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Welcome to Binghamton
and the
2015 Pride and Joy Families Weekend Conference

Lesbian and Gay Family Building Project
The Lesbian and Gay Family Building Project is dedicated to helping lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ) people in upstate New York achieve their goals of building and sustaining healthy families. The Project offers provider trainings, educational programs, information and referral services, the Directory of Family Building Services for LGBT People, and gatherings for LGBTQ parents and prospective parents. Our network of Pride and Joy Families provides social and educational activities and a sense of community to LGBTQ parents and their children. The Project was founded in 2000 with a grant from the New York State Dept. of Health to the Ferre Institute, Inc. in Binghamton, NY. In October 2013 we moved our offices and affiliation to the Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program at Binghamton University. Funding is administered by the Research Foundation for SUNY.

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March 15, 2015
Welcome, Conference Attendees!

We're glad that you are able to join us and extremely proud of the program we have put together for this weekend. Like the previous conferences that Pride and Joy Families has held around New York State, this weekend will provide an opportunity for LGBTQ people and their families to spend time learning and socializing together.

We hope that you will take full advantage of these three exciting days of meeting old friends and new. This program book gives full details about the adult workshops and presenters that will be featured, childcare and Camp Highlight programming for the many children in attendance, family activities, Resource/Vendor Fair, and off-site excursions.

We would like to thank our co-sponsoring organizations, presenters, and the many generous families and individuals from all over New York State who have devoted time and other resources to making this event a reality. Deserving of special mention are Binghamton University’s Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program; Lisa Hrehor and the BU Health and Wellness Studies Program; Peggy Grassi, Kevin Lobdell, BU Alumni Association; Rebecca Benner, BU Foundation; Dean Laura Bronstein, BU’s CCPA; Maureen Kelly, Out for Health; Leah Calzolaio, Cortland LGBT Resource Center; Pokey Crocker, The Discovery Center; Robert Rogers; Ann Merriwether, Nyala Alpaca Farm; Peg Johnston, Department of Public Art; Laurie Ryan, Production Manager (all the way from Florida!); Ana Calderon and Victoria Arakcheyeva; our amazing volunteers, including those from Alpha Phi Omega; and not least, Betsy Koffman and Family.

Please give us your feedback throughout the weekend and let us know how we can help make your conference experience the best it can be. Have a great day/weekend!

Yours sincerely,

The 2015 Pride and Joy Families Weekend Conference Planning Committee

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2015 Pride and Joy Families Weekend Conference
Holiday Inn Binghamton-Downtown, 2 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY
Friday, March 20-Sunday, March 22, 2015
CONFERENCE MASTER SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

Friday, March 20
4:00-6:00 pm Early birds meet and swim (Hotel pool)
5:00-9:00 pm Registration (Ballroom lobby)
6:00-9:00 pm Welcome Reception and Dinner (Johnson City Ballroom)
9:00-10:00 pm Poolside socializing and swim

Saturday, March 21
7:30-9:00 am Breakfast (Johnson City Ballroom)
7:30 am-12:00 pm Registration (Ballroom lobby)
8:30 am-5:00 pm Vendor/Resource Fair (Ballroom lobby)
9:00 am-12:00 pm Childcare for ages 4-7 years (Southern Tier Room)
       Camp Highlight programs for ages 8+ (Carousel Ballroom)
9:15-10:30 am Keynote Address (Johnson City Ballroom)
10:45 am-12:00 pm Adult workshop Session A
       ● Strength in Difference: Understanding Our Needs as Diverse LGBTQ families (Tioga Room)
       ● Caring for Ourselves and Our Families: Physical, Psychological, Emotional Self-care (LaTasse Room)
       ● Family Building Options for New (and Returning) Parents (Binghamton Ballroom)
12:00-1:00 pm Lunch (Johnson City Ballroom)
1:00-4:00 pm Childcare for ages 4-7 years (Southern Tier Room)
       -Robert Rogers Puppet Show, 1:15-2:00 pm
       Camp Highlight programs for ages 8+ (Carousel Ballroom)
       Identity Youth Center Workshop for ages 15+, 1:00-2:30 pm (Vestal)
1:15-2:30 pm Adult Workshop Session B
       ● Using the Law to Protect Your Family (Tioga Room)
       ● Spiritual Self-Care (LaTasse Room)
       ● Working with Public and Private Agencies to Foster and Adopt Children (Binghamton Ballroom)
2:45-4:00 pm Adult Workshop Session C
       ● Financial Strategies for the LGBT Community (Binghamton Ballroom)
       ● Writing Our Lives, Righting Our Lives (LaTasse Room)
       ● Supporting Transgender People in Our Lives, Families, and Communities (Tioga Room)
4:00-4:30 pm Snack (Ballroom Lobby)
4:30-6:00 pm Down time
6:00-7:30 pm Dinner (Johnson City/Endicott Ballrooms)
7:00-10:00 pm Family Dance Party with DJ Mick (Johnson City/Endicott Ballrooms)

