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Hill-Meyer: She sees more than 2 genders

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book "Getting Bi." The rapt audience, which included many bisexuals, gathered in a stuffy EMU Suite 34, home of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Alliance.

The pieces explored the lack of suitable language in English to address the complex issues surrounding gender identity, especially for bisexuals.

Hill-Meyer said the problem is "this sense of not having the language to communicate what's going on for me, having an idea in my head but no way to communicate that to other people."

Hill-Meyer said that sex is often equated with gender but that sexual orientation is not all about sex. Instead, she and other bisexuals find many different factors influencing sexual attraction.

For example, Hill-Meyer said she was pretty sure she was a straight male in high school, but in college she became less sure of herself.

"More realistically, I was 95 percent attracted to feminists, and there weren't any feminist men at my high school," she said. "That's what I'm really attracted to."

Instead of being attracted to men and women, as people assume when Hill-Meyer tells them she is bisexual, she said the more gender-deviant a person is and the more in between the two sexes, the more she will be attracted to them, which is why "bisexual" is an often confounding term for Hill-Meyer. It suggests only two genders, when really she sees many more, she said.

A language has sprung up within the LGBTQA community to describe these different genders. While researching her thesis and trying to find one word that perfectly described herself, Hill-Meyer said she discovered a Web site with more than 150 words for various gender identities. Still, she said she was not satisfied because none of these words was a perfect fit.

She said it is difficult to accept a unique term because most support comes from like-minded people with a similar gender identity. To choose a unique and specific designation could mean expulsion or even condemnation from a once-supportive group, she said.

"It's about having a community, a culture, an outlook to share with others," she said.

Having never found that perfect word, Hill-Meyer said she realized the best recourse was to have none at all. By not pigeonholing herself, her gender could fluidly adjust over time, as it already had, she said. This fluidity extends beyond language into the culture and community that are often the true determinant of a person's gender identity.

Graduate student Alehia Hostetter said many audience members felt reticent when trying to address the issues Hill-Meyer raised.

"It's hard to describe, the fact that it's hard to address the issues that come up around language and identity," Hostetter said.

Though Hill-Meyer emphasized throughout the reading that no one word can sum up the many gender issues, an audience member's shirt seemed emblematic of the nature of the issues. A woman with close-cropped gray hair and glasses wore a royal blue long-sleeved T-shirt. In a cursive black script it read: "Complicated."

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