

## Welcomes

## 2nd Annual TEXAS LESBIAN CONFERENCE

June 1989



## TUESDAYS

Beer Bust • 7pm-Midnight • Dance Lessons • Pool Tournament Night, Everyone Welcome! WEDNESDAYS

Happy Hour Drinks All Night Long! THURSDAYS Beer Bust • 7pm-Midnight

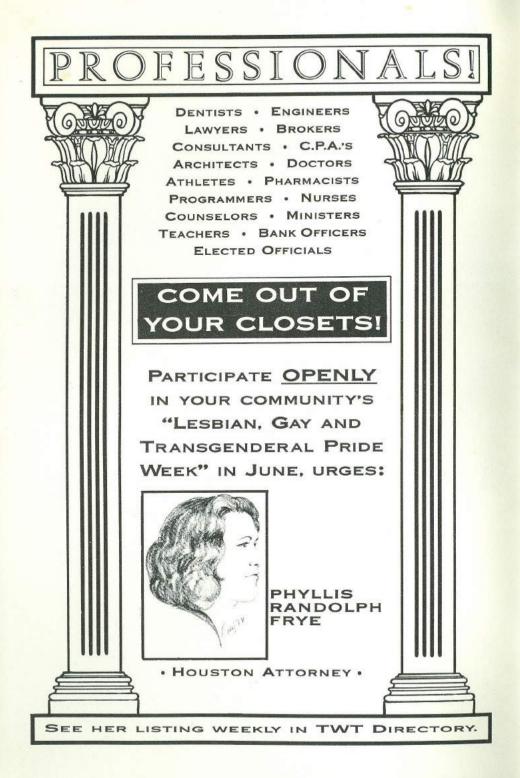


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# TEXAS LESBIAN CONFERENCE



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#### CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, June 2 6:00pm-10:00pm

Saturday, June 3 8:00am to 11:00am Registration 9:00am

10:30am-12:30pm

1:00pm-3:00pm 3:30pm-5:30pm

8:30pm-1:00am SUNDAY, JUNE 4 10:00am-Noon

Noon 1:00pm 3:10pm-3:30pm 4:00PM

Registration Bienvenida/Welcome Reception Entertainment TLC Hospitality Suite

Welcome to TLC Ballroom General Session/Keynote Address Continental Breakfast Workshop Session I Lesbians in Relationship Forum 1 Self-Esteem Forum 2 Forum 3 Political Identity Forum 4 Unlearning Racism Forum 5 Parenting/Co-parenting LUNCH ON OWN Workshop Session II Forum 1 Lesbian Health Issues Women's Studies Forum 2 Spirituality/Healing Forum 3 Forum 4 Self Defense Forum 5 Lesbian Legal Issues TLC DANCE

General Session/Keynote Address Ballroom (Coffee Only) General Session/Workshop Topic: Lesbian Sexuality Ballroom Lunch Buffet Women's Music Concert DESPEDIDA/FAREWELL Hospitality Suite TLC PRESS CONFERENCE

## CONTRIBUTORS

## SPONSORSHIPS

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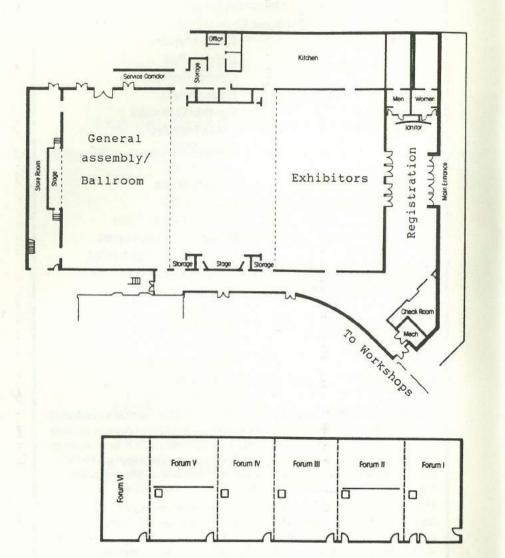
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The 2nd annual Texas Lesbian Conference (TLC) was produced by All Mujeres Interested in Getting Active (AMIGA) and Womynspace. AMIGA is a lesbiana latina organization committed to increasing the visibility of latinas and which works toward the civil rights for all. Womynspace is a non-hierarchical feminist organization founded to create an alternative space for women in a chemical free, women only, supportive environment.

create a network of lesbians to facilitate communication, promote grassroots

organizations and to affirm and celebrate all lesbian lives and work.