Sunday, March 22
7:30-9:30 am Breakfast (Johnson City Ballroom)
9:30-11:00 am Intergenerational Activities for Families
       ● Parent-Child Yoga (Endicott Ballroom)
       ● Nutrition and Healthy Cooking (Binghamton Ballroom)
       ● Make Your Own Family Portrait (La Tasse Room)
       ● Contemporary Movement Workshop (Southern Tier Room)-Please wear loose clothes!
12:00 pm Check-out time at Holiday Inn
       Lunch and Off-site excursions on your own
       ● Roberson Museum, Binghamton-$2.00 off admission with Conference name tag
       ● Discovery Center, Binghamton-Free admission with Conference coupon
       ● Nyala Alpaca Farm Tour, Vestal, 1:30-3:30 pm-Free admission (Please wear boots!)
       ● Walking Tour of Mural Art in downtown Binghamton, 12 pm departure from hotel lobby
2015 Pride and Joy Families Weekend Conference  
Holiday Inn Binghamton-Downtown, Binghamton, NY  
Friday, March 20-Sunday, March 22, 2015  

OF SPECIAL NOTE

All Gender Bathroom  
Finally, a powder room for everyone! Located on the hotel’s lower level, just downstairs from the Ballroom Lobby.

Camp Highlight Program  
Camp Highlight Co-Directors Chris Hudson and Jackie McGowan and their amazing staff are in the house! They will be recreating a day in the life of a camper at their terrific summer camp for kids with LGBTQ parents. Program for children/youth ages 8 years and up.

Identity Youth Center Teen Workshop (Vestal Room)  
Binghamton’s own Identity Youth Center will be here this weekend (Saturday, 1-2:30 pm) to hold a special workshop for youth ages 15+. “Exploring Personal and Cultural Identities” will be tailored to the interests and needs of teens attending the Conference.

Resource/Vendor Fair  
Make sure to stop by the Ballroom Lobby on Saturday (8:30 am until 5:00 pm) and check out all our terrific exhibitors!

Family Dance Party!  
Our very own DJ Mick will play dance music to delight all ages (and she invites your requests). The Family Dance Party takes place on Saturday night and is open to the entire community. Check out the photo booth!

Family Entertainment: Robert Rogers Puppet Company (Southern Tier Room)  
On Saturday, at 1:15 PM we will host a show by The Robert Rogers Puppet Company! The Robert Rogers Puppet Company, a premiere touring repertory puppet theater, was established in 1980. Since then it has presented a wide-ranging array of plays throughout the United States and around the world. Specializing in plays for young people, the troupe has created and utilized hundreds of beautifully crafted string, hand and rod puppets for performances in theaters, concert halls, museums, festivals, and schools.

Swimming  
The Holiday Inn has a swimming pool located off the main lobby. We’ll have a lifeguard on duty on Friday from 4PM-10PM, Saturday 4PM-10PM, and Sunday 9 AM-12PM. A hotel room key is needed for pool access (available at Registration Table if you don’t have your own). Please note: Parents are responsible for the safety of their children in and around the pool at all times.

Sunday morning intergenerational activities  
Designed for families with children of all ages, choose from these activities: Parent-Child Yoga; Nutrition and Healthy Cooking Workshop; Make Your Own Family Portrait; Contemporary Movement Workshop.

