Interpersonal Practice with
Lesbian, Gay Bisexual and Transgendered People

Social Work Course #707, Section 1:  Fall 2009
Fridays 2:00 – 5:00

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Course Description:
This course will address issues of concern to interpersonal practice clients that identify as Transgendered, Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, Questioning, or Non Straight (TLBGQNS). This course will build on basic IP skills and knowledge of, primarily, individual therapy. Issues which are of greater concern, or for which services and in some cases, knowledge are lacking for these groups will be reviewed. For example, these issues will include: the development of sexual identity, coming out, social stigma, substance abuse, HIV and AIDS, the interaction of discrimination due to gender and/or ethnicity with the discrimination due to sexual orientation, violence within relationships and violence against these groups, discrimination on the basis of orientation, suicide, family development and parenting, passing and community interaction, and policy. This course will closely focus on skills needed for working with these specific issues.

Course Content:
The content of this course will include basic statistics and current knowledge about how each of the issues above, as well as others, are of special concern to TLBGQNS clients. Issues of the processes of treatment will be reviewed in light of the information covered. For example, an assessment will be different when personal pronouns are changed in questions and the information presented in this course is used. Knowledge of the coming out process will lead a clinician assessing a suicidal adolescent to understand that the issue of sexual identity must be discussed as a possible exacerbating factor. The processes of advertising, altering accessibility, and working within religious and other communities with TLBGQNS clients will be discussed. In addition, students will learn
that even treatment evaluation will be altered due to special concerns about outing a client within a given agency.

Ethical considerations of practice with TLBGQNS clients will also be thoroughly reviewed throughout the course (e.g., caution about outing clients in a group supervision session or seeing clients in a different context in a small community). Students will also have many opportunities to review their own biases and prejudices about sexual orientation in assignments and discussions. The intersectionality of the diversity dimensions (such as ability, age, class, color, culture, ethnicity, family structure, gender (including gender identity and gender expression), marital status, national origin, race, religion or spirituality, sex, and sexual orientation) will be explored in regards to TLBGQNS clients.

**Course Objectives:**
Upon completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Comprehend and critically analyze theories regarding the development of sexual identity.
2. Articulate the basic areas of concern covered in the course and the points of special relevancy for TLBGQNS clients (e.g., suicide, substance abuse).
3. Demonstrate sound and sensitive therapy skills for some of the issues in this course.
4. Articulate social work ethical values regarding practice with TLBGQNS clients.
5. Describe the impact of characteristics, such as economic class, culture, ethnicity, gender, disability status, religion, and age on TLBGQNS clients.
6. Write about and summarily describe the latest research and detailed therapy methods for some of the issues described in this course.
7. Address questions, concerns, and biases regarding sexual orientation's intersection with the issues in this course when working with clients (e.g., being able to discriminate between issues that are related to sexual orientation and those that are not).

**Course Design:**
This course will be taught using lecture, discussion, and WWW technology, which allows knowledgeable academics, experts, and other guests from Texas, Wisconsin, Seattle, NY, and other parts of the country to contribute to the class via on-line conferencing. Students have participated in this course from as far as Reno, Nevada using Real Audio, PowerPoint slides, faxes, email, U.S. mail, telephone conferencing, and asynchronous on line chats. Guest speakers will also be utilized frequently to enrich and broaden the learning environment and experience.

Case examples will be offered in many sessions to help illustrate issues. Choices for treatment plans will be discussed, and therapy will be practiced in the class using role-plays.

**Relationship of the Course to Four Curricular Themes:**
• Multiculturalism and Diversity: In role plays, students will learn about and be able to discuss and exemplify sensitivity to the impact that gender, race, ethnicity, age, socioeconomic status, education, geography (rural vs. urban), and other variables may have on LGBTNS clients, as well as how these characteristics intersect with the primary issues discussed in this course.

• Social Justice and Social Change: Social workers must be able to empower clients, interpret actions, and be aware of intersections of therapy issues and actions towards social justice. In working with LGBTNS clients, students will learn that they may be working toward social change and improvement of social justice in an agency or community. The impact of such work will be discussed in class. Students will also learn about the fight for social justice that this client population has made and is making.

