



PRESENT:

BUILDING INCLUSIVE SPACES WITH OUR LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY

PANEL DISCUSSION AT THE SWIFTEL CENTER

JUNE 10TH, 2021

Mikaela Neubauer from the Brookings Public Library will lead panelists in a discussion about how the people of Brookings can work with the LGBTQ+ community to make our city and state more inclusive and accepting. Question and answer session with the audience to follow.

In order to show consideration for the health of your community members, masks and social distancing are strongly recommended at this event.

PANELISTS

Teri Johnson

She/Her- Teri is the Brookings PFLAG president and is a lecturer in the SDSU Counseling & Human Development Department

Lawrence Novotny

He/Him- Lawrence is a member of the Brookings Human Rights Commission. He is also a founding member of Equality South Dakota, the statewide LGBTQ+ advocacy organization. Lawrence has been involved in LGBTQ+ advocacy for over 40 years.

Louise Snodgrass

They/Them- Louise is the social media manager for the Transformation Project and ran for the South Dakota House of Representatives, district 7, in the 2020 election.

Keith Theroux

He/Him- Officer Theroux of the Brookings Police Department serves as a Liaison to the Human Rights Commission for the City of Brookings. He also serves as a Liaison to the Community Law Enforcement Action Response (CLEAR) for Brookings.

Susan Williams

She/Her- Susan is the founder and executive director of both the Transformation Project and the Transformation Project Advocacy Network. She lives in Sioux Falls.

Erinn Thomas

She/Her- Erinn has worked for the Boys and Girls Club for 6 years and is currently the Teen Director at the Brookings Teen Center.

Further Resources

LGBTQ+ Organizations

Brookings Human Rights Commission

The mission of the Brookings Human Rights Commission (BHRC) is to improve human relations in the Brookings area by fighting discrimination through education and a complaint resolution procedure. The Commission seeks to protect the rights of and prevent and eliminate bias and discrimination against individuals or groups because of their sex, race, color, creed, religion, ancestry, disability, familial status, national origin, age, marital status, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, or political affiliation, with respect to employment, labor union membership, housing accommodations, property rights, education, public accommodations or public services. The Commission promotes educational activities to make Brookings an inclusive and welcoming community.

Meetings are monthly at the Brookings City & County Government Center, 520 3rd Street, Suite 230, Room 241, Brookings, SD 57006.

Phone: 605-692-6281

Email: humanrights@cityofbrookings.org

Lawrence Novotny is the LGBTQ+ Liason for the BHRC, and can be contacted at actup@brookings.net.

Brookings Police LGBTQ Liaison

Lieutenant Marci Gebers

Address: 307 3rd Avenue, Brookings, SD, 57006

Phone: 605-692-2113

Marci Gebers: mgebers@brookingsleo.org

Brookings Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)

Email: revterijohnson7@gmail.com

Facebook: [@PFLAGBrookings](https://www.facebook.com/PFLAGBrookings)

Equality South Dakota

Email: info@eqsd.org

Facebook: [@equalitysd](https://www.facebook.com/equalitysd)

Website: eqsd.org

Bookings PRIDE

Email: charmaine.houck@gmail.com

Facebook: @BookingsPRIDE

Transformation Project

Address: 401 E. 8th St., Ste. 214-3022, Sioux Falls, SD 57103

Phone: (605) 610-8579

Email: info@transformationprojectsd.org

Facebook: @sdtransformproj

Website: <http://www.transformationprojectsd.org/>

TransAction South Dakota

Address: PO Box 91614, Sioux Falls, SD, 57106

Phone: 605-681-6506

Email: info@transactionsd.org

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of South Dakota

Address: PO Box 1170, Sioux Falls, SD, 57101

Phone: 605-332-2508

LGBTQ+ Friendly Healthcare

VA Sioux Falls Health Care System

Address: 2501 West 22nd Street, Sioux Falls, SD

Phone Number: 605-336-3230 (main number)

The VA Sioux Falls Health Care System earned 95/100 points on the Human Rights Campaign's Healthcare equality index.

Travis Rath, DO, Resident Physician-Family Medicine at Center for Family Medicine

Address: 1115 East 20th Street Sioux Falls, SD 57105

Phone Number: 339-1783

Email: info@c4fm.org

Travis has experience in LGBTQ medicine, including gender affirming hormone therapy

Counseling

Anne Dilenschneider, PhD, LPC-MH, QMHP

Address: 2500 W 49th Street, Suite 202, Sioux Falls, SD, 57105

Phone: 605-271-2676

Email: anne@newideacounseling.com

Anne specializes in LGBTQ+ services.

Counseling (cont.)

Tina Harp, MS

Address: 3101 West 41 Street, Suite 2018, Sioux Falls, SD 57105

Phone: 605-759-1516

Email: tina@tinaharp.com

Tina specializes in LGBTQ+ services.