Exciting Sunday Offsite Excursion Destinations  
After checkout on Sunday, be sure to consider checking out what the City of Binghamton has to offer! Four organizations are offering special prices/programs for our families. Special thanks to Roberson Museum and Science Center, The Discovery Center, Nyala Alpaca Farm, and the Dept. of Public Art!
DETAILED ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

Early Birds Meet and Swim
Friday, March 20, 4:00-6:00 pm (Hotel pool)

Registration
Friday, March 20, 5:00-9:00 pm (Ballroom Lobby Area)

Welcome Reception and Dinner
Friday, March 20, 6:00-9:00 pm (Johnson City Ballroom)
Please join us at this meet, greet and eat opportunity. We’re so excited to see you!
Dinner served from 6:00-8:00 PM.

Poolside Socializing and Swim
Friday, March 20, 9:00-10:00 pm (Hotel pool)
Join the crowd!

Registration
Saturday, March 21, 7:30 am-12 pm (Ballroom Lobby Area)

Breakfast
Saturday, March 21, 7:30-9:00 am (Johnson City Ballroom)

Vendor/Resource Fair
Saturday, March 21, 8:30 am-5:00 pm (Ballroom Lobby Area)

Children and Youth Programs
Saturday, March 21, 9:00 am-12 noon, 1:00-4:00 pm
Ages 7 & under in Southern Tier Room
Ages 8 & up in the Carousel Ballroom

From Amanda Grindal, Early Childhood Programs Organizer: "The children will be learning and exploring and playing in a lot of ways that they hopefully do not find common. We aim to excite their minds and their senses as we experience new ways to use materials they have seen used around the house for everyday tasks. We’ll make some goo, and see what magic happens when you mix two or three simple things, sometimes we will challenge each other with races or contests, maybe encouraging each other, sharing tips and hints so we can all do better in the next trial. Hopefully, this will lead to some great connections among the kids, as we take our minds outside that square box and see what cool new shapes we can make!"

From Jackie, Camp Highlight Organizer: "The plan is to imitate a Day in the Life at Camp Highlight. In the morning, our schedule includes all "campers" rotating through 3-40 minute activities such as Arts and Crafts, Improv Games, and a Scientific Experiment (build an device so that you can drop an egg from the height of 6 feet without the egg breaking.) These will all be lead by experienced CHL staff.

In the afternoon, the campers will join together as a group for a large group activity, Game Explosion!! During this activity, campers will have a chance to compete in teams at Game Shows such as Minute to Win It, Trivia Fiasco, and Deal or No Deal. This will be high energy and exciting. In the afternoon, we will have a reflective moment when we engage the campers in one of our Virtue Lessons about Finding Courage. This will be a time for campers to think about bullying and how to get involved in changing an unfavorable situation."
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Thursday, October 29, 2015
Radisson Hotel Corning
Opening Session/Keynote Address
Saturday, March 21, 9:15-10:30 am (Johnson City Ballroom)

The Keynote Address, “Lesbian- and Gay-Parent Families and Schools: Research and Implications for Families,” will be given by Dr. Abbie Goldberg, Clark University, Worcester, MA. This talk will use data from the author's 10 year study of lesbian, gay, and heterosexual adoptive parents to explore their experiences in the school context. Although bisexual and transgender parents are not the focus of this research, many of the findings and implications are relevant to these populations. Resources and recommendations will be provided.

Adult Workshop Session A
Saturday, March 21, 10:45-12 Noon

Strength in Difference: Understanding Our Needs as Diverse LGBTQ Families (Tioga Room) with Sean Massey and Ethan Lewis

We create our families in many different ways and they reflect a multitude of qualities, characteristics and abilities. Our families can be formed through birth, adoption, co-parenting, extended family parenting, or some other way. We can be from different racial or ethnic groups and different nationalities than our children or spouse. Some of us can share a traditional notion of gender, some are transgender or gender queer. Some of us may be differently abled or have special needs. Our families are diverse and this diversity is a strength we share. But it can also present us with unique challenges as parents, especially when we don’t have the same life experiences or don’t share the same position in the world as the children we are raising. The goal of this workshop is to provide an opportunity to talk about the strengths and challenges that define our wonderfully diverse families. This panel will be facilitated by Sean Massey from Binghamton University & Ethan Lewis.

