

**CONFERENCE ADDRESSES
SAME-SEX VIOLENCE**

An upcoming conference will shed light on issues of intimate partner violence in multicultural communities, including among same-sex couples.

The seventh annual "Intimate Pathways: Multicultural Perspectives on Intimate Partner Violence" will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. July 16 and from 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 17 at Portland State University's Lincoln Performance Hall, 1620 S.W. Park Ave. The conference is co-sponsored by the Multnomah County Domestic Violence Office and the PSU Women's Studies Department.

Through workshops, speakers, networking and special presentations, conference participants will explore the obstacles faced by people caught in the trap of intimate partner violence. Together they will develop a better understanding of how they may help remove barriers such as language, culture, religion and finances and create new pathways for victims to move from fear to safety.

Kamron Graham of Bradley-Angle House will present a workshop providing an overview of sexual and gender minority issues concerning domestic violence. She will address ways to become an ally or advocate, stereotypes, community resources and the cultural differences—and similarities—between same-sex and opposite-sex violence.

Other topics include outreach to battered immigrants and Latinas, domestic violence in Russian-speaking communities and becoming an ally to African Americans.

The keynote speaker will be Carolyn West, an associate professor of psychology at University of Washington who teaches courses on family violence, human sexuality and the psychology of



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women. She is an editor and contributor to *Violence in the Lives of Black Women: Battered, Black and Blue* and a consulting editor for the journals *Women & Therapy* and *Sex Roles*.

The registration fee is \$60. Child care and scholarships are available upon request.

To register contact Margi McCue at 503-725-3516 or mccue@pdx.edu.

**LEADERSHIP FORUM
SELECTS FELLOWS**

Chris Coleman, the gay artistic director of Portland Center Stage, is one of 24 people who have been selected as American Leadership Forum of Oregon Fellows for 2004-05.

The forum works to join and strengthen leaders in order to better serve the public good. Fellows will participate in a number of seminars during the coming year, concentrating on essential topics related to collaborative leadership and community building in the state of Oregon. More than 300 senior-level leaders from the public, corporate and independent sectors throughout Oregon have completed the forum's program since its inception in 1986.

"The diversity and extraordinary range of leadership experiences of this year's class of Fellows is enormously exciting," said Robin Teater, American Leadership Forum of Oregon executive director. "As our purpose is to help build the skills and commitment to work across political, geographic, ethnic and other real and perceived boundaries, this year's class has a unique opportunity to learn from one another about how best to define and accomplish the common good in the state of Oregon together."

Also tapped was Sean Cox, executive director of For Us Northwest, which provides emotional and social support to young people affected by HIV/AIDS. This year's Fellows program begins July 16 at Marylhurst University.

For more information visit www.alf.org.

**HIV, HEPATITIS C
GUIDE UPDATED**

The *HIV & Hepatitis C Resource Guide*—a directory of free and low-cost health and community services in Clackamas, Clark, Columbia, Multnomah, Washington and Yamhill counties—was updated and released for distribution in May.

An estimated 4,250 people are living with HIV or AIDS in the six-county region. Of these, 1,500 to 2,000 receive health care and other support services available through federally funded care programs.

"When people with HIV need help, they often do not know where to turn," said Loreen Nichols, Multnomah County HIV program manager. "Without medical care, the disease worsens until the person ends up in an emergency room."

The 116-page guide is a comprehensive resource for clients, social workers and health care providers. Resources for hepatitis C are included because it is common for people with HIV to be co-infected. More than 4 million U.S. citizens are infected with hepatitis C.

"This is the most comprehensive resource guide in the city," said Sharlene Rivers, a health department social worker who frequently works with homeless clients at St. Francis Dining Hall. "I use it constantly. I also give it to my clients so they can access services themselves."

A free copy of the guide can be picked up at these locations:

- Portland: Cascade AIDS Project,

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