for recognition, the Columbia Daily Spectator got hold of the story and sparked a loud and vicious campus debate on homosexuality. At the same time, African-American students began to agitate for better treatment and Students for a Democratic Society began the process that led to the now-famous 1968 riots and the temporary shutdown of the university. On May 3, the New York Times ran a front page article entitled, “Columbia Charters Homosexual Group,” which provoked a national controversy and very nearly resulted in the expulsion of students involved in SHL. David Truman, dean of Columbia College, called the group “quite unnecessary,” and the director of counseling services, Dr. Anthony Philip, feared that the group would encourage “deviant behavior.”

It was only with the support of University Chaplain Rev. John Cannon that the group was able to continue, and even then it was forbidden to serve a social function for fear that this would lead to violations of New York State sodomy laws. In 1971, as a result of intense protests by group members, the administration agreed to establish the “Furnald Gay Lounge,” now known as the Steven Donaldson Lounge, providing a safe space for queer and trans* students and lifting the ban on group social functions. Shortly thereafter, Rick Shur and other group members founded the First Friday Dance, an event that continues to draw crowds from all over the city. It was about the same time that the group first chose another name to reflect its mission within changing social mores.

In addition to CQA, several other queer organizations have come along to add to Columbia’s rich history. These groups—Everyone Allied Against Homophobia, Proud Colors, GenderRevolution, Gayava, and Q—each mobilize different sectors of Columbia’s queer community. Within this variety of organizations, students can find their own niche while working toward common goals.
The Gay Health Advocacy Project (GHAP) promotes the health and well-being of queer and trans* people on campus by providing HIV and STI testing, counseling, and treatment during either walk-in-hours (see website) or regularly scheduled appointments. GHAP staff and volunteers also offer services concerning sexuality, sexual health, and support services. The HIV antibody test provided through GHAP is confidential, open to the entire Columbia community (including partners), and provided at no charge. GHAP is a volunteer driven organization and provides training for volunteers during the Fall semester. Please contact if interested.

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Co-Coordinator Gay Health Advocacy Program (GHAP)

Alice! Health Promotion Program
Wien Hall, Main Floor
(212) 854–5453

Alice! Health Promotion Program seeks to make the campus healthier by connecting students with information and resources, cultivating healthy attitudes and behaviors, and fostering a culture that values and supports a healthy community. Alice! provides workshops and trainings, programs such as CU Move (formerly the 100 m.i.l.e. club) and Stressbusters, and is home to Go Ask Alice!, the health question-and-answer website.

Go Ask Alice!
http://www.goaskalice.columbia.edu/

Go Ask Alice! is a leading health question and answer Internet service with an archive of over 3,000 in-depth responses to questions sent to Alice!’s e-mail inbox. The categories—Sexuality, Sexual Health, Emotional Health, Relationships, Alcohol & Others Drugs, General Health, Fitness & Nutrition—are not LGBTQA specific, but provide answers to many questions applicable to the queer community. If it’s on your mind, it’s probably on Go Ask Alice!
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Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Program  
*3rd floor, Lerner Hall*  
212–854–3500

The Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Program (SVPRP) provides comprehensive and integrated education, support, and advocacy about sexual and relationship violence. Through innovative programming and community collaboration, SVPRP empowers students to heal from sexual violence, make informed decisions and take action to end sexual and relationship violence.

Men’s Peer Education Program  
*3rd floor, Lerner Hall (Part of SVPRP)*  
212–854–2136

The Program works with men to strengthen attitudes that prevent and interrupt sexual and relationship violence. It offers educational events, prevention strategies, and workshops to engage men to end sexual and relationship violence. It examines notions of masculinities and manhood, and their relationship to violence toward men and women.

Rape Crisis/Anti-Violence Support Center  
*112 Hewitt Hall*  
212–854–WALK

The Barnard Columbia Rape Crisis/Anti-Violence Support Center (RC/AVSC) offers a safe and supportive place for survivors of sexual assault and other forms of violence, and provides peer education to the campus community. If you are a survivor of sexual assault and would like to talk to someone immediately, please contact a Peer Advocate by calling 212–854–WALK (24 hours a day/7 days a week) or 212–854–HELP (every night from 7-11pm during the academic year).
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Counseling and Psychological Services (CPS)

8th Floor Lerner
Appointments: 212–854–2878
After-hours clinician-on-call: 212–854–9797

CPS supports the psychological and emotional well-being of the campus community by providing counseling, consultations, and crisis interventions to all undergraduate and graduate students who have paid the Health Service Fee. CPS offers short-term individual counseling, couples counseling for students and their partners, student life support groups, medication consultation, training and emergency consultation.