• Promotion, Prevention, Treatment, and Rehabilitation: Students will learn skills for health and mental health promotion, prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation of problems, particularly in dealing with the issues of substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, domestic violence, sexual identity development, and discrimination.

• Behavioral and Social Science Research: The readings for this course will be extensive, and evaluation of the current state of science will be an integral part of understanding the research and methodology constraints and limits for LGBTNS issues and treatment concerns. Students will learn about and analyze the strength of science in the areas this course covers. In addition, evaluation of treatment will be reviewed and special issues of evaluating therapy with LGBTNS clients will be emphasized.

• Relationship of the Course to Social Work Ethics and Values:

This course is an example of the value social work places on diversity and work with oppressed populations. NASW ethics will be reviewed in relationship to working with LGBTNS clients and evaluation of practice. These ethics will be analyzed for potential weaknesses and misuse, as well as for use as guides to practice. The struggle of LGBTNS clients to be recognized as a client population and the struggles of practitioners and researchers working with these issues will also be discussed.

Note from the Instructor

I have been working with LGBT concerns and the community for 27 years, dating back to when my title was the “Lesbian Advocate”, Co-director of the “Lesbian Advocate’s Office” (at U of M student services) with my professional partner, at the time, Jim Toy, who was the director of the “Gay Male Advocate’s Office”. Now these offices are combined and entitled Spectrum. At its inception, this office was noted as the first of its kind in the country on a college campus. We were, and still are, proud of its existence! Since then, I have been working with LGBT people primarily in private practice in Ann Arbor and through community activism.
Despite my experience with LGBT concerns, I believe there is no such person as an “expert” in these issues, as the concerns organically arise from the needs of the LGBT community, individuals’ experiences, and current socio-political conditions and policies, and thus, the concerns are forever in flux. However, I have attempted to create and instruct a course that challenges students with the most updated information, LGBT experiences, literature, and practice protocols. In sifting through the many issues that affect the LGBT community, I have found it very difficult to include all of those that strike me as priorities. Even though my tendency is to try to squeeze too much into any one class period or syllabus, I am sure there are issues that will be left out or merely touched on that you feel deserve more attention. Some that immediately come to mind are spirituality among LGBT clients, LGBT clients with compounding disabilities, legal issues, more on romantic relationships and couple’s therapy, the intersex experience, LGBT sexual abuse survivors, etc. In your experiential projects, recommended readings, and community presentations, you might choose to focus on some area of interest that the course does not as thoroughly address.

Also, I will be counting on you to provide me with honest and thorough feedback through your written and verbal reactions to the classes. In this way you have the opportunity to help me to continue to create and improve the course for future semesters. My goal is for this course to be a dynamic learning experience for students that focuses directly on the most current knowledge in affirmative treatment with LGBT clients, and on clinical practice experience. And, let’s not forget – FUN!

**What You can Expect from Me**

Most classes will be structured to include a lecture or presentation period and a discussion or practice experience. I will utilize many guests in varying formats to help teach numerous classes since the local LGBT community provides us with a wealth of human resources.

Expect me to share of my own personal and clinical experiences to enhance your learning. I intend to speak candidly about the effects of working with LGBT people on them and on me as the therapist. Feel free to ask questions.

My intention is to help students think critically about LGBT practice with individuals through challenging questions, assignments, readings, class experiences, exercises and discussion, and to facilitate a safe environment that will encourage personal growth and sharing amongst students through modeling, class discussion, assignments, and experiential exercises. Of course, the ultimate tone of safety and cohesion that emerges in the class has to do with the efforts of all individuals. I realize that my power to create this atmosphere is somewhat limited, and lies within all of us.

