

# UCF PRIDE



## Faculty & Staff Association

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE UCF LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY



**JUSTIN ANDRADE**  
(HE/HIM/HIS)  
PFSA PRESIDENT

*October is  
LGBTQ+ History  
Month*

### Leadership Message

LGBTQ+ history month is a reminder of all those that came before me who were brave enough to be out and proud when the world rejected them. Their bravery inspired change and created visibility across political and social platforms. This month also reminds me that we still have long strides ahead to ensure protection and equal rights to all the communities in the LGBTQ+ spectrum; in particular our transgender and gender queer communities. Above all, this month makes me joyful that we have such a rich history of resilience and fills me with pride to be living my authentic truth.

**Yours in Pride,**  
*Justin*



**ERIN PAULIN**  
(SHE/HER/HERS)  
PFSA SPECIAL EVENTS  
CO-CHAIR

# Special Events

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES

- **10/2/19** - PrideFest!! LGBTQ+ History Month Opening Ceremony; Cape Florida Ballroom ABCD; 12-2pm  
*\*(updated 9/24/19)*
- **10/3/19** - Alliance Mentoring Program Kick off; Social Justice & Advocacy; 10am-12pm *\*(updated 9/24/19)*
- **10/7/19** - Supertime ft. Jade & Ari (celebrating International Lesbian Day); Cape Florida Ballroom; 2-4pm  
*\*(updated 9/29/19)*
- **CHANGE!! 10/8/19** - Conscious Thought Cafe - LGBTQ+ & Religion - *(student led discussion)*; Social Justice & Advocacy; 12-1pm *\*(updated 9/29/19)*
- **10/10/19** - Rainbow Connections; **UCF Downtown** - Student Success and Engagement Lobby; 3-5pm  
*\*(updated 9/30/19)*
- **10/11/19** - National Coming Out Day - UCF Main Campus - Student Union Patio 11am-1pm *\*(updated 9/29/19)*
- **10/11/19** - National Coming Out Day - **UCF Downtown** - Student Success and Engagement Lobby; 11am-1pm *\*(updated 9/29/19)*
- **10/12/19** - Come Out with Pride Parade; Lake Eola; 3pm-5pm
- **10/17/19** - LGBTQ+ Services Spirit Day; SU Patio; 1pm-3pm
- **10/17/19** - Happy Hour; TBD; 4:30pm-6:30pm *\*(updated 9/29/19) - date subject to change*
- **10/22/19** -Movie: The Same Difference; Pride Commons; 6-8:30pm *\*(updated 9/24/19)*
- **10/29/19** - LGBTQ+ Employer Panel; CSEL 121; 3pm-5pm
- **10/30/19** - Same Sex Domestic Violence seminar; Pride Commons; 1-3pm *\*(updated 9/24/19)*



**DR. ADRIENNE FRAME**  
(SHE/HER/HERS)  
PFSA CO EX-OFFICIO

## On Campus Resources



### Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

is the only free-of-charge campus agency designated to provide comprehensive psychological services to university-enrolled students. We seek to strengthen student success by minimizing the interruption of learning caused by mental health concerns. CAPS offers initial assessments, brief individual counseling, group therapy, workshops and educational presentations on a variety of topics, crisis intervention and walk-in services, and professional consultations to staff, faculty, students and parents. We offer services in an atmosphere that is welcoming and comfortable for all students regardless of race, gender, ethnic background, religion, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, citizenship, or physical status.

**Crisis Hotline 407-823-2811**



**DR. LIZ KLONOFF**  
(SHE/HER/HERS)  
PFSA CO EX-OFFICIO

## What's happening with LGBTQ+ SERVICES

LGBTQ+ Services has completed interviews for the 2019/2020 **Lavender Council** and 15 members have been selected! We are looking forward to a great year with events and planning.