Caring for Ourselves and Our Families: Physical, Psychological and Emotional Self-Care (LaTasse Room) with Susan Seibold-Simpson, Tim Legg, and Lisa Hrehor

This session will focus on: keeping ourselves and our families healthy; and on accessing and using the health care system as needed. There will be an emphasis on what contributes to optimal health as well as how LGB individuals/families can be effective consumers of health care services.

Family Building Options for New (and Returning) Parents (Binghamton Ballroom) with Megan Fisk

Wherever you are on your journey to parenthood, this presentation will give you insights into the various options for planning a family. We will discuss ways to build, nurture, protect and grow our families, from the first “where do I start” questions, to parent support, addressing legal and medical needs and more. We will get into the details of building a family through adoption, donor insemination, foster care and surrogacy as well as address some of the challenges and barriers that exist for LGBT prospective and current parents.

Lunch
Saturday, March 21, 12-1 pm (Johnson City Ballroom)

Teen Workshop: Exploring Personal and Cultural Identities
Saturday, March 21, 1:00-2:30 pm (Vestal Room) with Melanie LeMay and Charity Corman, Identity Youth Center

In this self-exploratory workshop, led by staff from Identity Youth Center, participants will engage in a series of activities that explore the significance of culture, cultural diversity and stereotypes, and the facets of our own identities that are most meaningful to us. As a part of this workshop, participants will create visual representations of identities and aspects of themselves they feel are important in defining them.
Robert Rogers Puppet Show
Saturday, March 21 at 1:15 PM (Southern Tier Room)

Adult Workshop Session B
Saturday, March 21, 1:15-2:30 pm

Using the Law to Protect Your Family (Tioga Room)
with Judy Osburn and Barrie Gewanter

Presenters will discuss hot topics in the law to help participants learn how to protect their families and their relationships. Presents plan on discussing divorce, custody, adoption issues and planning tools such as wills, powers of attorney, health care proxies and real estate transactions.

Spiritual Self-Care (La Tasse Room)

Faith leaders from Jewish, Methodist, Unitarian Universalist and Roman Catholic faiths will be present to discuss their faith’s perspectives on acceptance, family, loss and spirituality. Presenters will talk briefly about their faith’s specific expressions of these things, and will also allow for a question and answer period where you can explore questions about faith, spirituality and organized religions.

Working with Public and Private Agencies to Foster and Adopt Children (Binghamton Ballroom)
with Fred Elia, Donna Corbin and panelists

The New York State Child Welfare System is more open than ever to LGBT families and singles who wish to establish and/or expand their families. Both public and private agencies offer training and support to those willing to consider fostering/adopting. We have assembled a team of experts to explain the trainings and process to become foster or adoptive parents. We will also help decipher the child welfare language you will need to navigate the system. Participants will learn about the opportunities to help children and their families, along with the rewards and challenges involved in both fostering and adoption. Bring your questions and your imaginations.

Adult Workshop Session C
Saturday, March 21, 2:45-4:00 pm

Financial Strategies for the LGBT Community (Binghamton Ballroom)
with Carol Gallagher

When it comes to planning in today’s financial world, there are many ifs in life—uncertainties that can derail your best-laid plans and opportunities that can lead to realizing your biggest goals. MetLife recognizes that as a member of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community, you face unique circumstances when it comes to planning for your financial future. That’s why it’s especially important to learn the facts and take proactive steps now to help protect against many of the uncertainties you face—so you can look to the years ahead with the confidence that comes with working toward being financially protected.

Writing Our Lives, Righting Our Lives (La Tasse Room)
with Wendy Stewart

Life-writing might take the form of an autobiography, a blog chronicling the writer’s perspective on and engagement with the world around her, a letter to a grandchild, a cartoon or graphic novel, a memoir, a poem, a Facebook status update, or a journal that no one else ever sees. Whether you want to record the story of your family and your place in it, to understand how your life is unfolding, or to rewrite the story, come explore a new script. We’ll talk about life-writing, I’ll provide some writing prompts to help you get started, then you’ll have a chance to write and—only if you want to—share your writing within a smaller group. A notebook, pen, and resource list will be provided.
Supporting Transgender People in Our Lives, Families, and Communities: A Panel Discussion (Tioga Room)
with Maureen Kelly, Tyler Sliker, and Terri Cook

This panel will include the voices and stories of transgender people, their families, and partners. We will share lessons learned and tips for creating supportive and affirming homes, relationships, and communities for transgender people. We will also share resources for further learning and support.