I have heard many students request a more practical clinical focus in interpersonal practice courses. Although it is difficult to build in clinical exercises, and students often feel vulnerable to practice in front of their peers, my goal is to include adequate in-class practice experiences to help students foster the clinical skills necessary to feel beginning
competence in therapy with LGBT clients. These might include, traditional role-plays, open-chair role-plays, fishbowl exercises and practice role-plays with actual LGBT community members. Participation in at least one practice experience is required.

My feedback in practice experiences will focus both on your strengths and your weaknesses. You can expect honest, direct and constructive feedback. In critiquing your work, I will not be expecting you to know everything, although some basic knowledge is obviously imperative. Rather, I will be looking for the depth of your critical thinking, your self-awareness, and your grasp of the issues affecting LGBT clients as they are addressed in the course material. In your practice experiences, I will be looking for your attunement to the client, your use of self, your ability to co-create culture, and to integrate what you do and don’t know about LGBT issues into your interactions with the people you work with.

I intend to be accessible, available and responsive to student’s questions and concerns. I am more likely to get back to you in a timely way if you call me rather than email me. I don’t get to my email as frequently as I would like to because I am in the field most of the time. I never sit at a desk. I do check my business phone daily during the week and will get back to you as soon as possible if you leave me a message. My regular office hour is at 12:15 to 1:30 on Thursdays, but I would like you to make an appointment to come at that time. If that time doesn’t work, we can arrange one that does.

What I Expect from You

Class attendance and participation:

You are expected to attend all classes, complete assigned reading for each week, participate in class activities and discussions, and complete all assignments on time. Please be on time, alert and ready to participate, and to stay through the entire period. There will be a short break at some point in each class, but if you get tired in the middle of class, get up and get a drink. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each class. You are permitted to miss one class without an excuse. Any additional absences must be excused in advance of the absence. Please call me at 734-662-3509 if you will miss a second class. Missing more than one class, in part or in total may result in a 3-point deduction per class day.

Read the required texts and articles for each class and integrate the readings into the class discussions and assignments. Be especially cognizant of completing readings before classes where we will have guest presenters so that you can come into class with some basic knowledge and formulate thoughtful questions and comments. There are a lot of readings all posted on c-tools because I want you to have access to everything I think is good and interesting. I have put an * next to priority readings because you won’t be able to read everything. The texts are important.

I believe that good social workers must be self-aware and open to exploring their own issues regarding any given clinical concern or population. Be prepared to explore your
own experiences and assumptions regarding the LGBT community, homophobia, heterosexism, and your own gender identity and sexual orientation issues. There will be a variety of ways students can do this through critical thinking, assignments, reaction sheets, and class discussions. You should not feel mandated to share personal information that will make you feel uncomfortable, but my hope is to create an environment where most, and hopefully, all of you will feel safe enough to take some risks, and to be open about who you are and/or what questions you might have about your own identity and how it intersects with the course content.

I expect you to be an honest, sensitive, and mature class member. Please share your opinions and feedback with others in discussions and exercises, and make sure they are stated in a respectful and constructive manner. Also, be prepared to hear varying opinions and feedback non-defensively, and to use them constructively. I would like you also to practice tolerance, not expecting yourself or your classmates to be polished in all discussions about issues that can be challenging or confusing. We will review and use the ground rules developed for Multicultural Orientation – 2004, but mostly we want to remember that we are learners. It is better to make mistakes in the classroom rather than in the field (although that will happen too . . .), so let’s allow for some bumbling around in our attempts to get it right.

Written Assignments:

All writing assignments are expected to be typed, double-spaced, using 12-point font, with 1” margins on each side, unless you are asked to write something in class. Your written work will be graded on a clear grasp and integration of the course content, completeness, thoroughness, originality and creativity, critical thinking, organization and clarity, format, writing style, grammar and appropriate referencing of sources. It is your responsibility to avoid plagiarism, which can result in severe penalties according to the School of Social Work policies. Please deliver a hard copy of your written work to me in class by the due date. Do not expect to send it to me over email, etc. Late work will result in an automatic reduction in points.

I expect that you will get out of the course what you put into it. You are ultimately responsible for the depth, challenge and enjoyment of your learning. You are welcome to approach me about additional or alternate readings or assignments that meet your specific interests.

