

InterSEXions

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ure out that a half moon of blue over my eyelid was a better decision," she said.

Scholinsky was released at 18 after she had earned her high school diploma at a mental institution and came out publicly as a lesbian a year after her release. She now uses art as a venue for coming to terms with her experiences, which include many hours spent in seclusion rooms, running away from drug-filled needles and contemplating suicide.

"I love the way that art can become a mirror, and I love the way you see that happen to people," she said.

The InterSEXions Conference is part of the LGBT community's celebration of Queer Pride this month and puts the transgendered community and its issues into the center of the spotlight.

"Usually the 'T' in the LGBT community gets really overlooked," said Gabrielle Hendel, a senior psychology and women's studies double major and director of the LGBTA. "It's a huge, integral part of our organization."

The series kicked off earlier on Tuesday with a brown bag lunch when graduate assistant Kate Sullivan gave her presentation, "Trans-Gendering Monstrosity." Twenty students filled the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Alliance office at the EMU to hear Sullivan speak about how gender deviance is used in movies to make villains appear more devious.

Later in the afternoon, Susan Stryker, a historian interested in transgender phenomena in history and contemporary arts and culture, showed clips from several underground films from the 1960s. The clips introduced students to new perspectives on transgender visibility and its relationship to issues in society.

Today, students have the opportunity to attend another brown bag lunch at noon at the LGBTA office. Elizabeth Reis, an assistant history professor at the University, will give a talk titled: "You Can Teach a Whole Class on This?: Teaching Transgender Issues." Reis, who has been teaching a class on transgender history for both the women's studies and the history department, said her nine-year-old son inspired the title for her talk when he asked that question.

At 4 p.m., English Professor Dianne Dugaw will give a lecture performance dealing with 17th century through present-day English and American ballads about women who went to sea and war masquerading as men. The performance will take place in Gerlinger Lounge and, like all InterSEXions events, is free and open to the public.

Will Roscoe, a historian who has taught Native American studies and American studies, will give a presentation about the lives and times of native women leaders at 7 p.m. in Gerlinger Lounge. At noon on Thursday, senior psychology and women's studies double major Molly McClure will share her thoughts and progress on her thesis "Feminism and Transgenderism," during another brown bag lunch talk at the LGBTA office. McClure decided on her thesis after taking Reis' class on transgendered history.

The last event of the InterSEXions lecture series will be on Thursday at 4 p.m. in Gerlinger Lounge. Alice Dreger, assistant professor of science and technology studies at Michigan State University, will discuss "The Meaning of Testicles in a Woman: The Medical Politics of Intersex." Dreger will talk about issues surrounding the medical treatment of people born intersexed.

“As an undergraduate student, I greatly enjoyed and treasured the time I had to read, research, and attend classes. I lived in the residence halls, and I had much fun with friends. I had some friends who studied too much; others spent too much time partying. I believe one can be a good student and have fun at the same time. Many students understand that they can study hard and have an active social life. These students, who are in the majority, earn good grades and have many friends. When they drink alcohol, they do so with their health, futures, and other people in mind. The majority of students are not held hostage either to their studies or to drinking, and it is this majority who I celebrate.”



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