Students are encouraged to select a CPS clinician (bios and photos are available online). CPS adheres to strict standards of confidentiality.

Furman Counseling Center

100 Hewitt Hall
212–854–2092

Furman Counseling is the mental health and counseling services center at Barnard College. We provide individual and group counseling, consultations, outreach, referrals, evaluations for medical issues, eating disorders treatment, and emergencies services. We also provide online resources at http://barnard.edu/counsel

Alcohol and Substance Abuse Awareness Program

100 Hewitt Hall
212–854–2128

The Alcohol and Substance Awareness Program (ASAP) serves the Barnard Community, providing drug and alcohol education, prevention, and intervention efforts on campus. Our purpose is to promote the healthy development of students enabling them to reach their full potential. Our aim is to encourage students to explore their options and ultimately make choices that are positive for them as individuals.
Well-Woman

119 Reid Hall
212–854–3063
wellwoman@barnard.edu

Well-Woman is the health promotion program and wellness center at Barnard College. Our mission is to promote the health and wellness of Barnard students through a variety of activities. Our philosophical approach to wellness focuses on an integration of body, mind and spirit, which moves us toward a more proactive, healthier existence.

Programming includes: peer educators, staff, the Well-Woman newsletter, wellness floors, the wellness committee, Q&A column, Tuesday night W-W clinic, campus-wide events, resources, workshops, and the Well-Woman email list.

Institute for Research on Women and Gender

763 Schermerhorn Extension
212–854–3277

The Institute for Research on Women and Gender (IRWAG) is the locus of interdisciplinary feminist scholarship and teaching at Columbia University. Offering an undergraduate degree program in Women's and Gender Studies, and graduate certification in Feminist Scholarship, the Institute draws its faculty from all disciplines in the Humanities and Social Sciences, and provides rigorous training in interdisciplinary practice. Courses survey the history and theory of gender studies, preparing students for professional work or further academic engagement in the field.

Barnard Center for Research on Women

101 Barnard Hall
(212) 854-2067
http://www.barnard.edu/bcrw/index.htm

The Center for Research on Women was founded in 1971 as part of Barnard's longtime commitment to women's equality and to show Barnard's enthusiasm for the new women's movement. The aim of the Center, as articulated by its founding charter, is
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“to assure that women can live and work in dignity, autonomy, and equality.” More than three decades later, we continue to pursue that goal in many ways: by promoting inquiry and advancing knowledge about women; by helping to keep women’s issues on the forefront of college life; by seeking to increase ties among diverse groups of women; and by reaching out to students, faculty, administrators, alumnae, as well as scholars, activists and artists beyond Barnard’s gates.

Office of Multicultural Affairs (Columbia)
401 Lerner Hall, MC 2607
(212) 854-4809

Responding to the needs of our diverse undergraduate student body, the CC & SEAS Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) aims to promote an inclusive university climate by acting as an educational resource that prepares students to succeed in a heterogeneous and ever-changing society. The Office provides a supportive environment for intercultural communication, constructive interaction and mutual understanding.

Office of Multicultural Affairs (Barnard)
303 Diana Center
(212) 854-9130

Barnard’s Office for Multicultural Affairs is committed to fostering diversity and dialogue on Barnard’s campus. We provide opportunities for students to learn from and about one another. Working closely with the President, trustees, deans, faculty, administrators, and staff we are also invested in cultivating a campus climate that is welcoming and respectful of those from different backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives. Please join us in planning innovative programs and projects that accomplish these ideals.
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Office of the University Chaplain
212–854–1493

The Office of the University Chaplain (OUC) is committed to supporting the queer and trans* community on campus and to maximizing the intersection of spirituality and queer and trans* life. Led by Chaplain Jewelnel Davis, Religious Life Advisors based in Earl Hall and the Kraft Center are always available to meet for counseling and to collaborate with students to best foster an environment that celebrates inclusiveness and diversity. In addition, the OUC provides many resources to enhance LGBTQA life in our community. Such resources include the OUC Co-Sponsorship Fund for events on campus, the Kraft Family Fund for Intercultural and Interfaith Awareness, Common Meals which feature group conversation about relevant topics, film screenings, guest speakers, etc. Lastly, the OUC’s discreet trans* and queer lending library is available to one and all.

