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**PSU PROMOTES QUEER AWARENESS**

A student group at Portland State University is presenting Queer Awareness Week from April 19 to 24.

Queers and Allies co-coordinator Lynette Wolf promises a week full of panels, workshops and movies to further awareness of and celebrate the worldwide sexual minorities community. Unless otherwise noted, all of the events are free, open to the public and located in Smith Memorial Student Union, 1825 S.W. Broadway.

- **Guess the Het:** How good is your "gaydar"? Test your presuppositions and see if you can pick out who is straight and who is not (noon to 1 p.m. April 19, Room 238).

- **GenderYOUTH:** Activist training with Kristin Effland of Gender Public Advocacy Coalition (1 to 3 p.m. April 19, Room 238).

- **Movie:** *But I'm a Cheerleader* (6 p.m. April 19, Room 238).

- **Understanding Bisexuality:** Featuring Robyn Ochs, speaker, activist, teacher, editor of *The Bisexual Resource Guide* and co-founder of the Bisexual Resource Center and the Boston Bisexual Woman's Network (10:30 a.m. to noon April 20, Room 238).

- **PFLAG: Who Are They and What Do They Do?:** Carol Grier of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays will answer all your questions (1 to 1:30 p.m. April 20, Room 238).

- **How to Be a Good Ally:** Even some members of the queer community don't know this one. Robyn Ochs will teach us ALL how (2 to 4 p.m. April 20, Room 238).

- **Movie:** *Chasing Amy* (6 p.m. April 20, Room 238).

- **Day of Silence:** Why is keeping your mouth shut such a bad thing? Oregon State Students Equal Rights Alliance knows why (all day April 21, Room 238).

- **Queers of Color:** Speakers discuss what it is like to be part of two communities that don't always accept each other (noon to 1 p.m. April 22, Rooms 296-298).

- **Same-Sex Marriage: What's the Verdict?:** Panelists will discuss the outcome of Multnomah County's ruling and what the Supreme Court has to say (1 to 2 p.m. April 22, Rooms 296-298).

- **Movie:** *Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin* (6 p.m. April 22, Room 298).

- **Queer Community Fair:** Network with businesses and organizations that serve and support the queer community. Nonprofits wishing to have a table at the event can buy space for \$5; businesses must pay \$10 (11 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 23, Room 355).

- **Sex Toy Demonstration:** It's My Pleasure shows what fun toys, games and other goodies are out there for those willing to try something new (noon to 1 p.m. April 23, Room 238).

- **Movie:** *Relax...It's Just Sex* (6 p.m. April 23, Room 238).

- **Aphrodite (Queer Prom):** Ever wondered what kind of Greek/Roman toga/dance party the goddess of love would enjoy? Come dressed any way you like and find out. Music will be blasting care of DJ BriGuy. Advanced tickets—\$7 for college and high school students and \$9 general admission—are available at the PSU box office and Ticketmaster. The price will be \$3 higher at the door. This is one

of only two fund-raisers for Queers and Allies this year (8 p.m. to midnight April 24, Room 355).

For more information visit [qa.pdx.edu](http://qa.pdx.edu).

**TRANS THERAPIST SPEAKS AT SMYRC**

Portland therapist and trans educator Reid Vanderburgh will lead a discussion on the question, "How Do I Know What Gender I Am (If Any)?" from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. April 20 at the Sexual Minority Youth Resource Center, 2100 S.E. Belmont St. The presentation is free and open to the public.

The event is sponsored by SMYRC's Trans Youth Group, which provides socializing, support and empowerment for trans, genderqueer and questioning youth. It meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays at SMYRC.

For more information e-mail Christa-Margaret Nelson at [transyouthgroup@smycr.org](mailto:transyouthgroup@smycr.org) or visit [www.smyrc.org/transyouthgroup](http://www.smyrc.org/transyouthgroup).

**GAY JUSTICE UNDER ATTACK**

An anti-gay attorney is running against Oregon Supreme Court Justice Rives Kistler, the first and only openly gay judge to sit on any state supreme court, who is running for election in May to retain his seat.

After earning his law degree from Georgetown University in 1981, Kistler served as a judicial law clerk to U.S. Supreme Court Justice



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Lewis Powell and to Charles Clark, chief judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. In 1984 Kistler moved to Portland, where he spent several years working at Stael Rives and the Oregon Department of Justice before being appointed to the Court of Appeals in 1999 by Gov.

John Kitzhaber. Gov. Ted Kulongoski appointed him to the Supreme Court in 2003.

Shortly before the filing deadline, Lake Oswego attorney James Leuenberger announced his candidacy in opposition to Kistler. Leuenberger has represented Oregon Citizens Alliance chairman Lon Mabon and other conservatives.

Kistler also will be the target of a demonstration staged by the Rev. Fred Phelps from 7:45 to 8:15 a.m. April 19 outside the Oregon Supreme Court building located at 1163 State St. in Salem. The anti-gay preacher picketed at the funeral of Matthew Shepard in 1998.

For more information visit [www.judgekistler.com](http://www.judgekistler.com).

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