The DOMA Decision and the Affordable Care Act: The Impact on LGBT Health
I would like to welcome one and all to the first annual LGBT Health Forum. Tonight we gather to celebrate the launch of the LGBT Health Graduate Certificate Program and to reflect on recent dramatic changes affecting the health of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community. I wish to salute George Washington University and the medical, health care and policy experts who helped design and implement this pioneering program to advance the health and well-being of LGBT people.

Our hybrid curriculum and multidisciplinary faculty offer an unparalleled focus on applied care and policy development. The one-year, 12-credit program addresses today’s challenges resulting from global health care disparities and rolls out innovative strategies via capstone projects to build a more inclusive, equitable and healthy society in the United States and beyond.

The 2013 LGBT Health Forum is a highlight of the first on-campus residence for students of the Graduate Certificate Program.

A diverse group of 16 outstanding candidates from across the United States are enrolled in the inaugural 2013-14 Graduate Certificate Program. In 2014-15, the reach of the program will expand globally to include terrific candidates from Africa, Europe and Latin America.

We are deeply appreciative to all who join us in healing LGBT lives and communities.

Stephen L. Forssell, Ph.D.
Founding Director, LGBT Health Graduate Certificate Program

**LGBT HEALTH INITIATIVES**

- In 2010, the U.S. Federal Healthy People initiative identified the LGBT population as a focus for Healthy People 2020.
- In 2011, the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies’ Report on the Health of LGBT People is a comprehensive status of LGBT healthcare, pinpointing known disparities and calling for more research and professional training.
- In 2012, Health & Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius released a committee report on LGBT health outlining the U.S. government’s priorities in assessing and meeting the needs of LGBT people.
- In 2013, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) unconstitutional, allowing same-sex couples to marry with full legal recognition from their state and federal governments.
LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER
Health Graduate Certificate Program at The George Washington University

WELCOME

Steven Lerman
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs,
The George Washington University

Stephen Forssell, Ph.D.
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KEYNOTE REMARKS

T.R. Reid
Best-selling author of The Healing of America: 
A Global Quest for Better, Cheaper, and Fairer Health Care

Introduced by Roy Guenther, Interim Dean, 
Columbian College of Arts & Sciences

Walter Dellinger
Acting Solicitor General under President Clinton

Introduced by Roberta Downing, Senior Legislative Associate, 
Center on Budget & Policy Priorities

Charlotte J. Patterson, Ph.D.
Director of Women, Gender and Sexuality Program, University of Virginia

Introduced by Alyssa N. Zucker, Professor of Psychology and Women’s Studies

PANEL DISCUSSION

Shane Snowdon
Director, Health & Aging, Human Rights Campaign

Cornelius Baker
Technical Advisor for AIDS and Community Health, FHI 360

Chris Labonte
Principal and Director of External Affairs, Sellers Dorsey Foundation

Moderated by Stephen Forssell, Ph.D.

Walter Dellinger, acting solicitor general for the 1996-97 Term of the US Supreme Court under President Clinton, the Douglas B. Maggs Professor of Law at Duke University, Visiting professor of Law at Harvard University, and key member of the legal team that argued the government’s case for the Affordable Care Act before the Supreme Court in June 2012. He submitted amicus briefs in the 2013 Defense of Marriage case and has written extensively on many issues of constitutional law, including marriage equality, in the Harvard Law Review, The New York Times, The Washington Post, Newsweek, New Republic, and London Times. In 2013 he was named one of the 100 Most Influential Lawyers in the U.S. by the National Law Journal.

Charlotte J. Patterson, Ph.D., professor of Psychology and director, Women, Gender & Sexuality Program, University of Virginia. Dr. Patterson served as a member of the United States Institute of Medicine Committee on LGBT Health Issues and was the key plaintiff’s witness in the 1996 Hawaii Supreme Court gay marriage case of Baehr v. Miike. Her latest book, co-edited with Anthony R. D’Augelli, Handbook of Psychology and Sexual Orientation (Oxford University Press) was published in 2013. Dr. Patterson is recognized expert on parenting in gay families and lesbian and bisexual women’s health.

Stephen L. Forssell, Ph.D., faculty member in the Psychology Department at the George Washington University since 2002 where he teaches courses in sexuality and gender, health psychology, and social psychology. He serves as co-director of the Summer Institute for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention in Minority Communities and is on the faculty of the School of Medicine and Health Sciences course in Human Sexuality and Clinical Medicine. Dr. Forssell received a B.A. ‘98 in Psychology from the University of Virginia and a masters degree ‘02 and doctoral degree ‘04 in Developmental Psychology from the University of Denver. He is a graduate of the Summer Institutes on High-Risk Sexual Behavior at the Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender, and Reproduction.
CORE FACULTY

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PROGRAM LEADERSHIP

Jeffrey S. Akman, M.D., dean, School of Medicine and Health Sciences and vice president for Health Affairs *