We've also paired all **Alliance Mentoring Program** mentors/mentees. We appreciate all who applied! There were an overwhelming amount of both mentors and mentees that applied. If you were selected, you should have received your email with your pairing by now. If not please contact Michael Nunes [michael.nunes@ucf.edu](mailto:michael.nunes@ucf.edu).

For October we are focusing on History Month events including the Come Out With Pride - Orlando parade on October 12. Please contact Michael Nunes if you're interested in marching with us!

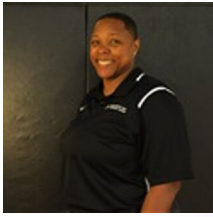


**JAY STEIN**  
(HE/SHE/THEY)  
PFSA STUDENT  
ADVOCATE  
CO-CHAIR



**ELIJAH MIZELL**  
(HE/HIM/HIS)  
PFSA TRANSGENDER ADVOCATE





**ANDREA SNEAD**  
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PFSA COMMUNICATIONS AND  
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## This Month in LGBTQ+ History

OCTOBER IS LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH

- **October 6-7, 1998** - Matthew Shepard is tied to a fence and beaten near Laramie, Wyoming.
- **October 8th** - International Lesbian Day
- **October 11th** - National Coming Out Day
- **October 14, 1979** - The first National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights takes place. It draws an estimated 75,000 to 125,000 individuals marching for LGBT rights.
- **October 25, 2006** - The New Jersey Supreme Court rules that state lawmakers must provide the rights and benefits of marriage to gay and lesbian couples.
- **October 28, 2009** - Obama signs the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act into law.



**HANK LEWIS (HE/HIM/HIS)**  
PFSA TREASURER

## Scholarship Information

### FERRANTE FAMILY LGBTQ+ SCHOLARSHIP

Celebrating LGBTQ+ history month has always been a time of celebration for me (once I came to terms with who I am and boldly stepped out as a gay man). About 6 years ago, I had the opportunity to lead a workshop on queer history at UCF. I was excited to be sharing something that is important to me, and there was a good group of students, faculty and staff in attendance. During the question and answer session a student asked why any of it mattered. The specific statement was "this is old stuff and we now have all the rights we need. No one can take them away from us."

I explained that we learn from history to deal with the future and that in this world nothing is guaranteed. He told me after the workshop that he didn't mean to be rude but he just thought studying "the old days" wasn't important any more. About a year ago, I got an email from the student, who is now an alumni, saying he understood the value of the workshop and why it is important to learn about our past. He now has a better understanding that LGBTQ+ rights are not guaranteed--as he saw them slowly eroding.

Having lived through many of the years that we were discussing in the workshop (60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, etc.) I often find I have a very different perspective on the history of our movement. As a part of history month each year, I rededicate myself to fighting injustice in all places and against all people. Join me?

As we celebrate LGBTQ+ History Month, I am grateful for those who have provided scholarships for our LGBTQ+ students and allies. This month we will review the Ferrante Family LGBTQ+ Scholarship.

Michael '15MS and Pamela '85, '95MA, '00Ed.S Ferrante established the **Ferrante Family LGBTQ Scholarship** in recognition of UCF's commitment to the LGBTQ student community. The scholarship, which is awarded annually, supports students who identify as LGBTQ and exhibit academic excellence through their coursework and academic endeavors. The scholarship awards \$1,000 annually. The scholarship recipient will receive \$500 in the fall and spring semesters.

The scholarship recipient will be selected based on the following established criteria:

- Applicant must be enrolled at UCF as a part-time or full-time undergraduate student in any major.
- Applicant must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Preference will be given to applicants who identify as LGBTQ and exhibit academic achievement.
- The criteria for awarding the scholarship will be consistent with the guidelines established by the UCF Office of Student Financial Assistance.

The 2019 scholarship recipient was Autumn Wright.