Snack
Saturday, March 21, 4:00-4:30 pm
A healthy snack will be available for adults and children (Ballroom Lobby Area)

Rest & Relaxation
Saturday, March 21, 4:30-6:00 pm
We’ll have a lifeguard on duty at the pool during this time.

Dinner
Saturday, March 21, 6:00-7:30 pm (Johnson City / Endicott Ballrooms)

Family Dance Party! With DJ Mick
Saturday, March 21, 7:30-11:00 pm (Johnson City / Endicott Ballrooms)

Breakfast
Sunday, March 22, 7:30-9:30 am (Johnson City Ballroom)

Intergenerational Activities
Sunday, March 22, 9:30-11:00 am

Parent-Child Yoga (Endicott Ballroom), facilitated by Danielle Misener (a local yoga instructor and Licensed Massage Therapist) and instructors from Johnson City’s Organic Yoga studio. Some yoga mats will be available, but if you have your own, please bring ‘em.

A Nutrition and Healthy Cooking Workshop (Binghamton Ballroom), held by Binghamton University catering and nutrition staff from Sodexo. Families will make healthy snacks together, talk about portion control and smart choices, and cook up fun!

Make Your Own Family Portrait (LaTasse Room) from Binghamton University entailing an arts and crafts project that will help parents and kids see the beauty in their family’s “reflection.”

Contemporary Movement Workshop (Southern Tier Room) led by Victoria Arakcheeyeva: Pique, Plié, Pride is a contemporary movement based workshop that involves both the participation of children, and their parents/caretakers. Through a series of structured improvisation activities that include filling negative space as well as partnering, children and their parents will express themselves through movement of the body, as well as complement other bodies in the space in order to discover how each individual’s differences can be a means of connection with others. The understanding of one’s movement capabilities, as well as those of others in the space leads to self-love, respect for others, and pride—so get ready, breathe deeply, and prepare to immerse yourself in the richness of movement and expression that our diverse community has to offer. Please wear comfortable clothing and have a drink in case you become dehydrated during the workshop.
Check-out time at Holiday Inn
Sunday, March 22, 12 pm

Lunch and Off-site Excursions on Your Own

Nyala Farm Alpacas
104 Rockwell Road
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Website: http://www.merriwether.org/nyala/index.html
Come visit Nyala Farm Alpacas owned and operated by Ann, Andy, Kenni, and Helen Merriwether. We have friendly alpacas that can be petted and led around. We have an alpaca obstacle course that visitors are welcome to try with one of our friendly alpacas. We also raise rare breed sheep and angora bunnies. We have a farm store and we sell alpaca socks, gloves, and artisan wool and alpacas products we make. We can do spinning demonstrations and some fiber projects for children of all ages. We love to show off our beautiful herd. Located in the town of Vestal, NY, which is just west of the city of Binghamton, NY – just off of Interstate 86/Rte 17 about 15 minutes West of Interstate 81. Free farm tour for Pride and Joy Families and allies: Sunday, 3/22, 1:30-3:30 pm

Roberson Museum and Science Center
30 Front Street
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Phone: (607) 772-0660
Website: www.roberson.org
Roberson Museum and Science Center engages people of all ages and backgrounds by providing regionally significant exhibitions and programs in art, history and science education. Open Sundays 12 pm-5 pm. Special $2.00 off admission price for Pride and Joy Conference attendees with name badge.

