

Q+A

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HOW DO YOU IDENTIFY? Queer

WHAT DO YOU DO FOR A LIVING?
I create custom tattoos and peddle unicorn smut at Ritual Arts Tattoo and Body Piercing. I also teach and practice Reiki, a form of energy healing.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN PORTLAND/OREGON? WHAT DO YOU LOVE/HATE ABOUT IT?

I landed in the sweet-blossomed bosom of Portlandia, 12 years ago. I am still smitten with the optimistic whimsy of Portland. Competitive bearding, fat pride, joggers dressed as superheroes sprinting down MLK, dogs in nicer formal wear than their owners, naked bike parades, time-based arts happening in the streets, drool-inducing farm fresh fruit.

WHAT'S YOUR MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT OR A PASSION YOU HAVE THAT NO ONE WOULD GUESS?
My white hot passion for the melodic tones of my steel-bodied, resonator ukulele.

WHO DO YOU LOOK UP TO OR REVERE IN THE GAY COMMUNITY OR HISTORICALLY?

My current heroes range from the witty and wise Judge Tonya Parker in Texas, to the gutter Slut glamour Divine.

HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED DISCRIMINATION WITHIN THE QUEER COMMUNITY?

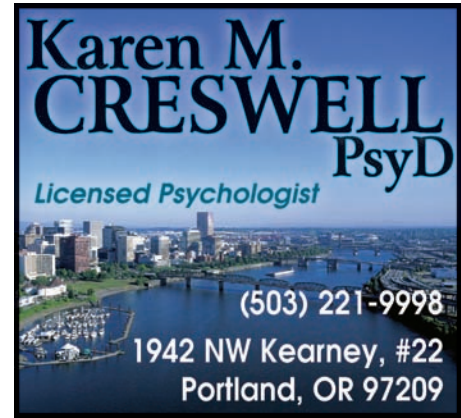
Absolutely, and I have perpetuated it. Shaking off the shame can make a hot mess. There was a time that I attended exclusive events in the name of "safe space". Now that feels like flawed thinking to me. Safety is not sameness.

WHAT'S AN IMPORTANT TOPIC THAT THE LGBT COMMUNITY SHOULD BE TALKING ABOUT AND ISN'T?
Our intersections.

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