**Want to help outside of UCF?**

CHECK OUT VOLUNTEERING WITH

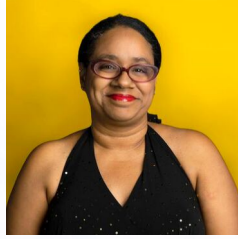




# Anjella's Corner



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**ANJELLA WARNSHUIS**  
**(SHE/HER/HERS)**  
**PFSA VICE PRESIDENT**

LGBT History month is important to me because we must take the time to learn, recognize, and celebrate the accomplishments of the past to help us craft our path moving forward. It's also important for students to be able to see that there are people that identify as they do, that love as they love, who are making positive impacts in the world. While I am a member of the **LGBTQ+** community I am aware that I don't fully know the experiences of others.

One way for me to support my community is to seek out learning opportunities so that I can be better educated without putting the burden of teaching me on individuals just trying to live their lives. We all have a personal responsibility to humanity to improve the human condition. Once of the best ways to do that is to be aware of the experiences and needs of others, to celebrate their successes and create spaces where people can feel safe to live their lives authentically. ❤️

## What does LBGTQ History Mean to Me?

**BRANDON WILLIAMS**  
**(HE/HIM/HIS)**  
**PFSA SPECIAL EVENTS**  
**CO-CHAIR**



It is a reminder of the fight we have had so far and the work we still have left to do. I feel a lot of the younger generations are not as familiar with our history. This month is a great opportunity to help educate them on the struggles and fights the older generations went through to help to us get to the point we are at today. Hopefully one day this month will show how we fought and won complete **equal rights** and protections in this country and around the world.

# Connect Campus Outreach

## HELP US FIND PFSA "SUPPORTERS"

Congrats! You survived the start of classes, a schedule-busting hurricane, our first PFSA gatherings, a few football games, and no fewer than 18 million meetings (it seems).



**DR. LINDSAY NEUBERGER**  
**(SHE/HER/HERS)**  
**PFSA RECRUITMENT AND**  
**CONNECT CAMPUS CHAIR**

To me **LGBTQ+ History Month** is about having an awareness of and appreciation for those who stand with you to fight, those who stand behind you to support, and those who have stood before you to help drive us all forward.

In my new role focused on UCF Outreach I have great appreciation for all the work that has been done to increase our rights, visibility, and community on campus and have been working hard to further grow our membership and engagement. One new part of this outreach has been the establishment of a "supporter" level membership. This supporter membership was created for individuals interested in showing their support of the LGBTQ+ community on campus and specifically our work in PFSA without necessarily being involved with the nuts and bolts work of the organization. Members in the supporter category still receive the newsletter to be kept in the loop and pay standard \$25 dues. There are so many people who want to demonstrate their solidarity and we wanted to activate their allyship through this designated supporter status. Can you think of someone in your department or unit who might be interested in becoming a "supporter" member of PFSA? I'm sure you can - so please direct them to our website or have them contact me directly ([lindsay.neuberger@ucf.edu](mailto:lindsay.neuberger@ucf.edu)) for more details.



## What does LBGTQ History Mean to Me?



**MELISSA GILLIS (SHE/HER/HERS)**  
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Being a parent of two children who identify within the **LGBTQ+ community** - LGBTQ+ history month means to me that I must be a strong advocate for them until they are able to advocate for themselves. And even once that day comes, I will still show my support by continuing to advocate for them along with everyone in the community.

I remember growing up outside Washington, D.C. in the 80s and my mom having numerous friends who were in the community. Occasionally during lunchtime she would take me into D.C. to the infamous gay bar, Tracks, where she was friends with the owner, Marty Cheroff. Marty was pretty amazing and passed away this year at 76 years old.

The history of Tracks and it's contribution to the D.C. club scene is epic. I recall the layout of Tracks included a volleyball court and a smaller wading pool with deck chairs to lounge in. It reached beyond being the best gay club in D.C. to being one of D.C.'s hottest clubs - period. Once I turned 21 it was one of my most favorite clubs to go to. The beauty of Tracks was Marty's goal that all people felt welcomed there. There was always all sexualities and genders, races and nationalities. There was kindness and fun all around. It's closing in 1999 was the end of an era and I'm lucky I have many fond memories.