The Discovery Center
60 Morgan Road
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Website: www.thediscoverycenter.org
The Discovery Center is a hands-on interactive children’s museum serving the Southern Tier of New York and Northeastern Pennsylvania. This remarkable 22,500 square foot space was created for, with and by children. Play and learning flow together in unique hands-on settings designed with imagination, research and attention to the needs and spirit of today’s learners. Offering a safe, engaging and happy atmosphere The Discovery Center fosters play, sparks creative thinking and builds self-esteem. Our exhibits, our themes and our ambiance are community specific, yet we leave a wide margin for global discovery. Free admission for Pride and Joy Conference attendees with ticket! Open Sundays 12-5 pm.

Walking Tour of Mural Art in Downtown Binghamton
Public Art has been one way to re-vitalize rust belt towns like Binghamton. Take a short tour led by Peg Johnston, one of the local organizers, all within one block of the hotel. 12 pm departure from hotel lobby.

Have safe travels, everyone!
Your health matters.

Planned Parenthood’s LGBT Health and Wellness program, Out for Health, provides outreach, education, and information to LGBT people, their health care providers, and the community at-large about the importance of inclusive, welcoming, and respectful care for LGBT people. Through weekly youth groups, transgender support groups, and transgender health services we stand together with our queer communities in Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben and Tompkins Counties.

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PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

**Terri Cook** is the proud mom of a transgender child who transitioned at the age of 15. Co-author of the book, “Allies and Angels: A Memoir of Our Family’s Transition,” Terri is dedicated to opening hearts and minds by sharing her family’s life-changing journey. Terri speaks at conferences, corporations, colleges and community organizations across the country. For several years she co-facilitated a parent support group, TransParent, for the parents of transgender and gender-questioning youth. Terri serves on the board of the Empire State Pride Agenda Foundation and helped launch Family Allies for Transgender Equality in New York State (FATE-NYS). As she shares her family’s life-changing experience supporting their teenage son’s transition, Terri offers best practices for schools, medical professionals and workplaces and helps audiences understand transgender identities. Formerly a project engineer, Terri spent most of her career at Lockheed Martin where she was also a Pride ERG Lead and diversity trainer.

**Donna Corbin, MS**, is the Director of the Southern Tier Services office at Glove House, Inc. She has been at Glove House, Inc. for the past 10 years. Donna has been working in the Child Welfare field for over 25 years, with the last 20 years specifically with Foster Care in New York State. Donna is a MAPP trainer and sits on numerous committee’s that are designed to improve foster care services for the children, their families and Foster/Adoptive Parents. Donna grew up in Upstate New York and returned to the area to raise her two sons.

**Rev. Fred Daley** is the pastor of All Saints Church, Syracuse, NY. His pastoral experience includes serving as regional vicar, director of vocations and seminarians, inner city ministry, ministries for the poor, and church reform. One of the nation’s few openly gay priests, Fred is developing the first shrine in memory of another openly gay priest, Fr. Mychal Judge, OFM, who died in the September 11th attacks.

**Fred Elia** is a child welfare trainer/consultant with over 35 years of professional experience concentrating on the recruitment, training and support of foster/adoptive parents. He is also President of “A Thousand Moms” (www.athousandmoms.org), a statewide community organization project in support of LGBT/Q youth in New York’s child welfare system. Fred grew up in foster care with a younger brother in Schenectady, NY. He began working with the child welfare community in NYS to recruit LGBT foster/adoptive parents about 25 years ago. Fifteen years ago he organized the founding of the first of its kind NYC LGBT Foster Care Coalition - to bring together the LGBT community with the child welfare community in order to better serve children/youth in the foster care/adoption system. He now shares his foster family’s homestead (including The Foster Care Garden -- a welcoming space for all connected to the Child Welfare System), with his partner of 21 years, Dave.

**Megan P. Fisk, LMSW** is the Director of Family Services at the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center (The Center) in New York City, where she is responsible for organizing education and support services for prospective parents and families in the LGBT community, as well as overseeing the LGBT Foster Care Project. Megan’s focus on sexual health, reproductive health and wellness, and healthy relationships has enabled her to work with diverse populations of all ages and stages. The Center has been helping LGBT community members build and nurture their families for over two decades and has proudly supported thousands of families over the years, and Megan is excited to be providing information to prospective parents at 2015 Pride and Joy Families Weekend Conference.
Carol Gallagher, CLTC, is a Financial Services Representative with MetLife and a Registered Representative/Financial Adviser with MetLife Securities since 2001. Certified in Long Term Care, Carol is also a Special Needs Planner. Her goal is to help her clients enjoy a comfortable lifestyle today and still look forward to a financially secure tomorrow. Metropolitan Life Insurance Company (MLIC), New York, NY 10136. Securities products and investment advisory services offered by MetLife Securities, Inc. (MSI) member FINRA/SIPC and a registered investment adviser, New York, NY 10136. MLIC and MSI are MetLife Companies. Carol is active in PFLAG and the Pride Coalition in Binghamton, New York, and an ally to the LGBT community.