For information about same-sex wedding/commitment ceremony officiation, welcoming prayer services, or other queer and trans* religious life matters, contact the OUC at chaplain@columbia.edu. Our services are available for both students and faculty of all faiths and spiritualities.

Intercultural Resource Center
552 W. 114th Street
212–854–0720

The Intercultural Resource Center (IRC) is devoted to promoting a just society and exploring issues of interculturalism and diversity within and beyond the Columbia University community. The IRC provides a forum for education and social exchange that encourages self-discovery and a greater awareness and appreciation of cultural history within and between communities on campus. We endeavor to empower students, faculty and staff with the tools to be able to successfully navigate their environments and thus be able to positively impact the community at large.
oma operates a queer and trans* resource hub within the IRC. the hub contains information about campus resources and events. additionally the space has resources for student organizing including computers, phone, fax, copier and file storage.

steven donaldson lounge

The Stephen Donaldson Lounge is located in the basement level of Furnald Hall. It was previously called the “Gay Lounge” and is dedicated in Stephen Donaldson’s memory. Many of the queer groups on campus utilize the lounge for their meetings as well as for socializing.

Barnard students do not need to be signed into Furnald to access the lounge. Desk attendants should be aware of this policy.
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Staff and Faculty Contacts

These staff and faculty have volunteered to act as resources for incoming first-years. Feel free to e-mail with any questions or concerns!

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    eb2032@columbia.edu

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    mhorn@barnard.edu

Janet Jakobsen (Barnard Center for Research on Women):
    jjakobse@barnard.edu

Matt Kingston (Associate Director for Housing Operations):
    mkingston@barnard.edu

Joyce Lewandowski (Barnard College Activities):
    jlewando@barnard.edu

Greg Pflugfelder (East Asian Languages and Cultures):
    gmp12@columbia.edu

Lea Robinson (Assistant Director of Multicultural Affairs and Manager of LGBTQA Advising & Programming):
    lr2476@columbia.edu

Daniela Arreola Segrove (Admissions):
    darreola@barnard.edu

Rebecca Young (Women’s Studies):
    ryoung@barnard.edu

Javier Perez Zapatero (Spanish and Latin American Cultures):
    jperezza@barnard.edu
We asked students at Barnard and Columbia for their favorite trans* and queer books, movies, date spots, etc.

**Favorite Queer Books**

Rubyfruit Jungle; Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit; Orlando; Angels in America; Cunt; Odd Girls and Twilight Lovers; Naked in the Promised Land; Zami; Giovanni’s Room; At Swim; Two Boys; Realm of Possibility; Boy Meets Boy; Sputnik Sweetheart; Tales of the Lavender Menace; Empress of the Universe; Rainbow Boys; Dare, Truth or Promise; Are You Blue?; Keeping You A Secret; When I Knew; Crush; Zami: A New Spelling of My Name; Tacit Subjects: Belonging and Same-Sex Desire among Dominican Immigrant Men; Will Grayson, Will Grayson; The Realm of Possibility; Fun Home; The Picture of Dorian Gray; Runaways; Me Talk Pretty One Day; And the Band Played On; Conduct Unbecoming; Gender Trouble; Go Tell it on the Mountain; Autobiography of Red; Fun Home; Terrorist Assemblages

**Favorite Queer Authors**


**Favorite Queer Movies**

Yossi & Jagger; Imagine Me and You; Best in Show; Tomboy; But I’m a Cheerleader; Victor/Victoria; The Incredibly True Adventures of Two Girls in Love; Paris is Burning; My Own Private Idaho; Bound; Formula 17; Milk; V is for Vendetta; Little Miss Sunshine; The Producers; Itty Bitty Titty Committee; D.E.B.S.; Boys Don’t Cry; Brokeback Mountain; The Hours; Not Another Gay Movie; Get Real; Beautiful Thing; Bring It On; Fried Green Tomatoes; A Single Man; Leo’s Room; The Education of Shelby Knox; Trembling Before G-d; The Celluloid Closet; Four Weddings and a Funeral; Mysterious Skin; Pariah; Breakfast on Pluto; The Kids Are All Right
Student Favourites