## What does LGBTQ History Mean to Me?

The first official Pride Parade was held on June 28th, 1970 in New York City. It was originally known as the Christopher Street Liberation March (Christopher Street being the name of the Street of which Stonewall is located), and was went all the way from Washington Place and ended with a sit-in (described as a gay-in) in Central Park. Fred Sargeant, one of the event organizers, described the marches in saying: "It took a new sense of audacity and courage to take that giant step into the streets of Midtown Manhattan" they existed openly and proudly in a world that tried to oppress them. Pride was started by two transwomen of color, Marsha P. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera, who decided enough was enough and lived their truth.

Since then, Pride Parade's have only grown in size and recognition. It is still a radical belief to live as your TRUE and AUTHENTIC self, and with that each and every person who takes part in Pride and comes out displays that sense of courage that Fred Sargeant stated, what was not, so long ago. We at the University of Central Florida, continue that trend - we walk each year in Orlando's Come out with Pride Parade and it's an event that is like no other. I often state to my students, friends, and colleagues, who attend that in the crowd you see so many people - middle school and high school kids, young adults, and others who look at us all with a gleam in their eyes. In that moment, we are what they want to be, we are openly living our truth with a University that supports us, in that moment we are their heroes and that makes it all worth it.

If you are interested in walking with UCF at the **COME OUT WITH PRIDE** event this year (October 12th at 3:30PM-6:00PM), please email me at [Michael.Nunes@ucf.edu](mailto:Michael.Nunes@ucf.edu) to receive the sign up link.



**MICHAEL NUNES**  
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### ALL GENDER RESTROOMS ON-CAMPUS LOCATIONS

## LGBTQ+ SERVICES

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- 1 ALL KNIGHT STUDY**  
A) FERRELL COMMONS  
*As you enter, take a right*  
B) KNIGHTS PLAZA  
*Back of the area towards the "restroom sign"*
- 2 ADDITION FINANCIAL ARENA**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR**  
*Directly forward and behind the staircase (towards the right staircase)*  
**2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR**  
*By section 208 and 103 (to the right past the staircase)*  
CYPRESS ROOM EVENT CENTER  
2 Restrooms
- 3 GRINGOS LOCOS TACOS**  
2 RESTROOMS  
*Towards the back*
- 4 HEALTH SERVICES**  
4 RESTROOMS  
*First floor. Past the appointment windows on the right hand side*
- 5 HERCULES COMMUNITY CENTER**  
*Entrance is locked to non-residents*
- 6 JOHN T. WASHINGTON CENTER**  
*Behind the Addition Financial Bank*
- 7 LIVE OAK BALLROOM**  
2 RESTROOMS  
*Walk into Live Oak, follow middle hallway*
- 8 LAKE CLAIRE**
- 9 NEPTUNE COMMUNITY CENTER**  
*Entrance is locked to non-residents*
- 10 NORTHVIEW COMMUNITY OFFICE**  
*Located on the second floor*
- 11 OFFICE OF FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE**  
*End of the hall in the main building*
- 12 PERFORMING ARTS BUILDING**
- 13 PRIDE COMMONS**
- 14 RECREATION & WELLNESS CENTER**  
3 RESTROOMS  
*2nd floor, across the multipurpose room*
- 15 RESEARCH PAVILION**  
*1st floor - Family Restroom*
- 16 STUDENT UNION**  
2 RESTROOMS  
*Across Pegasus Ballroom Smoothie King - When you enter on the left*
- 17 TOWERS 1 - 4**  
ONE RESTROOM IN EACH LOBBY  
*Entrance is locked to non-residents*
- 18 TREVOR COLBOURN HALL**  
ONE RESTROOM ON EACH FLOOR

**\*\*UNION WEST (AT THE DOWNTOWN CAMPUS) NOW HAS 8 RESTROOMS**

**HAVE YOU SEEN THESE PEOPLE?**  
TWO ARE OUR VERY OWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

WE ARE UCF

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