Barrie Gewanter, Director of the CNY Chapter of the New York Liberties Union (NYCLU), is the local spokesperson and contact point for the ACLU throughout the Central New York Region. She has been actively involved with the ACLU since 1996, on staff and as a regional Board Member, and as a voting delegate to 3 ACLU biennial conferences. Ms. Gewanter describes herself as “a professional who works for civil liberties, civil rights and social justice,” Ms. Gewanter has pursued advocacy for women’s rights, gay and lesbian and transgender rights, voting rights, students’ rights, the rights of people with disabilities, law enforcement accountability, workplace health and safety, solidarity with workers and unions, economic justice, civil rights and civil liberties.

Dr. Abbie E. Goldberg is an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology at Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts, and a visiting scholar at the Williams Institute at the UCLA School of Law. She received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Her research examines diverse families, including lesbian-parent families and adoptive-parent families. She is the author of over 60 peer-reviewed articles and two books: Gay Dads (NYU Press) and Lesbian- and Gay-Parent Families (APA). She is the editor (with Katherine R. Allen) of the book, LGBT-Parent Families (Springer) and the forthcoming encyclopedia, Encyclopedia of LGBTQ Studies (Sage). She has received research funding from the National Institutes of Health (NICHD and NIMH), the American Psychological Association, the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, the Williams Institute, the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, and the Spencer Foundation.

Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell is the Rabbi of Temple Concord in Binghamton, New York. She has served other congregations and worked for Jewish Federations and Jewish Community Centers in Jewish family education, Jewish education, Holocaust education and awareness, and community relations. In addition, she served on the Board for the Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding at Muhlenberg College and has continued her work locally, working to build coalitions and foster understanding and joint endeavors. She has been part of the planning group for the local Children of Abraham group for the past seven years since its inception and is now chairing the chair of the group. She has also planned and participated in local Muslim-Jewish Twinning programs connected to the Foundation for Ethnic Understanding. She has also been part of the planning group for the People of Blessing Service during PRIDE Month in Binghamton for the past 5 years.

Rev. Steve Heiss has been a pastor in the United Methodist Church for 40 years, most recently at Tabernacle United Methodist Church in Binghamton. He has two daughters, both of whom are married, one to a man and one to a woman. Because he officiated at several same gender weddings, including his own daughter’s, his bishop has filed charges against him. (It is against the stated policy of the United Methodist Church to officiate at a same gender wedding.) Rev. Heiss’s church in Binghamton, Tabernacle UMC, has nevertheless stood by him, witnessing to the injustice of the official rules of our larger church. To date, a trial has not yet been set.

Lisa Hrehor is the Director for Health and Wellness Studies in the Decker School of Nursing at Binghamton University. She had been a Physical Educator and Health Educator in the public schools for 12 years prior to assuming the Director position 9 years ago. She has served as the President for the New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, has attended and presented at national and regional conferences, and has advocated for healthy lifestyles and quality Health and Physical Education programs in our schools with leaders in Washington. She grew up and still resides in Binghamton with her partner of 23 years and their 3 children. Her areas of research include wellness, healthy lifestyles, leadership, and curriculum development.
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Dr. Timothy Legg is board-certified as a family psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner and maintains national certification as a psychologist (NCP) through the North American Association of Masters in Psychology. He is certified in forensic traumatology and is a diplomate of the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress. Additionally, Dr. Legg is a member of the Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues of the American Psychological Association. He is currently employed at United Health Services where he divides his time between inpatient and outpatient settings, offering an open and affirming environment to his clients.