Favorite Queer Performers/Artists

Favorite Queer TV Shows
Queer As Folk; The L Word; Queer Eye for the Straight Guy; Ugly Betty; RuPaul’s Drag Race; Six Feet Under; Will and Grace; Ellen; Glee; Downton Abbey; True Blood; One Girl Five Gays; Noah’s Arc

Favorite Queer Comedians
Ellen DeGeneres, David Sedaris, Eddie Izzard, Margaret Cho, Kate Clinton, Simon Amstel, Stephen Fry

Favorite Queer Websites
whyarepeoplegay.com, oasisjournals.com, gaycenter.org, girlfriendisahomo.com, autostraddle.com, scarleteen.com, everyoneisgay.com, afterellen.com, bullybloggers.wordpress.com

Favorite Queer Social Spots in the City
Q House, Chelsea Piers, Suite, Gingers, Park Slope, BK, The Cubby Hole, the LGBT Center, Babeland, Christopher Street Pier, Bluestockings Bookstore, Hot Rabbit

Favorite Queer Events on Campus
The Student Anti-Homophobia Leadership Summit (SAHLS), First Friday dances, Q meetings, Queer Awareness Month (QuAM), Queer Sushi, Queer Cupcakes, Queer Curry, Gayava Shabbats, Queer Prom, Barnard Queer Issues Forum, Babeland workshop, GenderFuck, Queer Harlem, OUC Common Meals, EAAH Potlucks, Film Screenings, GendeRevolution’s Trans* and Queer Fashion Show, EAAH’s Safe Space flying campaign, LGBTQA Retreat, MIX NYC, Sylvia Rivera Law Project fundraiser
Student Favourites

Favorite Queer Activist Opportunities
Annual AIDS Walk, SPEAK, FIERCE!, Queers for Economic Justice, volunteering at the LGBT center, volunteering at The Ali Forney Center (homeless shelter for queer youth), CAAV, APICHA, ACT UP New York, Jews for Racial and Economic Justice, Communities United for Police Reform

Favorite Coffee and Snack Places in the City
Nussbaum & Wu, Magnolia Bakery, Alice’s Tea Cup, Le Monde, Crisp, Milano, Joe’s Coffee, Crumbs, Champs Family Bakery, Oren’s Daily Roast, Artopolis, Kitchenette, Max Caffé, Zabar’s (UWS), Café Viva, Absolute Bagels, Grounded Coffee

Favorite Date Spots
Riverside Park, Rack & Soul, Max Brenner’s, Central Park, Lincoln Center movie theaters, Zen Palate, Bronx Zoo, Crooked Tree Creperie, Community Food and Juice, Teariffic, PostCrypt, Bowery Poetry Club, picnics in Central Park, Museum of Modern Art, Metropolitan Museum of Art, High Line, Big Gay Ice Cream Shop, Brooklyn Bridge Park, Pisticci, Brooklyn Botanical Gardens, Bronx Botanical Gardens, Marie’s Crisis, The Strand McNally Jackson bookstore
The Safe Morningside Business Campaign is an effort by Columbia students and the local Morningside community to identify businesses that operate as safe spaces for queer and trans* patrons and employees. Be sure to look for the pink sticker in the window!

Safe Morningside Businesses

Amir’s Grill
Aveda Hair Salon
Book Culture @ 112th
Book Culture @ 114th
Camille’s
Campo
Famous Famiglia @ 111th
Golden Nails
Häagen-Dazs @ 113th
the Hungarian Pastry Shop
Ivy League Stationers (Amsterdam)
Ivy League Stationers (Broadway)
Jack’s Art Gallery
Janoff’s
Le Monde
Liberty House
Maoz @ 111th
Melvin and Pat’s
Milano Market
Mill Korean
Mondel Chocolates
Nussbaum and Wu
P&W Sandwich Shop
Samad’s Gourmet
Strokos
The Heights
Tom’s Restaurant
Town Drug
Uni Cafe
University Hardwares
University Housewares
Village Copier (Amsterdam)
Village Copier (Broadway)
Village Pourhouse on Amsterdam

Restaurant
Spa and Salon
Bookstore
Bookstore
Restaurant
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Nail Salon
Ice Cream
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Barnard College

From the Barnard 2010–2011 Student Handbook (excerpts)

“Barnard College is guided by the precept that in no aspect of its employment practices or educational programs should there be disparate treatment of persons because of improper considerations of race, creed, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, or disability. This principle is to be observed in employment of faculty, staff, and students; in the admission, housing and education of students; and in policies governing College extracurricular programs. While Barnard College had long had an express policy against improper discrimination, it is to be understood that the policy also explicitly encompasses the goal that faculty, staff, and students are to be able to work and study free from harassment by peers, co-workers, supervisors or teachers, students, or third parties.

