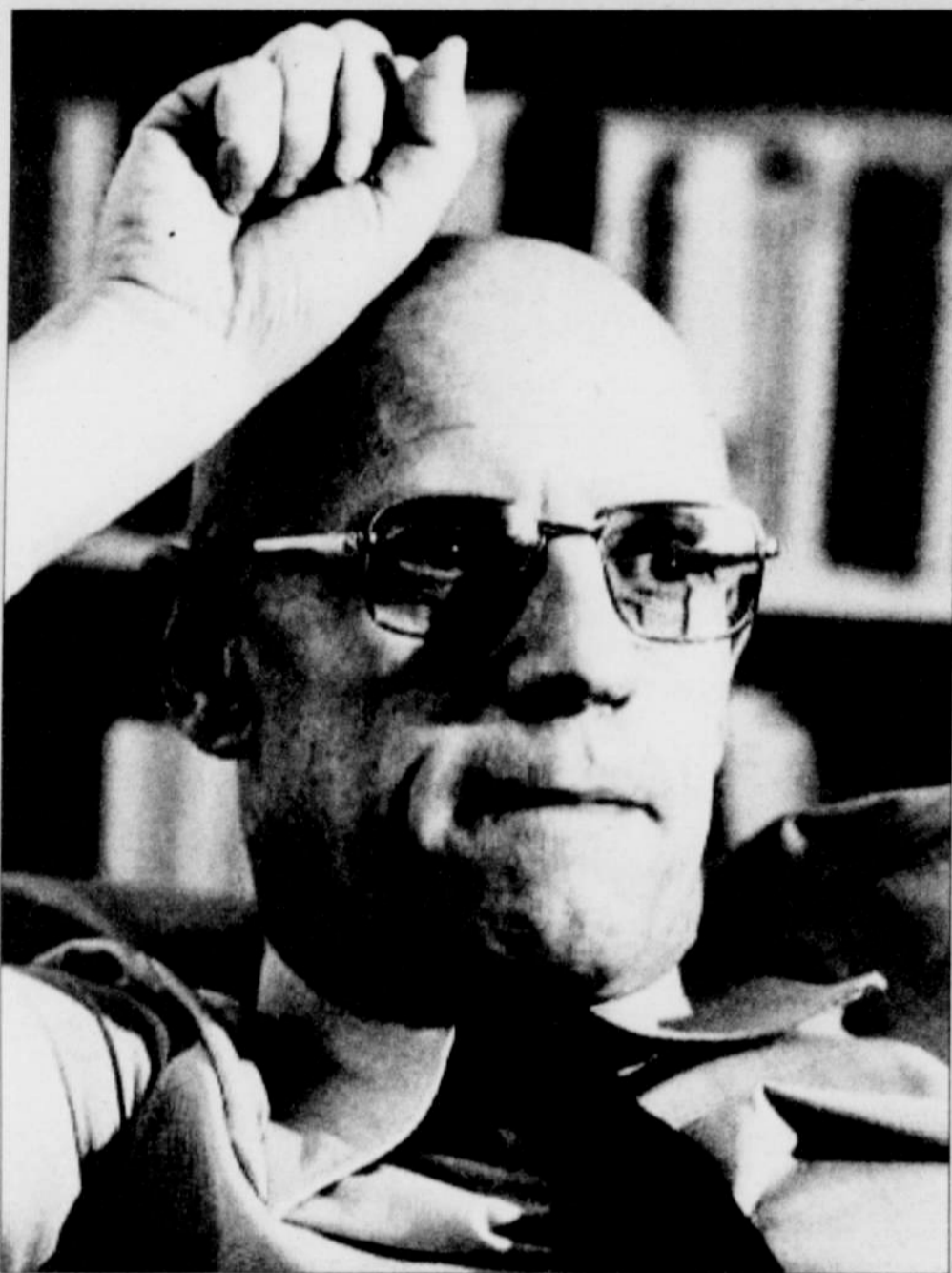


Getting to Know Foucault

Do you know who Michel Foucault is? How about Donna Haraway? Judith Butler? These are some of the most incisive, intelligent authors in our modern times. They have written books on topics like sexuality, gender, the human body and power. Some of the most influential ideas about these topics have come from their words. And another thing: They are queer. **Q Theory** has started up to talk about these queer authors, their books and their ideas.

The discussion group meets twice a month on the comfy leather couches in the front room of Q Center, 69 S.E. Taylor St. When asked why he wanted to form Q Theory, **Ben Carver** said: "I started it out of my own personal interest. I thought maybe if I organize this group, people will come in and we can all learn more together than if I stayed in and read it by myself at home." If you like interesting



Michel Foucault is among the subjects at the book discussion group Q Theory.

discussions, this is the place to come on a rainy night. Because Portland has so many colleges in it, let's assume all of you *Just Out* readers know who Foucault is or at least have heard the name. For those who do, this group offers a space to discuss, hang out and probably discover something you have not thought about before. Even if you have already read books like *Madness and Civilization* or *Gender Trouble* or at least half-read the Cliff'sNotes the night before a college essay was due, like myself, Q Theory offers something different.

"This group is not like an academic study group," Carver says. "In a college class, you're trying to appease your teacher. But here, you're getting to talk about what you want to talk about, if you think it's relevant."

