

PREACHING TO THE CONVERTED

**The Interdisciplinary Queer Studies Graduate Conference
of the State University of New York at Buffalo**

Saturday, 9 November 1996



**Hallwalls' *Ways In Being Gay Festival '96*
Tri-Main Center, 2495 Main St., © 716.835.7362**

8:30-9:30 *Registration*

10:00-10:50 *Keynote Address* (Introduced by Gary Devore)*
• Ron Ehmke

11:00-12:30 Session I-A (Gary Devore, moderator):

Queer/Community/Politics

- "Creating Selves: Constructing Lesbian Identity," Elizabeth R. Richards
- "Gender Roles and Physical Closeness in Thai Girls High Schools--A Preliminary Investigation," Eve Ng (SUNY Buffalo)
- "Social Science Research on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Questioning Youth: Methodological and Ethical Concerns," Lisa M. Diamond (Cornell)

12:40-1:40 Session II-A (Gary Devore):

Marriage Rites

- "Origins of the Mormon War Against Same-Sex Marriage," Michael J. Mazza (University of Pittsburgh)
- "Homo-Sex, but Not Homosexual--Hawaiian Marriages," Mario Feit (Johns Hopkins)

1:40-2:50 *Lunch*

3:00-4:30 Session III-A (Tod Edgerton):

Love in the Afternoon: Eroticism and Desire

- "Female Homoerotics in French and Italian Literature," Mary-Michelle DeCoste (Cornell)
- "Toni Morrison on Love, Desire, and Selfhood," Amy Carroll (University of Chicago)

4:40-5:40 Session IV-A (Gary Devore):

- "The Place of Desire; or, This Sexuality Which Is Not One: Irigaray's *Ethics of Sexual*
- "Cruising Tricks," Javier E. Roig (Cornell)
- "A 'Shifting Terrain' of Sex and Truth: *Herculine Barbin, the Memoirs of a Nineteenth*

5:45-6:10 *Closing Remarks*

(continental breakfast for presenters)

"On the Road to Damascus: Conversion Experiences for Fun and Profit"

11:00-12:30 Session I-B (Tod Edgerton, moderator):

Queer Incorporations (I): Reimag(in)ing the Body

- "'Hysteria', Dandyism, and Disruptive Bodies: Vincente Minnelli's Stage Career in New York," David Anthony Gerstner (UCLA)
- "Wrestling and Hustling: Pin Down or Pin Up," Guillermo G. Caliendo (University of Pittsburgh)
- "Que(e)rying Christ's Body: Not Queer Enough????? Erin McMurty Plays 'Christ' in Mark Rickey's *A Darkling Plain*," Rosalind Kerr (University of Toronto)

12:40-1:40 Session II-B (Tod Edgerton):

Critically Queer (I): Legal and Political Philosophy

- "The Space of the Closet," Vic Fusilero (SUNY Buffalo)
- "The Power and Privilege of Rights: Examining Heterosexual Privilege and Individual Rights," Zahra Merali (University of Toronto)

(provided for presenters)

3:00-4:30 Session III-B (Gary Devore)

Men on Men

- "Black Nationalism and Masculinity," Wesley Crichlow (University of Toronto)
- "Searching for Ganymede: Male Prostitution in Ancient Pompeii," Gary Devore (SUNY Buffalo)

*Critically Queer (II): Corporealities, Textualities
Difference,"* Tod Edgerton (SUNY Buffalo)

Century Hermaphrodite," Anne Borden (SUNY Buffalo)

- Elizabeth Lapovsky Kennedy

will be held here, also. Sessions "B" will be held in the cinema space across the hall.

* The keynote will be held in The Black 'n' Blue Box theater space; all sessions "A"

After the conference, please join us for a nice "family" dinner at Kostas Family Restaurant, 1561 Hertel Ave. Their phone number is 838-5225.

If you're going to be around particularly late (basically, overnight), then come out dancing, drinking, cruising, gawking, pool playing, and not even god knows what else at Club Marcella in the theatre district downtown; there's a parking lot off Pearl Street (not to be confused with North Pearl!). The exact address is 622 Main Street, in the Theatre Place Mall. Their phone # is 847-6850. No cover charge from 10:00PM to 12:00 Midnight. Hope to see ya there!

Don't forget to pick up your Hallwalls' *Ways in Being Gay Festival '96* program! Events the weekend of the conference include: (11/7) A reading by Minnie Bruce Pratt and Jimmie Gilliam; (11/8 & 9) *Virgins and Other Myths*, a one-man play; (11/9) exhibitions and artist's talks by Lani Maestro and Garth Amundson; (11/9) *Young, Loud and Queer* and *The Best of Bent TV*, video work by and about queer youth.

Sponsors

(At SUNY Buffalo): The Graduate Student Association; The Graduate Gay and Lesbian Alliance; The Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Alliance; The Graduate Student Associations of the Departments of Classics and English; O.U.T.Law: The Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Law Students; (Others): Hallwalls Contemporary Arts Center, in conjunction with whose *Ways In Being Gay Festival '96* we are holding this conference.

Thanks

Lucy Debsky, our caterer, for doing such a wonderful job on such a small budget; to the door and elevator volunteers, without whom it would have been physically impossible to hold the conference (outdoors, in Buffalo, in November, is *not* an option!); special thanks to Ron Ehmke and Liz Kennedy for enhancing our conference with their participation; and last but certainly not least, a warm thanks to Margaret Smith, Director of Development, Public Relations and Performance at Hallwalls, and *Ways* coordinator, for generously allowing us to use Hallwalls' fabulous space as an alternative to the relatively sterile environment of university settings, and for helping us with publicity.

~Gary Devore and Tod Edgerton, organizers