Grading Procedure and Scale:

Points from each assignment will be added: the conversion of the total point to final grade is as follows:

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Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

If you need an accommodation for a disability, contact me as soon as possible. It is possible that aspects of the course can be modified to facilitate your learning process. There are resources available to help us to meet your needs including Students with Disabilities, the Adaptive Technology Computing Site, etc. If you disclose a disability to me I will treat that information as private and confidential.

Student Assignments

10% Student participation:
This part of your grade will be evaluated by the instructor. Participate in class discussions, exercises and role-plays. Come prepared to integrate your knowledge from the readings and ask thoughtful and sensitive questions of guest presenters. I would like every student to participate and receive feedback from the instructor and the class on at least one therapist/client role-play, but this is not always possible. However, there are many ways to participate in class.

20% Self-awareness paper on gender identity, sexual orientation, homophobia and the complexities of race, class, culture, ethnicity, etc:
This paper should be approximately 8 double-spaced pages (12 pt. font) and should discuss your personal experiences, history, reflections and questions regarding your own gender-identity, sexual orientation, internalized phobias and your personal experiences with heterosexism, homophobia and the compounding complexities of race, class, culture, ethnicity, religion, ability/disability, etc. This paper must site readings and class presentations on identity development, including a thorough analysis of at least one identity theory and how it relates to you. Questions that will help your thinking for the paper include: How do you identify in regard to your sexual orientation, and how do you know you are what or who, you are? What internal and external factors have shaped your sexual orientation and/or identity? What was your first awareness of LGBT issues or people? How has your gender, culture, ethnicity, class, race, religion, ability/disability, environment, etc. helped to shape your identity and affected your biases? In what ways are you homophobic and heterosexist? What are your assumptions about gender and where do they come from? These are some you can start thinking about. This paper should not include your name, only your social work mailbox number. Due 10/16 – beginning of class.

40% Community Exploration Project:
I am struck by the wealth of resources that exist in our local community for the support and advocacy of LGBT clients. Community involvement that normalizes the LGBT experience and counter-acts social isolation is a primary intervention in the therapeutic treatment, mental health and well being of LGBT clients. My goal in this project is to get
you involved in exploring this thriving network of resources. You will choose one to focus on through an experiential piece, a write-up of your experience with an integration of the readings, and a brief class presentation at the end of the semester, during finals week.

1) **The choice of a project: (5 points)** On the first day of class, we will provide you with an extensive list of groups, organizations, events and activities that currently exist in the local community for the support and advocacy of the LGBT Community. I’m asking you to focus on a group or organization that is unfamiliar to you and challenging to your knowledge and biases. For example, if you are an out lesbian or gay man, don’t pursue the study of a coming-out group at the LGBT office. Move onto something you might be less familiar with, for example, Papa Dads, the Polyamory Support Group, or the Intersex Society of North America. Do not use something you are already involved in for this project. I do want you to pick an experience of interest and have some fun with this. A brief, one page description of your choice of organization, why you chose it, and your progress in actually setting up your experiential contact will be due on October 2.

2) **The experiential component: (20 points including the paper.)** This piece includes visiting, participating in, and/or interviewing members of your choice of group or organization. It must involve face to face human contact. **Phone or on-line interviews will not be accepted.** Some groups may be open to you visiting as a student, and be excited about your interest. Others may be confidential and closed to protect participants’ anonymity and confidentiality. Make an initial contact to your group, organization, activity or event, by calling the contact number. Persist until you talk to a sponsor, or spokesperson for the group, organization or event. Keep in mind the social work ethic of “do no harm” as you pursue your experience. Use your most developed interpersonal skills to introduce yourself, explain the project and why you want to make contact. Ask if you can visit a meeting or activity of your organization. If this is too intrusive, ask if there are members that would be willing to be interviewed. For groups that are closed, the spokesperson for the group may be the only person who is willing to discuss it. If there are very tight boundaries, and you cannot make a contact, respect the organization’s need for privacy and move onto another choice. You should start this contact early on. Don’t wait, because you don’t know whether it will go smoothly or be difficult. You might even have to make a second or third selection. Remember as you pursue this experiential piece that this is how our LGBT clients feel when they are pursuing support in unfamiliar territory. Keep notes on your experience as you go so that you can reflect on this in your paper, including how culturally accessible you program is to clients based on poverty, ethnicity, race, ability/disability, age, religion, environment, etc. As an advocacy activity for the disabled community, ask specifically about wheelchair accessibility within facilities, and ask to be shown accessible entrances, bathrooms, etc.

