



GREEN LIGHT

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NEW LGBTQ ADVISOR/ASSISTANT DEAN SPEAKS TO *GREEN LIGHT*

As reported in the Fall 2012 issue of *Green Light*, longtime College LGBTQ Advisor and Assistant Dean Pam Misener stepped down from the post in January 2013. After a thorough search by a committee (that included DGALA President Caroline Kerr '05), the College announced the appointment to the post of Dr. Reese Kelly, who started in January. Reese spoke recently with *Green Light* about his background, the first few months of his tenure, and his goals and hopes in his new position at Dartmouth. Beginning on page 6 inside are extensive excerpts of our interview; the full interview is at <http://dgala.me>.

JOIN US ON CAMPUS IN JUNE! DGALA ALL-CLASS MINI REUNION June 14 -15, 2013

FRIDAY, JUNE 14TH

10 PM: DGALA Reception with Open Bar at Six South Street Hotel, Hanover's Newest Hotel

SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH

9:00-10 AM: DGALA Reunions Breakfast with Remarks by President-Elect Hanlon
Hinman Forum, Rockefeller Center

NOON: Special Hood Museum Guided Tour for DGALA Members

2 PM: Professor Randall Balmer,
Chair, Department of Religion
"The Rise and Fall of the Religious Right"
Alumni Hall, Hopkins Center

6:00 PM: Informal Dinners

*Events are free and open to all
DGALA members and friends.*

PRIDE PERSEVERES

Notwithstanding recently heightened concerns on campus relating to issues of homophobia, racism, sexism and sexual assault (see DGALA's May e-newsletter and Facebook page), Dartmouth's seventh annual PRIDE celebration provided a positive



Students Show Pride with Tattoos

and thoughtful rallying point for the campus' LGBT community and the College at large. As past GSX co-chair Therese Kienemund '15 told *Green Light*, "Campus tension has been higher than usual since the protest staged during the Dimensions Show. The events during Pride Week contributed substantially to keeping people engaged in critical dialogue and to sparking thoughts about positive cultural change on campus." Kienemund noted some of the week's events and benefits: "Highlights of the week included a concert by New York rapper

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DGALA ALUM PROFILES

Following up on the well-received “We Are DGALA” profiles in our E-Newsletter, Green Light is reaching out to provide profiles of more alums. Here are our first two. Please contact us with suggestions, etc. at dartgala@gmail.com.

Earl Plante '94



In December of last year, longtime DGALA member Earl Plante '94 was named CEO of San Francisco Pride, a non-profit corporation that produces the annual San Francisco Pride Celebration and Parade, which will be marking its 43rd anniversary over the weekend of June 29th and

30th this year. Prior to joining SF Pride, Earl worked in New York City at a number of LGBT social justice organizations, most recently serving as Development Director of the Latino Commission on AIDS. Earl recently spoke with Green Light about his work and life.

Q. Would you tell us something about how you got involved in a career relating to LGBT social justice? What are its rewards and challenges? What advice would you give to young alums considering the field?

It's about passion, being affiliated and believing in LGBT social justice. I wouldn't spend my time and effort otherwise. We have a limited time on this earth and I want to make sure I'm giving my all. It's a fundamental reward and challenge...you have to feel it at a very visceral level. So I would advise others to follow your bliss, and do whatever you can...in ways big and small to help move the larger movement forward in positive directions.

Q. How has your Dartmouth background influenced you?

My time at Dartmouth was very instrumental in my life development. I was able to explore my mixed identity, in addition to dealing with my coming out in a very conservative environment.

Q. How is your new job?

It is the most challenging and complex job I have had to date...on all levels it presents many opportunities for personal and professional growth.

Q. What are some exciting things about San Francisco Pride this year?

This is an amazing time to be doing this work at the largest and most well-known pride celebration in the country. Never in my wildest dreams did I think that we would be on the precipice of obtaining marriage equality, but in June the Supreme Court will rule on Prop. 8 and DOMA (defense of marriage act) and who knows where these decisions will lead the global LGBT movement, more broadly.

Q. How would you compare living and/or working in San Francisco with New York City?

San Francisco is a very tolerant and vibrant environment where everyone has an opinion and they are not shy about letting you know their viewpoints! In NYC, you can be more largely anonymous in your travels; in SF and in my role as CEO of SF Pride, I always “have to be on.”