“Harassment is any conduct, on or off campus, that has the intent or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual or group’s education or work performance or that creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational, work, or living environment. Harassment on the basis of race, color, gender, disability, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or age includes harassment of an individual in terms of a stereotyped group characteristic, or because of that person’s identification with a particular group. Appropriate disciplinary actions will be taken...”

Columbia University

From the Columbia University 2010–2011 Bulletin (excerpts)

“Columbia University is committed to providing a learning environment free from unlawful discrimination and harassment, and to fostering a nurturing and vibrant community founded upon the fundamental dignity and worth of all of its members. Consistent with this commitment and with applicable laws, it is the policy of the University not to tolerate unlawful discrimination or harassment in any form and to provide students who feel that they are victims of discrimination or harassment with mechanisms for seeking redress.

“Columbia University does not discriminate against any person in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other University-administered programs or permit the harassment of any student or
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applicant on the basis of race, color, sex, gender (including gender identity and expression), pregnancy, religion, creed, marital status, partnership status, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, military status, or any other legally protected status.

“Nothing in this policy shall abridge academic freedom or the University’s educational mission. Prohibitions against discrimination and harassment do not extend to statements or written materials that are germane to classroom subject matter.

“All members of the University community are expected to adhere to the applicable policies and to cooperate with the procedures for responding to complaints of discrimination and harassment. All are encouraged to report any conduct believed to be in violation of these policies. All students and applicants for admission are protected from coercion, intimidation, interference, or retaliation for filing a complaint or assisting in an investigation under any of the applicable policies and laws. Subjecting another to retaliatory, intimidating or coercive conduct for filing a complaint or participating in an investigation is prohibited and may addressed as a separate violation.”
Blue Light Zone

Like the blue lights on campus that mark your connection to public safety, this section includes the basics of what queer and allied students need to know to stay safe.

Where can I get an HIV test?
GHAP (Gay Health Advocacy Program) provides free, confidential HIV testing. Located in John Jay and with walk in appointments, GHAP is a convenient way to know your status. While you’re there, grab some free condoms and lube so you can continue to practice safe sex.

Recent studies show that HIV in NYC is on the rise among young men who have sex with men (MSM). New HIV diagnoses among MSM under age 30 have increased by 33% during the past six years, from 374 in 2001 to almost 500 in 2006. New diagnoses have doubled among MSM ages 13 to 19, while declining by 22% among older MSM. The under-30 group now accounts for 44% of all new diagnoses among MSM in New York City, up from 31% in 2001. With this in mind, remember how simple and important it is to wear a condom every time.

Women who sleep with women should remember that HIV is not restricted to men or to those who engage in heterosexual sexual contact. Lesbian-identified women have been traditionally underserved by the health establishment, and often have increased risk for certain health issues because they have less frequent and less regular gynecological health care. Remember that gynecological health is important for all women! Callen-Lorde (www.callen-lorde.org) also offers lesbian health services if you are more comfortable in a lesbian-focused health environment.

If you’re more comfortable off campus, try the Callen-Lorde Community Health Center for comprehensive and sex-positive health care and HIV testing regardless of your ability to pay (see “New York City Resources” for more information). Callen-Lorde’s Health Outreach to Teens (HOTT) Program is a comprehensive program specifically designed to meet the needs of queer and trans* young adults ages 13-24. HOTT’s services are accessible at a youth-only medical site at Callen-Lorde (356 West 18th St), and at a traveling medical van. HOTT’s services are confidential and offered in an accessible, nonjudgmental, caring atmosphere. They are provided free of cost or at low charge (insurance is accepted). Go to www.callen-lorde.org for more information.
Blue Light Zone

How can I stay safe at a party?

Make decisions before you go out. Decide whether and how much you are going to drink, whether you want to go home with anyone, and whether you want to use any substances other than alcohol.

While you are out, always mix your own drinks and remember how many you’ve had. Be sure you know the potential interactions of any substances you are using (for instance, mixing opiates and alcohol can be extremely dangerous). Always use your friends as resources to help you make decisions.