3) **The paper:** (20 points for experience and write-up). Write-up your experience from the above assignment in a five-page paper (double-spaced, 12 pt. font). Include a discussion of the specific issues addressed by your choice of group, organization or event/activity. Include citings from at least 3 readings from the course, or additional
research in the paper. Reflect on the uses of this organization for LGBT clients, and how your experience with it has (or has not) grown or stretched you to become a better social worker with LGBT clients. Include a discussion of cross-cultural accessibility based on intersections of poverty, race, ethnicity, age, gender, gender identity, ability/disability, religion, environment, etc. **Due 11/20 at the beginning of class.**

4) **Class presentation:** (15 points) Prepare a brief, five-minute class presentation on your choice of group, organization, event or activity that aims to inform the class of the uses of this resource for LGBT clients. Comment, as well, on how this project has (or has not) enhanced your capacities in work with LGBT clients. **Produce a one-page synopsis of your organization using bullet points** and bring enough copies to pass out to the class at the beginning of your presentation. **Presented in the last three class meetings.**

10% **The Comfort Zone Stretching Exercise:**
Do something that takes you outside of your own comfort zone. Perhaps you will pursue an ally action that stretches you. Perhaps you will present (or pass) as someone from a different and openly identifiable gender expression or sexual orientation than yourself. Perhaps you will visit an aspect or the LGBT community that you haven’t in the past, like an LGBT hang-out, etc. Perhaps you will wear LGBT Rainbow and/or ally paraphernalia. Everyone, TLGB people and straight people, are allies to someone. Pursue an ally activity that is new to you based on the many diverse intersectionalities we have discussed in class.

During this exercise, each student should think about his/her personal safety and be careful. Hate crimes and discriminatory practices are common against TBLG people, as we know. If what you want to do is unsafe, please write your thoughts on why you made the choice not to act out the exercise. Include your emotions, thoughts and considerations. Please write a description of your experience in a paper, approximately 3 pages (double-spaced, 12pt. font).

1) What you did or did not do  
2) For how long you did this  
3) How did it feel?  
4) What did you learn? **Due 10/30 at the beginning of class.**

10% **Case Scenario Assignments:**
You will be given a list of case scenarios to choose from and they are posted on c-tools, so you can get started whenever you like. They will mainly be clinical, but there may be a few that reflect community organization, administration or policy issues affecting the LGBT community. Please choose two scenarios to focus on and write a four-page, double-spaced paper discussing how you would handle this scenarios from an affirmative practice with LGBT people social work perspective, and why (no more than 2 pages per scenario). You also have the option to make up a scenario to respond to especially if there is a type of case that you are interested in that we have not been able to cover in class, for example a case involving an TGLB sex worker, homeless person or person from a
specific cultural background. Please include specific affirmative practice principals from our running list that we have generated in class, citing lectures and readings, with a list of references. **Due 12/4 at the beginning of class.**

**10% Reaction Sheets:**
You will be expected to thoughtfully reflect on some class periods through filling out a reaction sheet for four different class periods of your choice. I recommend filling them out as soon as possible after class. I will provide an original of this sheet and one appears on c-tools under resources. You can make copies and fill them out by hand or transfer this simple form to your computer. If you use hand, Please write legibly so I can read it. The purpose of the reaction sheets is for you to thoroughly process your class experiences. There is always limited discussion time and some people are more comfortable being candid about their reactions on paper, rather than in discussion. However, please do not use reaction sheets in lieu of class participation, since class participation will account for a portion of your grade. Reaction sheets will require you to reflect on your immediate feelings and reactions to class material, after thoughts and critical thinking on the issues, questions or problems raised by the material, and how the class has (or has not) helped you to integrate material, stretch your thinking and feelings, and grow as a person and clinician. **Please be brief, but specific in commenting on the readings, citing actual readings from the course that you have found interesting and relevant to the topic.**