Ethan Lewis is an LGBT activist, a horror movie fan, and a graduate student at Syracuse University. He identifies as bisexual, genderqueer, and Disabled. He currently works at Cortland LGBT Resource Center and has a passion for social justice activism.

Dr. Sean G. Massey is Research Associate Professor in the Women’s Studies Program at Binghamton University, SUNY. His research interests include: attitudes toward lesbians and gay men, the experiences of same-sex parents, identity development in LGB youth, queer theory, and sense of community among LGBTQ people. His research has been published in Journal of Homosexuality, Lesbian and Gay Psychology Review, Journal of GLBT Family Studies, and Journal of Social Issues. He and his husband Loren are the fathers of an 8-year-old boy named Alfie.

Judith Osburn, Esq. received her BA from Tufts University and her JD from Cornell Law School. She worked as a prosecutor in Massachusetts for two years before moving to Upstate New York. She was associated with Cenesky, Alenik, Stefanski and Osburn for ten years and has had her own practice. Osburn Law offices, since 2006. She has a general practice and devotes a great deal of time to matrimonial and family law issues.

Dr. Susan Seibold-Simpson is an assistant professor in the Decker School of Nursing at Binghamton University/SUNY, and a family nurse practitioner providing reproductive health care services with Dr. Amy Cousins in Vestal, NY. She has been a nurse practitioner in NY for 26 years and has worked in a variety of settings and locations over the years, including Rochester, Syracuse, Cortland, and Binghamton. Her areas of research interest include adolescent health, reproductive health and sexuality, and community/public health, with an emphasis on social justice. She has been working with the Lesbian and Gay Family Building Project since 2013.

Tyler Sliker, LMSW is a transgender therapist, educator, and activist who lives and works in Central New York. Tyler has a Master’s Degree is Marriage & Family Therapy from Syracuse University with a concentration in serving transgender individuals and their families. For three years, he worked as the Program Coordinator at The Q Center, an LGBTQ youth center in Syracuse, NY. In that capacity, he had the pleasure of working with dozens of transgender and gender questioning youth and their families. While in undergraduate school at the State University of New York at Potsdam, he served on the Executive Board of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Association for two consecutive years. Tyler has been training schools, higher education personnel, medical professionals, and other human service professionals in improving their protocols and standards to be inclusive of transgender individuals for six years. He is currently consulting for schools & human service agencies seeking to improve their services for transgender individuals, as well as working full-time as a therapist at Vera House in Syracuse, NY. In his free time, he enjoys hiking with his partner and dog.
Wendy Stewart is a lecturer at Binghamton University whose interest in life-writing has lead her from graduate studies in literary biography to a certificate in Grief and Bereavement through King’s University College in London, Ontario, to participation in various peer writing groups. For the last seven years, she’s taught first year writing at Binghamton University, working with young people as they explore their own lives through writing in personal, civic, and academic contexts. Before that, she worked as an educator of volunteers for an AIDS service organization and a suicide prevention service, and as a professional facilitator of groups for people grieving or living with life-threatening illness; all of these require examination and narration of one’s own story. Her own life-writing takes the form of poetry and essays, mostly.

Rev. Douglas Taylor is a fourth generation Universalist. He grew up in the First Unitarian Church of Rochester, NY and is a graduate of Meadville Lombard Theological School ('99). He and his wife have three children. Douglas is serving our UU congregation in Binghamton, NY. He is his district’s representative for the UULTI Design Team. Douglas is the author of two meditations in the 2005 Skinner House Meditation Anthology, For All That Is Our Life, and has several sermons and essays published in various locations. Douglas offered the Gould Lecture at the 2013 Saint Lawrence District Assembly. Also, he has a vast array of interesting socks.

The Rev. Dr. Kathleen Waters has spent over thirty years serving as a transitional leader in Christian congregations and denominational agencies. Currently she is serving the Homer Congregational Church, an Open and Affirming United Church of Christ congregation in Homer, NY. She is the co-facilitator of the Inter-Faith Pride Service in Central New York; Pride & Joy Families Advisory Board; and advocate for full inclusion of LGBTQ individuals within the Presbyterian Church (USA). She lives in Syracuse and the adoptive parent of two daughters.
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