The Barnard College Escort Services provides motorized transportation between 9 PM and 4 AM seven days a week. It can be reached by calling the Barnard Security Office (number below). Columbia University’s Escort Service provides trained student escorts from 11 PM to 3 AM every night that classes are in session (number below).

Be sure to have the following emergency numbers in your phone:

Barnard Security and Escort: 212–854–3362
Columbia Security: 212–854–2796
Columbia Escort Service 212–854–7233
NYPD 26th Precinct: 212–678–1311
CU-EMS (Ambulance): 212–854–5555

How can I stay safe going out at night?

Try going with a queer group for your first time at a club. Some groups hold unofficial social events off campus; these are great opportunities to explore the city and the queer social scene safely. If you don’t want to go out with a group, travel with friends.

Be aware of your surroundings: what are the nearby street names and landmarks? Does the neighborhood have an anti-gay reputation? Trust your intuition: do you feel comfortable in your surroundings? Do your best to avoid dark and isolated places. Keep your cell phone ready and accessible, but don’t talk or text message while walking on the street.
Blue Light Zone

Prepare for the ride home. Carry enough cash for a taxi in case you don’t feel comfortable taking the subway home. Have a car service’s number in your phone in case you are in an area without many taxis. If you take the subway, ride in the car with the conductor.

What if my roommate is not queer-friendly?
Try to be honest when you’re creating the roommate contract; if there is a problem later, you will be able to reference the contract. Try to have a conversation with your roommate; people don’t always realize that they are being insensitive. If necessary, ask your RA for assistance or a mediation. If you need to, don’t be afraid to ask for a room transfer. If you want more assistance, contact your Residential Life office.

What should I do if I’m sexually assaulted?
Columbia’s queer groups are here to support you; please feel free to reach out to any of EAAH’s members or come to one of our meetings. You can also consult the University Services section. Specifically, the Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Program and the Race Crisis/Anti-Violence Support Centers will be very useful resources in a situation like this.

What should I do if I’m feeling depressed?
Again, we are here to support you whenever you need us; we welcome you either to reach out to us or to come to one of our meetings. You can also consult the University Services section. The clinicians at Counseling and Psychological Services (Columbia students) and at Furman Counseling Services (Barnard students) are familiar with all types of issues, inclusive of trans* and queer concerns.
Blue Light Zone

How do I report a hate crime?

According to New York State, a “bias-related crime” or “hate crime” is any offensive or unlawful act motivated in whole or in part by a person’s, a group’s, or a place’s identification with a certain race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, gender or age.

Barnard College:

All individuals who believe they may have been the victim of a hate crime or may have witnessed a hate crime are encouraged to report the incident to the Security Department immediately by calling x88 or 212–854–3362, or by going to the Security Department office at 104 Barnard Hall so that the matter may be thoroughly investigated.

Columbia University:

Any individual who believes they may have been the victim of a hate crime or may have witnessed a hate crime, should contact the Columbia University Department of Public Safety immediately. The Department of Public Safety can be reached at the Morningside Campus, located in room 111 Low Library by calling 212–854–2797.

While you are waiting document the scene: take a photo and try not to disturb the evidence. Also see the “University Services” section above for resources you may want to access if you have witnessed or been the victim of a hate crime.
Resources in New York City

The LGBT Community Center
208 West 13th Street
212–620–7310
www.gaycenter.org

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center provides a home for the birth, nurture and celebration of our organizations, institutions and culture; cares for our individuals and groups in need; educates the public and our community; and empowers our individuals and groups to achieve their fullest potential.

Health Outreach To Teens (HOTT)
Callen-Lorde Community Health Center
356 West 18th Street
212–271–7212
http://www.callen-lorde.org/services/hott.html

Health Outreach To Teens is a comprehensive program designed specifically to meet the medical and mental health needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning adolescents and young adults ages 13-24. All of HOTT’s confidential services, which are offered in an accessible, nonjudgmental, caring atmosphere, are provided free of charge or at low cost (insurance is accepted).