Q. What are your thoughts about Dartmouth today?

My perception from afar is that it is a far more accepting environment. It's now about living your own truth and that's something we can all admire and aspire to in our daily lives. And looking back, I am also very proud of my tenure at head of DaGLO/Dartmouth Rainbow Alliance and I hope it made a difference on campus and beyond. It's definitely a heady time to be living and doing this work. We are seeing transformational change happen right before our eyes, especially with the progress of our LGBT youth; however, that does not mean there is not more progress to be made, but our enemies must see that the writing is on the wall...a generational shift is occurring in literal and figurative terms....change is coming in the political, economic and social domains in not just America, but the world writ large....and it's energizing and inspiring to play a small part in this positive overall development. ♦

Dana Bevan '69

*Dana has just released **The Transsexual Scientist: Have you ever wondered what the experience of transsexualism or transgenderism is like or what causes these phenomena?** Her book, which offers both a scientific and personal perspective, will be noted in an upcoming Dartmouth Alumni Magazine and is available online. (The topics touched on in this interview are much deeper than space can do justice; for more, please go to our website, <http://dgala.me>.)*

You describe yourself as transsexual; how does that term differ from transgender?

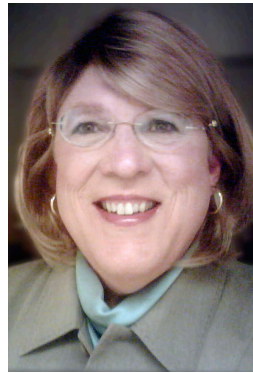
Transgender is an umbrella word that refers to a person whose gender behavior is incongruent with the sex and associated gender category they were assigned at birth. Most transgenders (TG) move back and forth between gender behavior categories through crossdressing, but transsexuals (TS) want to remain permanently in the gender behavior category that fits their innate disposition. TS seek to permanently modify their bodies, their voices and their behavior. TS do this with hormones, facial electrolysis, plastic surgery, and voice lessons. For the purposes of research, I treat transgenderism and transsexualism (TSTG) as one phenomenon.

How did being a transgender person affect your life at Dartmouth during the 1960s?

First, I attempted to “get over” my transsexuality by engaging in highly masculine activities including football and ROTC. This is very common for male-to-female transsexuals but it does not work in the long term. Second, I was extremely lonely because I could not tell anyone about my TS. It made male friendships and dating awkward. Third, I managed to find out through coursework and library research that TSTG was a naturally occurring biological phenomena which has occurred in most all times and cultures. This made me believe that there was nothing “wrong” with me in spite of how most cultures view TSTG.

How did you come to be involved in scientific research relating to TSTG?

While at Dartmouth, I was inspired to become a physiological psychologist in the hope that I could understand TSTG. But when I got to graduate school, I found that there was no research support for TSTG issues and very little previous research. So for many years, I downplayed my physiological training and concentrated on human factors psychology for



the military. But in 2005, I returned to academia to teach at Georgia Tech for a semester and found that there was a wealth of unorganized (mostly) foreign research bearing on the physiological causes of TSTG. Since 2005, I have been wading through this material and wrote the book to document what I found.

What are some common misconceptions regarding TSTG?

The common wisdom of what causes TSTG is completely wrong. For instance it is not a “lifestyle choice”, homosexuality or a sexual fetish. There is good evidence that it is caused by genetic and epigenetic (prenatal) factors that make one “born this way”. The second most common misconception is that TSTG is some sort of psychological or medical “disorder”. This year, for the first time, TSTG will no longer be categorized as a disorder by the American Psychiatric Association. The third most common misconception is that TSTG is rare. The best estimates are that about 2-4% of natal males (transwomen) are TG and .1% TS. For natal females (transmen) the estimates are about half that. The fifth most common misconception is that TSTG is harmless but in fact it is a public health concern and robs society of a significant amount of brainpower. Many young adult TSTG commit suicide (at least 40% attempt it). Many suffer continuous worry that robs them and society of their mental focus. Some, rejected by family, friends, church and government agencies are forced into the streets, ultimately to become sex workers who harbor HIV and other diseases.

What do you hope for Dartmouth and transgender people in the future?