Latanda Salmen, MSW, CSWPIP, QMHP

Address: 4001 W Valhalla Blvd, Suite 101, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57106

Phone: 605-360-5051

Latanda specializes in LGBTQ+ services.

Online Resources:

The Trevor Project:

General Resources- <https://www.thetrevorproject.org/resources/>

TrevorLifeline- If you're thinking about suicide, you deserve immediate help. Call anytime.- 866.488.7386

TrevorText- Talk to a Trevor counselor via text message- Text "START" to 678678

TrevorChat- Online instant messaging with a TrevorChat counselor- TrevorChat.org

TrevorSpace- A social networking site for LGBTQ youth under 25, and their friends & allies.- TrevorSpace.org

Suicide Prevention & General Info- Information on suicide prevention and FAQs on sexual orientation, gender identity, and other topics can be found at TheTrevorProject.org/resources

Lifeguard Workshop- <https://www.thetrevorproject.org/education/lifeguard-workshop/>

PFLAG:

Website- <https://pflag.org/>

Advocacy 101- <https://pflag.org/advocacy-101>

Recommended Reading: Coming Out- <https://pflag.org/comingoutbooks>

Human Rights Campaign:

General Resources- www.hrc.org/resources

Being an LGBTQ Ally- <https://www.hrc.org/resources/being-an-lgbtq-ally>

Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network (GLSEN):

General Resources- <https://www.glsen.org/resources>

Planned Parenthood

Sexual Orientation Information-

<https://www.plannedparenthood.org/learn/sexual-orientation>

Gender Identity Information-

<https://www.plannedparenthood.org/learn/gender-identity>

50+ Resources For LGBTQIA Allies

<https://buffer.com/resources/lgbtqia-resources/>

Reading List (books available at the Brookings Public Library):

Juvenile Nonfiction

- Be the change: the future is in your hands by Eunice Moyle (303.4 MOY)
- What was Stonewall? by Nico Medina (306.76 MED)
- Who was Harvey Milk? by Corrine Grinapol (Juvenile Nonfiction 923.2 MIL)

Young Adult Nonfiction

- The ABC's of LGBT+ by Ashley Mardell (306.76 MAR)
- Beyond magenta: transgender teens speak out by Susan Kuklin (306.768 KUK)
- Gender identity: beyond pronouns and bathrooms by Maria Cook (305.3 COO)
- LGBTQ: The survival guide for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning teens by Kelly Madrone (306.76 MAD)
- A queer history of the United States for young people by Michael Bronski (306.76 BRO)

Adult Nonfiction

- Becoming Nicole: The transformation of an American family by Amy Ellis Nutt (eBook)
- Coming out, coming home: helping families adjust to a gay or lesbian child by Michael C. LaSala (306.874 LAS)

Adult Nonfiction (cont.)

- Fun home by Alison Bechdel (Graphic Novel 741.5 BEC)
- LGBTQ stats: lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people by the numbers by David Deschamps (306.76 DES)
- Queers in history: the comprehensive encyclopedia of historical gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgenders by Keith Stern (306.76 STE)
- The rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, and transgender people: the authoritative ACLU guide by Nan Hunter (305.9 HUN)
- Stand by me: the forgotten history of gay liberation by Jim Downs (306.766 DOW)
- Tomorrow will be different: love, loss, and the fight for trans equality by Sarah McBride (306.768 MCB)
- What's your pronoun?: beyond he and she by Dennis E. Baron (425.55 BAR)

Easy Fiction

- And Tango makes three by Justin Richardson
- Julián is a mermaid by Jessica Love
- My two moms by Claudia Harrington
- When Aidan became a brother by Kyle Lukoff

Juvenile Fiction

- The best man by Richard Peck
- Hurricane child by Kacen Callender
- Ivy Aberdeen's letter to the world by Ashley Herring Blake
- The misadventures of the family Fletcher by Dana Alison Levy

Young Adult Fiction

- All out: the no-longer-secret stories of queer teens throughout the ages
- Boy meets boy by David Levithan
- Follow your arrow by Jessica Verdi
- A gentleman's guide to vice and virtue by Mackenzi Lee
- Lily and Dunkin by Donna Geppart
- Once and future by A.R. Capetta
- Tash hearts Tolstoy by Katie Ormsby
- Under shifting stars by Alexandra Latos
- When the moon was ours by Anna-Marie McLemore

Adult Fiction

- Golden boy by Abigail Tartteli
- Memorial by Bryan Washington
- Middlesex by Jeffery Eugenides
- Outlawed by Jenna North
- Red, white, and royal blue by Casey McQuiston
- When Katie met Cassidy by Camille Perry