FIERCE!
147 West 24th Street, 6th Floor
646–336–6789
http://www.fiercenyc.org

FIERCE is a membership-based organization building the leadership and power of queer and trans* youth of color in New York City. We develop politically conscious leaders who are invested in improving ourselves and our communities through youth-led campaigns, leadership development programs, and cultural expression through arts and media. FIERCE is dedicated to cultivating the next generation of social justice movement leaders who are dedicated to ending all forms of oppression.
Resources in New York City

Audre Lorde Project
85 South Oxford Street, Brooklyn
718–596–0342
http://alp.org

The Audre Lorde Project is a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Two Spirit, Trans* and Gender Non Conforming People of Color center for community organizing, focusing on the New York City area. Through mobilization, education and capacity-building, we work for community wellness and progressive social and economic justice. Committed to struggling across differences, we seek to responsibly reflect, represent and serve our various communities.

The Gay and Lesbian Adolescent Health Resource Center
http://www.adolescentaids.org/glahrc.html
718–882–0232
Imarrero@adolescentAIDS.org

Many times it's hard for queer and trans* teens, as well as those who are questioning their sexual identity or who are on the DL, to get their medical and mental health needs met. We understand that these youth are generally invisible within the healthcare system, but we can help. The staff at AAP has developed the first comprehensive Gay and Lesbian Adolescent Health Resource Center (GLAHRC) serving people throughout New York State. We give information and offer training sessions on issues related to the medical, counseling and support needs of trans* and queer youth and their families. We provide this service to youth, families, healthcare providers and youth advocates. We link youth with queer- and trans*-supportive healthcare providers throughout New York State through our online database (under construction). We empower you to define and defend your health care needs by inviting you to participate in GLAHRC projects as an adviser, speaker and/or health resource designer. If you are queer or trans* teen between the ages of 13-21 who wants to be a part of creating positive change in the healthcare system, contact us, there are several ways you can get involved.
The Office of Multicultural Affairs is partnering with the offices of New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg and New York City Council Speaker Christine C. Quinn to bring the Love Love. Hate Hate. campaign to Columbia University. Mayor Bloomberg and Speaker Quinn launched the city-wide campaign, which celebrates diversity and condemns acts of hate and bias, in October 2010. Columbia will be the first university to bring the campaign to its campus.

Expanding the City’s efforts, Columbia’s Love Love. Hate Hate. campaign will promote inclusion, unity, respect, and dialogue among all members of the campus community. It also will under-score the University’s commitment to creating a learning environment free from discrimination and harassment, and address the impact hate crimes and bias-related actions have on campus communities. Columbia’s campaign will also strive to increase awareness of University resources, including the Bias Response Protocol, for students who witness or are the victims of acts of hate on campus.

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Why are Safe Spaces Important?

Safe spaces are a major part of the work that EAAH does throughout the year, especially in our pink flyer campaign every October. (Look for a flyer under your door that says, My Room is a Safe Space, and place it in your window with the blank side facing campus!) The following statement, written by the Safe Space Coalition formed in the spring of 2011, explains a bit about why these safe spaces matter so much to us.

Safe spaces have an agreed upon higher standard of conduct than spaces not agreed upon as such, where all students regardless of identity feel comfortable discussing a range of sensitive topics. The need for such places is a result of systematic discrimination and exclusion of various marginalized groups in society throughout history and into the present day. Even at an institution of higher learning like Columbia, which has made efforts towards building acceptance and understanding in the campus community, students of a multitude of backgrounds still face prejudice, alienation, invisibility, ignorance and a lack of understanding of their identities and experience. Safe spaces draw attention to these often unconscious, or ignored, dynamics, which not only serve as obstacles to free and open discourse, but also provoke continued feelings of estrangement and powerlessness among marginalized students.

Safe spaces are not exclusionary. Students of all identities and experiences are invited and encouraged to participate in the dialogues that take place in safe spaces with a guarantee of confidentiality. These forums serve as opportunities for the entire Columbia community to engage in sometimes difficult dialogue, provided they agree to the guidelines of respect and civility required by the safe spaces.

Far from encouraging a mentality of victimization, safe spaces promote acknowledgement and empowerment. Furthermore, the conversations facilitated by these safe spaces allow Columbia students, faculty, staff and administration to collectively move towards a more respectful and understanding community.
We hope you found this guide useful. If you’re interested in being part of this or other queer and trans* activist and social opportunities, join Everyone Allied Against Homophobia for our weekly meetings at 9p.m. on Tuesdays in the Stephen Donaldson Lounge. We also encourage you to check out the other student groups on campus!

EAAH is grateful to our cosponsors, who help make this guide possible!

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