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Jamie Bolyard is the Lesbian Community Project's new office manager

Hampton resigned from the bureau and were convicted of criminal charges.

"This is a painful time for all of us, but all citizens have a right to expect the men and women of the Portland Police Bureau to provide service with dignity, respect and, most importantly, integrity," Kroeker said. "It is now time to move forward, and I am hopeful we can restore any trust lost in this difficult situation."

LCP WELCOMES BOLYARD ABOARD

Following the January departure of program director Kristan Aspen, the Lesbian Community Project has hired a new office manager, Jamie Bolyard.

Born in Ramsey, Ill.; schooled at Southern Illinois University—Carbondale, where she earned a bachelor's degree in radio-television; and out and about for seven years in Tennessee's music industry, Bolyard started in country music promotions, played host to a music night, began her own company and published a music magazine. After spending too much time enhancing and promoting other people's creative talents, she was selected to enhance her own in India as part of a group study exchange for young professionals.

"This is where it all clicked for me...I realized that I had a responsibility as a gay person to be out," she says. "I realized that if I wasn't completely out in my life, then I was saying that racism and every other type of oppression is OK. Until that point I had been living with one foot in the closet...I decided that I wanted to work for social change."

Bolyard knew immediately upon visiting Portland that it was the place to start that work. After a cross-country move, an LCP Deaf Culture Night, a sign language class and a music and art show (co-produced by Bolyard and Aspen) that benefited both a local gallery and LCP, the torch was passed from one great leader to another.

Good events lead to fund raising, fund raising leads to growth, and though LCP events tend to speak for themselves, Bolyard assures: "I want LCP to be relevant to all women who love women. I want women to feel like LCP is their organization, feel comfortable stopping by the office, call up with an idea they'd like to see us do, know that we represent them, we are them. LCP has a long history, and I believe it can have a longer future."

Bolyard shares her success with classical

pianist and piano teacher Abby Haywood and their cats, Wasabi and Raleigh.

To make a donation or for information on events or volunteering, call 503-227-0605 or e-mail lcp@xpri.net.

JOIN INTERSEX INITIATIVE'S SPEAKER'S BUREAU

Intersex Initiative Portland is inviting people who are interested in learning more about intersex activism and helping raise the awareness of intersex issues to attend its first speaker's bureau training March 22.

The one-day workshop will be held in Portland, but people from other cities are encouraged to join. The bureau trains volunteers to give basic presentations about intersex activism for college classrooms and community organizations.

Presenters do not have to be intersex. Spokeswoman Emi Koyama is working on developing a "speaker's handbook" and the training curriculum, which will help participants become better allies even if they do not personally experience the issues being addressed.

For more information visit www.ipdx.org.

RESEARCHERS SEEK INTERVIEW SUBJECTS

Ammy M. Rees, assistant professor of counseling psychology at Lewis & Clark College's Graduate School of Education, is developing a research grant proposal to conduct a project in September or October designed ultimately to help decrease prejudice against the sexual minorities community.

She needs to find about 50 people willing to help by agreeing to an interview and possibly posting a portion of the interview (with face blacked out and no sound) to the Internet. They would be paid about \$10.

The grant is through the Evelyn Hooker Award Program, which is named after "the woman who did the first study in the '60s that demonstrated we aren't crazy," Rees said. "If we can demonstrate support in the community, it makes it more likely to get the grant."

For more information call 503-768-6074 or e-mail arees@lclark.edu.

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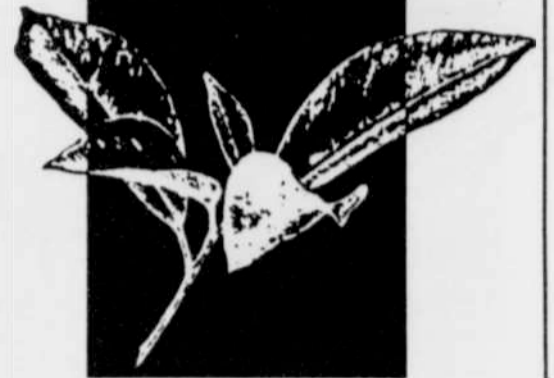
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