I hope that Dartmouth can be a leader in increasing research and education of the TSTG phenomena in order to improve understanding and tolerance. DGALA seems to be doing a good job of spreading the word on diversity but courseware and research needs to be supported. I am hoping to share the research agenda I developed while writing this book with investigators in the Giesel school and psychology department. I hope that TSTG can get competent early counseling and medical treatment to assure them that they are not abnormal and to help them explore an authentic life. Finally, I hope that religious, political leaders and hate mongers will stop demonizing TSTG. ♦

Mykki Blanco, a lecture by activist Lt. Dan Choi, organized in cooperation with the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, and TransForm, a genderbending fashion show. During the CookOut, hundreds of students came together for lunch, and received the popular PRIDE-shirts, pins and wristbands. Pride Week not only offered educational and fun programming around LGBTQIA issues, but also increased visibility on campus."

The week began with a showing of DGALA member Michael Lowenthal '90's famous valedictory speech. The mid-week now-traditional TransForm event was given a further dimension this year. As Kienemund reported, "Rather than reproducing the event similarly to how it had been done in previous years, Ashley Afranie-Sakyi '13 and Nastassja Schmiedt '15 re-conceptualized it as a thoughtfully provocative space for individual explorations of gender expression, identity and



Ashley '13 and Therese '15

normative standards. The specific issues faced by queer, trans* and genderqueer people are often ignored by mainstream gay and lesbian activism, and I

hope TransForm successfully stimulated discussions about cis-sexism, transphobia and queerphobia." The week wrapped up with an event-filled weekend that included the annual Pride Gala dinner on Saturday evening, held this year in Alumni Hall. DGALA President Caroline Kerr '05 addressed the dinner, welcoming graduating LGBTQ seniors to the ranks of DGALA. Each grad received a letter from Kerr introducing them to DGALA, and including e-gift certificates to Giovanni's Room, America's oldest LGBT bookstore, owned and operated by DGALA pioneer Ed Hermance '62. (See more from Caroline in her President's Message on page 10.) ❖

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THREE JOIN DGALA BOARD

*Three new directors began terms on the DGALA Board of Directors this year. They are **Rob Avruch '11**, **Chris Fletcher '11** and **Raymond Rodriguez '09**. Here's a bit about them:*

Rob majored in History and Women's and Gender Studies. Along with **Chris**, he was a co-founder of OUTreach Peer Mentors, an LGBTQ peer-mentoring program for current and incoming students. Rob also served as an intern in Pam Misener's office. After graduation, Rob served as Regional Field Director for President Obama's reelection campaign for the New Hampshire counties in and around Hanover. Rob now works in Washington, D.C. as the Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff at the Center for American Progress (CAP), a progressive public policy think tank.



Besides co-founding OutReach, **Chris**, a History major, ran varsity track at Dartmouth, worked in the Admissions Office and was a member of the Hill Winds Society. He now lives in New York City where he works as a brand strategy consultant at Ogilvy & Mather. Chris is most excited about joining the DGALA board because he believes the group has incredible potential to serve as a community and resource for current students and alumni. He wants to help the organization continue to attract new members and reach a broader audience.



Raymond majored in Sociology and Public Policy. At Dartmouth he was involved with the Latino and LGBT communities, and worked in the Admissions Office with prospective students of color and served as a UGA in Gender-Neutral Housing. He currently



sits on his class' Executive Committee and volunteers for the College Fund. Raymond currently works for BerlinRosen's Public Affairs practice in New York City, with a variety of issue-advocacy campaigns focusing on matters including labor, healthcare reform, and income inequality. ❖

Tale of the Other Cambridge

By Fermin Li Kiu '15

The tale of Cambridge, Massachusetts is the tale of two cities in one. One tale tells the story of a rich college town, home to some of the brightest students and future leaders of America. The other tells of the invisible lives of homeless youths sleeping in public parks and by T-stop entrances.



Having never visited Cambridge, this past winter was my first time in the city. I went to Cambridge on a Dartmouth Men's Project fellowship to volunteer at a homeless drop-in center for the youths of Cambridge. The homeless drop-in center, Youth on Fire (YOF), is an organization that caters to homeless youths ages 14 to 24 who are at a higher risk of contracting HIV/AIDS. With HIV/AIDS as a central part of its mission, the organization promotes dialogue on issues such as healthy relationships, safe sex, sexuality, etc.