**Assigned Reading:**

There are two textbooks for the course and a coursepac that appears on c-tools in sections by week. The Green book can be purchased at Common Language Book Store in Braun Court, across from Kerry town on Forth (close to the corner of forth and Miller). This is a queer-owned bookstore that services the LGBT community and friends. Take a few minutes to look around. It’s an excellent resource for you as therapists and for your clients. Also stop and have dinner at the Aut Bar and check out the WRAP office (Washtenaw Rainbow Action Project) while you’re at it. This part of town is out Ann Arbor “gay central”.

Keith Orr, the c-owner of the store has been having trouble getting the Affirmative Practice book from NASW this year so you must special order it online through accessing the bookstore’s website, [glbtbooks.com](http://glbtbooks.com), clicking on the “textbooks” button and following the instructions from there. Keith will bring just those books that were ordered to class as soon as they come in. **These books are required reading: They include:**


The course pack will be supplied online through c-tools, or handed out in class. You can get started on reading. The Green book should be your first priority, and it’s a good read. I have put a lot in your course pack because I want you to have everything. I have put an * next to articles that absolutely must be read because we will be using them in class. I want you to read as much as you can. There are a number of professional journal articles, creating the evidence-base for the interventions you will learn, and some of the readings are anecdotal. You won’t find them in professional journals, but they are valuable reads.

The week on adolescents offers almost a course pack in itself. I wanted you to have everything for future reference even if you can’t read it all now.

A Few More Great Optional Books to Read and Have in Your Library

Gays, Lesbians and Their Therapists, edited by Charles Silverstein. W.W. Norton and Company, New York, 1991. An excellent and optional read: This book is older and really good. It really delves into the experiences of therapists, transference and counter-transference in working with LGBT people. It is not required, but highly recommended. A few of the chapters are a part of the course pack, but the whole book is great.


The Course Syllabus:
The following is a description of the class themes and expected readings for each week. This is subject to adaptation depending upon the availability of guest presenters, etc.

Week 1: 9/11 Introduction and Expectations for the Course
Languaging, cultural sexism, homophobia, heterosexism and privilege

Week 2: 9/18 Who’s Who? and What’s What? Definition of Terms and Understanding Variance
Guest speaker
Practice Experience
Readings:
Green, Chapter 1, 2, 3
Course pack: Posted on c-tools week 2, “Who’s Who and What’s What?”:
“Are My Attitudes Heterosexist?” The Heterosexism Enquirer, 2003
Controversies and critiques of the Spitzer and Yarnhouse studies on changing sexual orientation.

Week 3: 9/25 Identity Development and Self-awareness
Theories of LGBT Identity Development and Ally Identity
Discussion of Identity Assignment
Practice Experience
Readings:
Hunter and Hickerson, Chapters 1 through 4
Course Pack: Posted on c-tools, week 3, “Identity”
University of Michigan LGBT Affairs, Spectrum Office Information on Definitions and Non-discrimination policy.
“Straight Identity Choices,” Beyond the Closet, from Straight Encounters (no other info available)

**Week 4: 10/2  Coming Out with Focus on Race and Ethnicity**
(Due date!! Choice of Project Paper)
Guests invited for practice Experience

Readings:
Green, Chapters 4, 5 and 6
Hunter and Hickerson, Chapter 5 and 10

Course pack: Posted on c-tool, week 4, “Coming Out: Focus on People of Color”
Farajaje-Jones, “Queer: We’re All a Big Mix of Possibilities of Desire Waiting to Happen”, In the Family, Summer, 2000.
Week 5: 10/9  The Gender Spectrum and Perspectives on Transgender

Guests invited for practice experience

Comfort Zone Exercise: Introduction

Readings:
Green, Chapters 7 and 8
Hunter and Hickerson, Chapters 8 and 9

Course pack:  Posted on c-tools, week 5, “Gender Spectrum”:
* Conway, “How Frequently Does Transexualism Occur?”