Tony D’Augelli, Ph.D., professor and associate dean, Pennsylvania State University §

Sylvia Kay Fisher, Ph.D., director of research and evaluation, Health Resources and Services Administration *§

Elliot Hirshman, Ph.D., president, San Diego State University *

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Jeffrey Levi, Ph.D., executive director, Trust for America’s Health; Professor of Health Policy, School of Public Health and Health Services *

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Shane Snowdon, director, Health & Aging, Human Rights Campaign §

Lee Stevens, director, State Health Information Exchange Policy, Office of the National Coordinator for HIT °

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John P. Cullen, Ph.D. ‘99 in Cardiovascular Pharmacology, Queens University, Belfast, Ireland. B.Sc. ‘95 (Hons.) Pharmacology, University of Edinburgh, Scotland. John is currently a Research Associate at University of Rochester Medical Center where he saw the need for and created a Patient Bill of Rights for gender identity and equal visitation rights for LGBT patients.

Colin J. Davis, B.S. ‘12 in Biology and English, College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, Va. Study Abroad at John Cabot University, Rome, Italy. Colin brings experience from laboratory internships at NIH’s National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive & Kidney Diseases (Bethesda, Md.) and the Brody School of Medicine (East Carolina University, N.C.).

Richard Dweck, B.A. ‘13 in Psychology, George Washington University. Richard created the website JewishPinkElephant.com which provides resources and support groups for LGBT people dealing with issues of homosexuality and religion.

Gretchen Gasteier, B.A. ‘12 in Women’s Studies & Public Health, George Washington University. Study Abroad at University of Cape Town, South Africa. Gretchen has gained hands-on experience volunteering at the Whitman-Walker Clinic, a tuberculosis clinic in South Africa with 90% patients HIV-positive, the Human Rights Campaign and Emily's List.

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Jeffrey Goodman, M.P.H. 2013, San Jose State University. B.A. ‘79 in Political Science, Tufts University. Jeffrey brings extensive policy and research expertise gained from the Society for Public Health Education (Washington, D.C.), Common Ground-Westside Community Center (Santa Monica, Calif.), Los Angeles Commission on HIV and the Department of Public Health/Office of AIDS (Sacramento, Calif.).

Nicholas E. Grant, Ph.D. 2015 in Clinical Psychology, Palo Alto University. M.A. ‘08 in Clinical Psychology, American School of Professional Psychology-Argosy University. B.A. ‘06 in Psychology, California State University at Dominguez Hills. Nicholas has contributed his expertise to both the Sexual Minority Stress Scale and the HIV/AIDS Health Project.

Gregory Haskin, B.A. ‘13 in Psychology, George Washington University. As an undergraduate volunteer, Gregory distributed free HIV antibody tests in GW Hospital's Emergency Department where he experienced a preponderance of minority health issues. He is considering a specialization in reconstructive surgery when he applies to medical school.

Mathew Kaye, B.A. ‘13 in Psychology, minor in English, George Washington University. Study Abroad at Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland. Mathew is interested in research and counseling for adolescents with depression.

Cramer McCullen, M.D./M.P.H 2016, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. B.A. ‘11 in Spanish and Medicine, Health & Society, Vanderbilt University. Study Abroad at Universidad Complutense de Madrid (Spanish), Yunnan University of Finance and Economics, China (Mandarin). Cramer has received research grants from the Infectious Disease Society of America, UNC School of Medicine, and the CDC of Guatemala.

Tiffany Mott-Smith, M.A. 2013 in Public Administration/Non-profit Management, American University. B.A. ‘07 in Communication Arts/Public Relations, Michigan State University. Tiffany is passionate about non-profit work. She is an advocate for Helping Individual Prostitutes Survive, Wayne State Student Disabilities Services, and Emily's List, to name a few.
Pearl L. Outland, B.S. ’13 in Psychology, University of Wisconsin at Parkside. A Tallent Picken Scholar and former Senior Mentor at Gay Straight for Safe Schools, Pearl is currently a Pharmacy Technician at Walgreens where she promotes equal treatment and quality care for the LGBT community.

Shamaine Reis, B.A. ’01 in English, Writing and Rhetoric, University of Maryland at College Park. Associates Degree, Pre-Med, Flathead Valley Community College, Glacier, Montana. Shamaine is an adult educator with an interest in research and policy that affects the way we talk about sex in the United States.

Carly A. Scarton, M.Ed. ’10 and Ph.D. 2015 in Counselor Education & Supervision Program, The Pennsylvania State University. B.S. ’08 St. Francis University, Loretto, Pa. Carly’s area of interest includes school-wide efforts for safe, welcoming environments for LGBT youth and aspects of children being raised in new family forms, including same-sex partners.

Ronald L. Schlittler, Master of International Policy & Practice ’09, George Washington University. B.A. ’94 in Journalism & Sociology, University of Oregon. Ronald has over 20 years experience in policy development and currently works at American Psychological Association’s Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Concerns Office in Washington, D.C.

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