My daily tasks at YOF, which included organizing and handing out supplies, as well as sometimes cooking lunch, were manageable. But the hardest yet most important thing I had to do at Youth on Fire was getting to know the members. I was intimidated at first, not knowing how they would react to some college student coming into their space and claiming to want to help for a six-week period. I wondered how they perceived me and whether they thought that what I was doing was actually beneficial to them. My first real interaction was with a youth named Ethan. Ethan is twenty-four, works at a ballet studio, and wants to be a dancer. Talking to him was easy, much like talking to a friend. I shared many of his interests, and we bonded the way I would with any other nice, outgoing person. After that first interaction, my attempts to get to know other members seemed less daunting. That was when I started to see so many similarities between the members and myself, and at that moment, I realized how unconsciously self-absorbed I had been.

What made me nervous about talking to these members was the possibility that they were not going to like me. I realized a week into the fellowship that this was a trivial notion amidst the

problems of hunger, poverty, and homelessness these youths deal with on a regular basis. I learned from them and heard about their struggles. Somehow, that helped them. Knowing that someone could sympathize, or at least having someone to whom to vent, was helpful for the members. I talked to them about relationships and learned that being in a relationship with someone you live on the streets with is powerful. Surviving homelessness is a bonding experience. Yet, relationships, with intimacy and sex, did not do well in the context of homelessness. Having someone with whom to go through homelessness also provides comfort, which at times makes it hard for an individual to leave an unhealthy relationship.

I was curious about what it meant to be gay and homeless. From what I learned from the queer members of the center, there seems to be a need to be tough as homeless person. Homosexuality with its connotations of femininity for men thus becomes a problem for homeless males. A few members claim that they were not gay even though they admitted to engaging in male-male sexual acts. Even if they were gay, they drew a clear divide between themselves and the stereotypical flamboyant, sissy gay. I found this sad because while expressions of sexuality come in all different forms, these youths were against men exhibiting any sort of femininity. Whether it was partially due to their own beliefs or upbringing, living on the streets where you have to be tough or will be taken advantage of does promote narrow gender roles that are suffocating.

My six weeks at YOF flew by, even more quickly than I had anticipated. To this day, I am haunted by the realities of homelessness. According to someone at the center, "the scariest thing about being homeless is being invisible." I understood this. A homeless person is like any other person on this planet. As individuals, we find part of our self-worth in others. If people ignore our presence to the point that they pretend not to see us when they pass us on the streets, then we feel neglected, worthless, and invisible. Members of YOF and other homeless people need attention and empowerment as much as they need money, food, or shelter. And in many cases, empowerment can just mean a genuine five-minute conversation. Giving a homeless person food provides a temporary fix to a long-term problem, but giving him or her your time and attention starts a process of empowerment that can give the person the strength and incentive to persevere through the hardships of homelessness. ♦

CONVERSATION WITH DR. REESE KELLY, LGBT ADVISOR

Would you share with us a bit of your background, such as how you came to be interested in the field of gender studies?

My interest in the field of gender studies, queer studies, and sociology started when I took a course titled "Sociology of Gender" in my second year as an undergrad at Colby College. At the time, I was ... pre-med, but during finals period I found myself staying up all night working on my Sociology of Gender paper instead of studying for my Organic Chemistry exam. I was hooked. Applying the critical lens of sociology to my life allowed me to understand and give voice to the everyday experiences of marginalization and "othering" I encountered as a gender nonconforming lesbian, or at least that's how I identified at the time. It was incredibly empowering to immerse myself intellectually, personally, and socially into queer academia and activism and be surrounded by like-minded individuals dedicated to social change. Because of the positive impact that queer studies had on my life, I wanted to pursue a career in academia so that I may provide a similarly transformative experience to the next generation of college students.

How have your past experiences in the field shaped your professional outlook today?

I have been teaching courses about gender, sexuality, identity, and power at the college level for almost a decade now. I began as a graduate student instructor while completing coursework towards my Ph.D. in Sociology at the University at Albany – SUNY. While there, I worked with the chair of the Women's Studies Department to propose, develop, and implement an LGBTQ Studies Minor. I also wrote a few book chapters, a book review, and a film review focused primarily on queer theory, LGBT politics, and transgender identities. In the middle of all of this, I made the decision to undergo a gender transition and where I started my graduate work as a gender non-conforming cisgender woman, I finished my last class as a trans man....

How did you come to be at Dartmouth?