Week 6: 10/16 LGBTQ Adolescents
(Due Date!!! Self-awareness and Identity Paper Due Date!!)

Adolescent in Social Systems (individuals, families, institutions, i.e. schools and the child welfare system)

Possible guest presenters

Practice experience

Readings:
Hunter and Hickerson, Chapters 13

Course pack:  Posted on c-tools, week 6, “TLBG Youth”
“Our Trans Children”, A Publication of the Transgender Special Outreach Network of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbian and Gays (PFLAG)
“Be Yourself: Questions and Answers for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Youth”, PFLAG.
* Bending the Mold: An Action Kit for Transgender Youth, NYAC (National Youth Advocacy Coalition and Lambda Legal.

Facts: Gay and Lesbian Youth in Schools, Lambda Legal

**Week 7: 10/23 LGBT and Ally Therapists: Reactions to the Work**
The therapist’s use of self
Guest Panel and Practice Experience
Readings:
Course pack: Posted on e-tools, week 7 “LGBT and Ally Therapists”:
“Therapy with Bisexuals: An Interview with Ron Fox”, In the Family, Autumn 2000.

**Week 8: 10/30 LGBT Health Issues: Focus on HIV, and Trans Health and Lesbian Health.**
(Comfort Zone Paper Due Date!!) (Happy Halloween!! and Aut Bar Costume Contest on Saturday)
Guest Presenter
Sexual History Practice Experience
Readings:
Course pack: Posted on c-tools, week 8, “LGBT Health Issues and HIV/AIDS
*Shernoff, Michael, “Condomless Sex: Gay Men Barebacking, and Harm Reduction”

These Article are grouped together under HIV and Lesbian Health
Lesbian Health: US Department of Human Services, womenshealth.gov. (important facts and questions)

**Week 9: 11/6 TBLG People: Poverty and Disability**
Readings:
Coursepac: Posted on C-tools, week 9, Disability and Poverty in the LGBT Community

**Week 10: 11/13 LGBT Families**
Child and Parent Guest Presenters
Interactive Class Experience
Readings:
Hunter and Hickerson, Chapters 6, 7 and 11

Course pack: Posted on c-tools, week 10, “LGBT Families”:
Maberry, “Fear No One: LGBT Families Confront the Realty of Bullying”, In the Family, Summer 2004.


*Golombok, et. al, “Children with Lesbian Parents: A Community Study”,


Week 11: 11/20 LGBT Issues Through the Lifecycle
(Community Project Paper Due Date! Case Scenarios passed out!)

Guest invited for Practice Experience
Class Presentations
Readings:
Hunter and Hickerson, Chapter 14

Course pack: Posted on e-tools, week 11 “LGBT Issues Through the Lifecycle”:


Break: 11/27, No class – Have Fun!!

Week 12: 12/4 Substance Abuse, Suicide and Violence in the LGBT Community
(Case Scenario Paper Due Date!!)

Practice Experience
Class Presentations
Readings:
Course pack: Posted on e-tool, week 12, “Suicide, Substance Abuse and Domestic Violence”:


Week 13: 12/11 LGBT Romantic Relationships and Sex
Possible Practice Experience
Class Presentations
Readings:
Course pack: Posted on c-tools, week 13 “LGBT Romantic Relationships and Sex”:
*Munson, “Partners Interfacing with Healthcare Professionals”, FORGE (For Ourselves Reworking Gender Expression, Milwaukee, WI.
Morin, “When Hot Monogamy Isn’t Happening Consider Plan B”, In the Family, April 1999.
*Hall, “Changing the Stories We Tell Ourselves About True Love”, In the Family, April 1999.
*Kassoff, “Queer Affairs”, In the Family, Fall 2003.