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SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2014

DAILY WELCOME AND OVERVIEW

MTSU Student Union Building (STU) 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

LEARNING BREAKOUT SESSIONS - GROUP 1

MTSU Student Union Building (STU) 10:45 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

•INTERSECTIONALITY Student Union, Parliamentary Room Presenters: Dr. Jessica Kratzer & Shaela Dennis Intersectionality holds that forms of oppression interrelate and do not act independently of one another; creating a system of oppression that reflects the "intersection" of multiple forms of discrimination. The session will focus on how these cross sections affect our views and opinions of other groups.

• **QUEERING THE SPECTRUM** Student Union Ballroom, 250E Presenter: Dr. Jackie Eller

Building and maintaining an inclusive environment begins with identifying, acknowledging and developing language for maximum inclusivity. The session will examine how terms like Queer, Gay-Straight Alliance, etc. can be perceived as both derogatory and confirming.

•A BULLY FREE SOCIETY Student Union Ballroom, 250D Presenter: Del Ray Zimmerman

Often, bullying towards LGBT+ youth targets their non-conformity to gender norms. Additionally, LGBT+ youth experience high levels of bullying and harassment online, at much higher rates than their Non-LGBT+ peers. The session will explore the foundations of presentation and policy that fosters safety for all.

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11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

LEARNING BREAKOUT SESSIONS - GROUP 2

MTSU Student Union Building (STU) 12:15 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.

•LIFE UF BI Student Union, Parliamentary Room Presenter: Robin Lovett

Unfortunately, misinformation about bisexuality is widespread, and many bisexuals must work to educate those around them (friends, family, colleagues, etc.) about their sexual orientation. The session will explore the primary concerns of the Bi community including discrimination in the forms of biphobia and bisexual erasure.

•TRANS TALK Student Union Ballroom, 250E Presenter: Kal Dwight

Tennessee is the only state in the country that does not permit transgender individuals to change the sex on their birth certificates, producing unique legislative difficulties. On a broader scale the term transgender has become a broad umbrella term to include gender identity, expression or behavior different from those associated with birth sexual assignment. The session will examine the impact of education, awareness and support on Transgender issues.

•LGBT+ AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR Student Union Ballroom, 250D Presenter: Dr. De'Marcus Jackson

Homophobia, health disparities and increased rates of poverty in the African-American community are factors that make living openly and well difficult for LGBT+ African-Americans. The session will explore how these and other factors have dramatic impact on people of color within the LGBT+ community and will examine how we may tackle these issues head on.

STUDENT NETWORKING MTSU Student Union Building (STU) 1:00 P.M. - 1:40 P.M.

CONFERENCE KEYNOTE - HOMOSEXUALITY AND RELIGION

MTSU Student Union Building (STU) 1:50 P.M. - 3:20 P.M.

Over the last fifty years, people who identify as LGBT+ have become increasingly more visible in mainstream society as well as in some -though certainly not all- faith based communities. Pastor Bryan Currie will present a discussion examining what the Bible does and does not say about homosexuality by examining the historical and cultural context in which Biblical documents were written.

CONFERENCE CLOSING AND ACTION PLAN REVIEW

MTSU Student Union Building (STU) 3:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Participants will "report out" key learnings from the conference and make recommendations for next year's agenda. A review of the Conference Playbook content to address questions, concerns and additional needs will be an essential element within the conference evaluation and assessment in relationship to key learning goals.

ADDITIONAL NOTES AND NETWORKING

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