The next Q Theory meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Dec. 3. For a list of upcoming authors and books that will be discussed, visit www.pdxqcenter.org.

—James Gray

whether now is the right time? Q Center presents **Coming Out: Discourses & Resources**, a new group led by a rotating team of trusted queers. (6-7:30 pm. 69 SE Taylor St.)

Reflect, write and share from your heart in an open, non-judgmental space during **Men's Soul Talk**, a weekly writing group presented by Manifest. (6:30-8 pm. \$5-\$15 donation. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or www.manifestpdx.org/calendar.)

Aurora Chorus brings experienced and novice singers together in a creative, empowering community of women with an open rehearsal at Havurah Shalom for its spring term, which begins Jan. 15, 2009. (6:45 pm. 825 NW 18th Ave. RSVP to 503-AURORA-1 or www.aurorachorus.org.)

Manifest presents a free introductory **Men's Yogaerobics** class to stretch and strengthen your muscles and heart,



The group photography show *Shelter* is on display this month at 23 Sandy Gallery.

burn calories, improve balance and uplift your spirit. (7:30-9 pm. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or www.manifestpdx.org/calendar.)

FRI • DEC. 5

Out Dancing's **intermediate waltz** class starts tonight and continues every Friday in December at Ankeny Street Studio. **Beginning nightclub two-step** class follows. (6:15-7:15 pm waltz [\$40 for month], 7:15-8:15 pm two-step [\$32 for month]. 975 SE Sandy Blvd. 503-236-5129. www.outdancing.info.)

GO OUT It's My Pleasure presents **Women & Orgasm**, where Ms. V will discuss the different types of orgasms, obstacles to orgasm and how to achieve orgasm every time you want to! Pre-orgasmic women are encouraged to attend. (7 pm. 3106 NE 64th Ave. \$10 from 503-280-8080.)

Aladdin Theater presents the **Portland Cello Project Holiday Sweater Spectacular** with Mirah, Jenny Conlee of The Decemberists, Ritchie Young of Loch Lomond and the Portland Flash Choir. (8 pm. 3017 SE Milwaukie Ave. \$15 at the door, \$13 in advance from box office or Ticketmaster.)

SAT • DEC. 6

Manifest presents the **Weightloss for Men Action Group** to set reasonable wellness goals, create simple nutrition and exercise habits, and develop and work with a team that can help you sustain changes. (10-11:30 am. \$10-\$20 donation. RSVP to 503-223-8822 or www.manifestpdx.org/calendar.)

The Men's Wellness Center co-sponsors **Holiday Eats 'n' Treats**, a festive event open to the entire queer community, at Q Center. Stop in and enjoy a morning of your favorite funny holiday film clips, enjoy a toasted waffle with fresh juices and Starbucks coffee, and put a crafty touch on a do-it-yourself ornament. (10 am-12:30 pm. 69 SE Taylor St.)

Equity Foundation and Pride Foundation present **College and Scholarship Day** at Q Center. Talk with representatives from many of the major Oregon

universities and learn how to apply for the \$350K of scholarship money that is given out to queer students. (2-4 pm. 69 SE Taylor St.)

Rosetown Ramblers, Portland's gay and lesbian square dance club, dances every first Saturday at Milwaukie Grange. (7:30-10 pm. 12015 SE 22nd Ave. \$5-\$11.)

Aladdin Theater presents **Sex, Choice and Rock 'n' Roll!** featuring an all-star lineup: Storm Large, Patrick Lamb Band, Terry Robb Band, Duffy Bishop, Jennifer Batten, Lynn Frances Anderson and Holly Leer. Proceeds benefit Planned Parenthood of the Columbia/Willamette. (8 pm. 3017 SE Milwaukie Ave.)

PPAA presents **Crystal's Country Jam** preceded by line-dance lessons from Out Dancing. (8 pm lessons [\$3], 9 pm-midnight dancing [\$5]. 618 SE Alder St.)

GO OUT Come celebrate the season in pearly white attire during the **Girl4Girl Winter White Party** at Rot-ture with a chance to win a copy of *Little Honey*, the new album from three-time Grammy Award winner Lucinda Williams! (9 pm. 315 SE Third Ave. \$10.)

DJs Jack and DannyDamage play a mix of dance hits, '80s pop, new wave, no wave, new stuff and old stuff during **Pleasure Boys** every first Saturday at the Eagle PDX. (9 pm. 27 NW Sixth Ave.)

SUN • DEC. 7

Brent Seeley and his partner, Jeff Halsey, host **Board Games** every first Sunday in Northwest Portland. Play old-time gems (Life, Monopoly) or new classics (Settlers of Catan, Puerto Rico) or bring your favorite! (10:30 am-5 pm. RSVP to brunt1234@gmail.com.)

Holocene presents **KateePalooza** featuring live music and entertainment, amazing silent auction items, specialty food and drinks, and fun and games. Proceeds benefit the medical expenses of queer singer/songwriter Kate White, who was injured in a vehicular accident. (5 pm. 1001 SE Morrison St. \$5.)

Darcelle's presents **Oregon Bears Community Holiday Show 2008**. (7 pm. 208 NW Third Ave.)

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