In the summer of 2012, I completed my Ph.D. in Sociology and started looking for a job that would allow me to combine education, advocacy, and



community development. And, after taking several short-term positions, I wanted something with more permanency where I could develop both short and long term goals.... I really wanted to work with students at a highly selective institution, as I find intellectual rigor to be an

exciting component of social justice education and advocacy. When I saw the job ad for the Assistant Dean and Advisor to LGBTQTIA Students position at Dartmouth, I was incredibly excited to see all of my interests reflected in one job. In addition, I was particularly drawn to the position for its location in the Office of Pluralism and Leadership. I think that multi-cultural offices can be great spaces for collaboration and intersectional work.

Would you tell us a bit more about the search process from your perspective?

I actually applied to the job after the search was already in progress and the committee had chosen its initial top three candidates. I remember being really disappointed, only to [learn] a few weeks later that the committee ... wanted to set up a phone interview with me.... However, as I looked more into Dartmouth I saw stories in the D about an "exodus" of minority faculty and staff, and wondered if I was entering a hostile environment. These concerns were assuaged during my on-campus interview, which I continue to tell people was one of the most fulfilling moments of my professional life so far. I was thoroughly impressed by the thoughtful, passionate, intelligent, and compassionate people I met during my visit, particularly those individuals who would become my colleagues in OPAL and in Student Academic Support Services.

What do you think is the significance of the position of Assistant Dean & Advisor to LGBTQTIA Students?

All staff in academic support services work towards ensuring the academic success of students. However, in a culture where heterosexuality and two opposite and immutable genders are considered the norm, students who diverge from this model often encounter exclusion, social isolation, stigma, and even violence. We have to

consider, how can students be academically successful when faced with these experiences? Dartmouth College, not unlike the United States at large, is faced with the task of developing and fostering policies, practices, and ideologies that are inclusive and affirming of gender and sexual diversity. The Assistant Dean & Advisor to LGBTQIA Students advocates on behalf of students, collaborating with campus partners to institute and maintain initiatives, and providing students with resources, support, education, and guidance.

What are your goals in your new role?

My goals are to develop and maintain initiatives that promote academic success, inclusion, diversity, and wellness for Dartmouth students, with a particular focus on LGBTQ and Ally populations. Some key areas of focus include community development, identity exploration and celebration, education, health and wellness, and leadership. I am also committed to making resources more visible and readily available to students....

What are some of the strategies that you intend to use in your role?

I think it's important to build mutually beneficial relationships with campus partners, ... strengthen current programs, and consider what comparable and aspirational institutions are doing so that we may implement similar initiatives at Dartmouth.

How have your first few months at Dartmouth been going?

I can't believe I just started in late January. It honestly feels like I've worked here for years with the amount that has been accomplished in such a short period of time. From responding to community campus climate concerns, to advising individual students and student organizations, visiting alumni in NYC, and getting GAYpril and Pride Week off the ground, somehow I also fit in attendance at three professional conferences. It has been a whirlwind! With that said, I have witnessed an incredible amount of community building efforts on behalf of students, staff, faculty, and alumni/ae and none of the work any of us do would have been possible without such widespread support and involvement. I am incredibly grateful to be a part of this community.

Would you comment on your initial perspectives of Dartmouth and how it

compares to other academic institutions where you have studied or taught?

I have now had experiences as a student and/or faculty at Colby College, Middlebury College, the University at Albany-SUNY, and the University of Vermont. I initially thought that Dartmouth would be fairly similar to Colby and Middlebury as they are both elite, small liberal arts colleges, located in rural New England towns. However, between the D-Plan, a long history of single-sex education, and the dominance of Greek Letter Organizations and Societies, Dartmouth is less similar than I imagined. It has unique characteristics that present both advantages and challenges to community development, student engagement, and identity exploration. By far, I have come across more students here than anywhere else I have worked who take their co-curricular participation very seriously, and who dedicate a lot of time and energy to organizing discussions, panels, events, and outreach....

What are you looking forward to at the College?

I am looking forward to the arrival of President-elect Phil Hanlon '77 and the start of the 2013-2014 academic year. I am hopeful that these changes will bring opportunities for expanding Dartmouth's commitment to inclusion and diversity.

What do you hope for LGBTQA students at Dartmouth in the future?

I hope that LGBTQA students, like all students at Dartmouth, will be treated with respect and honored for the different experiences, perspectives, and expressions of self that they bring into the community. I don't envision a time where gender and sexual identities and expressions "won't matter," but rather a time where differences are perceived as assets and strengths.