## INFORMATION FOR CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS

- **49** Hospitality Suite be sure you drop by Friday night to meet women and have fun.
- **Vurturing Space** is available Saturday for those who need a place to relax. Check with registration table for room number. Also, space available in workshop forum area room 1 and room 2.
- **PP** The Kids Caucus room will be available in the TLC Hospitality Suite on Saturday and Sunday during conference hours only.
- PP The TLC AMAZONS (SECURITY) is on hand for assistance and can be identified by a red bandana. Also, hotel security is located throughout the conference. First Aid is available by calling Hotel Operator.
- **49 Transportation** is available to Hobby Airport. Call Hotel Operator to make arrangements. Bus shuttle leaves every hour on the hour.
- **49 A Bulletin Board** will be located at the Information Table for information and communication.
- **42 AA meeting space** is available in the Forum meeting room 1 & room 2 on Saturday from 6:00pm to midnight and Sunday all day. Houston's Lamda AA schedule is also available at the Information Table.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

#### **GLORIA E. ANZALDUA**

Gloria E. Anzaldua is a Chicana tejana lesbian-feminist poet and fiction writer. She is co-editor of <u>This Bridge Called My Back</u>: <u>Writings by Radical Women</u> <u>of Color</u>, winner of the Before Columbus Foundation American Book Award. Her book <u>Borderlands/La Frontera</u>: <u>The New Mestiza</u>, (Spinsters/Aunt Lute July, 1987) was picked as one of the 38 Best Books of 1987 by the Library Journal.

Gloria has taught Chicano Studies, Feminist Studies, and Creative Writing at the University of Texas, San Francisco State University, Vermont College of Norwich University, University of California at Santa Cruz and has conducted writing workshops around the country. She has been a contributing editor of <u>Sinister Wisdom</u> since 1984.

Presently, Gloria is compiling and editing <u>Haciendo Caras/Making Face</u>, <u>Making soul: Constructing Colored Selves</u>, <u>A Reader of Creative and Critical</u> <u>Perspectives</u> (San Francisco: Spinsters/Aunt Lute, 1990) and <u>Entrequerras</u>, <u>Entremundos/Civil Wars Among the Worlds</u>, a book of autobiographical and fictitious narratives (also to be published by Spinsters/Aunt Lute, 1990.)

#### ANTOINETTE AZOLAKOV

Antoinette Azolakov is a native Texan. She was born in Lufkin and has lived in Houston, Lake Jackson, Jacksonville, Wharton, San Antonio, and, for the last fifteen years, Austin, where she shares a trailer house with her cats, dog, and birds. A graduate of the University of Texas, she has taught high school English and worked as a welder, gas station attendant, library clerk, explosives plant worker, defensive driving instructor, and landscape gardener. Her published work includes three novels (<u>Cass and The Stone Butch, Skiptrace</u>, and <u>The Contactees Die Young</u>, all from Banned Books, Austin, Texas), as well as numerous short stories, poems, and articles in such publications as <u>The Ladder</u>, <u>Lesbian Connection</u>, <u>Desperate Living</u>, and <u>Common Lives</u>, <u>Lesbian Lives</u>. She is forty-five years old and a life-long lesbian.

#### SATURDAY WORKSHOP SESSION I (10:30am-12:30pm)

Lesbians in Relations: Stressors/Strengths That Can Make, Break or Hinder the Union

Lesbians are confronted with many issues, often from early childhood, which impact self-esteem, trust and personal perceptions. This workshop will address specific stressors with the goal of recognizing and confronting them, to allow each partner to move toward a more positive and loving relationship.

Carmen Zepeda, ACSW, CSW, CSW-ACP, State Licensed Psychotherapist in private practice in Houston, a facilitator of psychotherapy groups and presenter of numerous workshops related to lesbian and gay issues.

Karen J. Hanson, ACSW, CSW-ACP, Clinical Social Worker-Psychotherapist in private practice in Houston. She has worked extensively with women's issues, the lesbian community and co-dependency concerns in therapy.

#### Self-Esteem

How much do you appreciate your SELF? This workshop will help you take charge of your life, like yourself more - even love yourself, be confident, have more fun, have clarity in your feelings and help you accomplish what you set out to do.

Janet Cohen is a licensed trainer of Self-Esteem Enhancement (SEE) based on the principles of the Life Training Program.