What are your thoughts about DGALA?

As I continue to learn about DGALA and the history of alumni/ae participation at Dartmouth, I am incredibly impressed and energized by DGALA's commitment to supporting current LGBTQ students and other alumni/ae. I look forward to getting to know more alumni/ae and strengthening the student-alumni/ae connection.

Anything else you'd like to share?

I am incredibly happy to be at Dartmouth! ❖

DGALA Launches Mentoring Program

With Rigel Cable '10

During the 2012-13 academic year, DGALA launched a "beta" mentoring program, pairing eight volunteer alums with seven students and one new alum. Pairings were based upon compatibility factors including geography and professional interests. Part of DGALA's mission is to support the College's LGBTQA alums in their growth and well being, and the new mentorship program aims to help new alums and soon-to-be new alums by enabling them on an individual basis to learn from the experiences of current alums in meeting the challenges of life after Dartmouth.

As the first year of the program winds down, the DGALA mentorship committee is now evaluating survey responses from mentors and mentees with an eye towards adding improvements to the program as it begins its second year. The surveys contain numerous positive comments about the program, with mentees noting the benefits of hearing from alums about being out in the workplace, life after Dartmouth, work tips and networking. Mentors noted that they enjoyed hearing about mentees' lives at Dartmouth and helping them. As one alum mentor put it, "This is what I enjoy doing in the workplace, collaborating with young creative people.... after being fairly disconnected from Dartmouth, I also enjoyed reestablishing a relationship with the institution through my mentee; really fascinating to hear about how the place has changed, and how it hasn't."



Mentee Adrian Ferrari

Similarly, mentee Adrian Ferrari '14, who was matched with a DC-based mentor while he was interning in Washington, commented, "Positive experience doesn't even begin to cover my experience as a mentee." [My mentor] is amazing, I'm so lucky to have been matched up with him in this program. He keeps going out of his way to make sure I feel welcome in DC. He's invited me into his home and let me meet his staff - which is such a fun experience for a

political junkie like myself. We've bonded over our Dartmouth experiences and I am confident that we will keep in touch, even when I leave DC."

The mentorship committee is looking for more alums who might be interested in acting as a mentor to a paired student or new alum in the coming academic year, and we also would like to hear from new alums interesting in being paired with a mentor. If you'd like to know more, please e-mail us at dartgala@gmail.com. ♦

DGALA Board Members Join New College Working Group on LGBT Affinity House

By Tim Stanne '03

Some of our membership may remember when conversations first began regarding undergraduates' requests for community space at the College, and this publication's report regarding the potential for an affinity house for LGBTQA students a few years ago. See Fall 2010 *Green Light*, page 1 (copies of all back issues of the *Green Light* are available on our website). We are now delighted to provide you with an update: Since January 2013, when the Office of Pluralism and Leadership (OPAL) and the Office of Residential Life first reached out to the DGALA leadership, two of our board members have been actively involved in a proposal to make this long-time goal a reality.

Tim Stanne '03, and Susi Kandel '00 (DGALA's past-president), have been involved in numerous on-going planning sessions with administrators involved in the project. These administrators include representatives from OPAL, Residential Life and Residential Operations, among others. The group's work is currently focused on finalizing a program statement that aims to make the case for a residential community which will offer undergraduates robust intellectual and co-curricular opportunities related to sexuality and gender identity, personally, at Dartmouth, and in society at large. The program statement is currently scheduled for Trustee review in June.

If you have any thoughts which you might wish to share with Tim and Susi, so that they, as DGALA's liaisons to the working group, can include them in this work, please email dartgala@gmail.com. ♦

DGALA ALUMS SUPPORT DGALA SCHOLARS

Pursuant to a joint program launched in 2006 between DGALA and the Dartmouth College Fund (DCF), every dollar that a DGALA alum contributes to the DCF is counted toward naming DGALA Scholars: current LGBTQ students who are entitled to need-based financial aid. For every \$30,000 that DGALA alums give to the College, DGALA is able to name another DGALA Scholar.



2012-13 DGALA Scholar
Marco Barragan '16

By contributing to the DCF before June 30 of this year, you can help to fund DGALA Scholars for the coming academic year. You may contribute on line at <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~alfund/>. There is no need to make any special designation; just by being a DGALA member (and you are if you were mailed this newsletter), your contribution will support this important program.