#### **Unlearning Racism**

Are you a racist? Yes! It is impossible to be born in this society and not be racist. Is that good? No! Not if we want a different society that is empowering of all women and not oppressing them. If you want to grow interpersonally take a risk and attend this workshop. It helps if you come with an open mind.

Odilia Mendez, MS is a counselor and has served as co-chair of California Women of Color Against Domestic Violence which conducts unlearning racism workshops.

Political Diversity/Political Identity Recognizing diversity is our greatest strength, a panel of political activists will examine factors necessary to organize and take action for civil rights. Panelist include: Deb Elder (Dallas); Sue Lovell (Houston); Martine Torres-Aponte (Austin); Graciela Sanchez (San Antonio).

#### The Lesbian Parent/Co-Parent Team

There are many varieties of lesbian family relationships. However the children arrive, their presence necessitates teamwork on the part of the lesbian couple. This workshop will explore the joys, benefits and pitfalls in the process of building one's own creative version of a lesbian parent/co-parent team.

Diana Storms, MSW, CSW is the Women's Program Coordinator at the Montrose Counseling Center which specializes in lesbian and gay issues and she is a psychotherapist at Montrose Psychotherapy. Her areas of expertise are women's & feminist issues. Karen Holmes, PhD, ACSW, CSW-ACP is the Associate Dean of the University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work where she has been on faculty since 1980, in addition to teaching courses in crisis intervention, women's issues and social treatment.

#### SATURDAY WORKSHOP SESSION II (3:30pm-5:30pm)

#### Women's Healthcare Across the Lifespan: Lesbian Health Care Issues

A feminist perspective will be utilized to evaluate women's health care encompassing the following dimensions: psychological, social, cultural, spiritual and sexual. The presentation will include a pictorial and lyrical representation of women's health issues. Vicki A. Lucas, RNC, PhD, is Director of Women's Health Care Graduate Program and

Coordinator of Health Policy at The University of Texas School of Nursing/Houston.

#### Women's Reality: Essentialism or Diversity?

What does it mean to be a woman in Western culture? Throughout the entire history of MANkind, women's voices have been ignored, devalued, discounted, silenced. We will examine the reality of women's experience from our own lenses. Issues such as class and race, age, language, violence, pay equity, sexual and reproductive choice will feature prominently.

Cynthia Lynne Miller, PhD currently teaches at the University of Houston - ClearLake, where she is Associate Professor of Psychology and Director of the Women's Studies program.

#### Spirituality/Healing: A Transformative Process

"Healing for women is a process that does not end at the level of insight of emotional release, but in the personal system shift and transformation." (Gayles)

Joyce M. Gayles, PhD is a clinical psychologist and also a feminist visionary who specializes in helping women with life transition issues.

"The personal challenge of healing the spirit is through acceptance and forgiveness and releasing old truths to make room for the new." (Sams)

Dalzenia Sams has expanded her gift of nurturing through intuitive healing work, Reiki II and simple rituals.

"I will share the process of my developing spiritual awareness: the struggles, pain, joy and rewards, and I will do a song/poetry ceremony." (Lopez)

Alicia Lopez is a Mestiza, a woman of Indian/Mexican/Spanish roots. She has worked in radio and television and currently is a teacher.

#### Self Defense

The presenters interest in self defense began after being raped by a "friend" in college. Her desire to completely take care of herself stemmed from this incident.

Michele Bonilla has studied Shotokan Karate for over 6 years and is owner and designer of Michele B Designs, a custom jewelry company that retails and wholesales.

Lesbian Legal Issues The heterosexist bias in our laws pose problems for those of us who are homosexual. We can, to a large degree, overcome these difficulties by planning our "legal" lives. A panel of women attorneys representing the Texas Human Rights Foundation, a public interest education foundation, will address a range of issues that concern lesbians.

#### SUNDAY GENERAL ASSEMBLY WORKSHOP

#### Lesbian Sexual Diversity

This workshop will redefine and discuss barriers to sexuality. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions and share what turns us on?

Wendy Stock, PhD is a feminist clinical psychologist and assistant professor in the Dept. of Psychology at Texas A & M University (College Station, Tx) where she teaches Human Sexuality, Treatment of Sexual Problems and Minority, Gender and Sexual Orientation Issues in Clinical Psychology.

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Congratulations and Thank You to Amiga, Womynspace and all the organizers and sponsors who made this event possible

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