Last year DGALA alums made generous donations sufficient to support an unprecedented six DGALA Scholars during the current academic year. This year we profile one of the new DGALA Scholars, first-year student Marco Barragan '16, who sent the following message of appreciation to DGALA:

Dear Members of the Dartmouth Gay & Lesbian Alumni/ae Association,

I would like to thank you for providing the resources in order for me to have a great education here at Dartmouth. It is a great privilege for me to be able to attend this great

institution. If it were not for your generosity, I would not have this great opportunity.

I plan to major in computer science with a minor in French. I really love my computer science courses here and my French professors have been equally as amazing. I hope to work in the technology field after graduation. Right now, I am involved in Gender and Sexuality XYZ, which is a club involved in LGBT activism. I am also involved in America Reads, which is a volunteer program in which students volunteer in local elementary schools to help the kids become better readers.

Without your generosity, I would not be able to do what I am doing right now. Once again, thank you for helping me receive an extraordinary education.

Sincerely,

Marco A. Barragan '16

PRESIDENT-ELECT HANLON '77 GREETES DGALA LEADERS

DGALA Director Tim Stanne '03 and past-President David Eichman '81 were meeting at the Hanover Inn Lobby with an LGBT student during Club and Affiliated Group Officers Weekend in February when President-Elect Phil Hanlon walked in. Tim and David introduced themselves and got this photo.



David commented to *Green Light* that Hanlon "seems like a very down to earth guy, and I am glad that he intends to teach a freshman math course each year." The President-Elect is scheduled to address the DGALA mini-reunion breakfast meeting in Hanover in June. ♦

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy spring and Pride season, DGALA! Big happenings continue for the Dartmouth LGBTQIA community: Dr. Reese Kelly joined the College community as the new Advisor to LGBTQIA Students, and Dartmouth's 18th president, Philip Hanlon '77, will arrive in just a few weeks.

Three alums joined the DGALA Board of Directors in our most recent election: Raymond Rodriguez '09, Rob Avruch '11, and Chris Fletcher '11. I'm so pleased to have Ray, Rob, and Chris on the Board. They are established leaders in the Dartmouth LGBTQIA community, and bring valuable perspectives and energy to the Board.



**DGALA President
Caroline Kerr '05**

I had the chance to congratulate the graduating students at the annual May PRIDE Gala on behalf of DGALA and welcome them to the alum community. As many of you are aware, there has been visible student activism this spring protesting sexual assault and incidents of homophobia and racial bias on campus. As always, your alum voice is an important one. I urge you to share your perspective with DGALA and the College. I also encourage you to take opportunities to support one another and students you are in touch with on campus.

I hope to see you at our annual reunion events June 14–15 in Hanover. President-elect Hanlon will join our annual DGALA Breakfast, and Prof. Randall Balmer, Mandel Family Professor of Arts & Sciences and Chair of the Religion Department, will give our featured faculty lecture.

Please be in touch with your ideas. Thank you for your continued support of DGALA!

S. Caroline Kerr '05
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NEXT MAJOR ALL-CLASS REUNION NOW SCHEDULED!

Back by popular demand after our fabulous 25th anniversary all-class reunion in October 2009, DGALA has now scheduled a 30th anniversary reunion for Columbus Day weekend in 2014. Plans include showcasing the opening of the new LGBT Affinity House! (See story, page 8.) So do save that weekend: October 10-12, 2014! More information will follow. In the meantime, let us know if you'd like to join a committee or otherwise assist in planning or supporting this great weekend.

DGALA NOTES

Support DGALA! We've had a great response in membership renewals for our current fiscal year that ends on June 30, but if you've not yet given, it's easy to do so on our website (<http://dgala.me>). DGALA operates largely on the generosity of our supporters, and we put your contributions to good use through funding our All-Class Reunions, our annual June mini-reunion gatherings, various regional events, on-campus events with alums and students, supporting LGBT issues and events at Dartmouth, gifts for LGBT grads, and, of course, this newsletter! We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, and so your contribution can be tax deductible. ♦

The new DGALA T-Shirt now available!



The new DGALA v-neck t-shirts, featuring a stylish rainbow DGALA lone pine in place of the "A" in Dartmouth, will be available at the mini-reunion breakfast on June 15th. We hope to see you there! ♦