

RIT Campus Week of Dialogue

Schedule of Events

October 26 – October 30, 2009

Intolerance can be hard to recognize.

Join us for Campus Week of Dialogue to learn about recognizing intolerance and heightening your sense of awareness and comfort levels, enabling constructive dialogue while addressing difficult issues related to diversity. Highlighted topics for this week long opportunity will focus on global human and civil rights, including GLBT issues, hate crimes, and women's rights.

► Monday, October 26

12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m.
Program Schedule

Tom Malinowski: Human Rights and Intolerance: A Global Perspective in Ingle Auditorium

Welcome by Dr. Jeremy Haefner
Campus Week of Dialogue Outline for the Week – Dr. Howard Ward
Introduction of Keynote Speaker – Professor Ivan Kenneally
Keynote – Mr. Tom Malinowski



Tom Malinowski, Washington advocacy director for Human Rights Watch and an expert in United States foreign policy, is responsible for the organization's overall advocacy efforts with the US government. He frequently appears as a radio, television, and op-ed commentator on US human rights policy. Before joining Human Rights Watch, Malinowski was special assistant to President Bill Clinton and senior director for foreign policy speech writing at the National Security Council. Before working in the White House, he was a speech writer for Secretaries of State Christopher and Albright and a member of the State Department's policy planning staff. Malinowski holds degrees in political science from the University of California, Berkeley and Oxford University.

7:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Human Rights Advocacy in Washington, from Bush to Obama in Ingle Auditorium

Panel Members Mr. Tom Malinowski, Professor Sean Sutton,
Professor Timothy Engstrom, Professor Lauren Hall
Moderator Professor Ivan Kenneally

Reception to follow

► Tuesday, October 27

12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m.

Are we speaking the same language? Beyond Verbal Communication in SAU Room 1829

Every culture has a unique set of cultural norms; what may seem completely normal to one person could seem completely odd to the next. An American in New Zealand might think it inappropriate if a Kiwi were to say "I like your thongs" – most Americans do not know that in New Zealand, thongs are flip-flops, not underwear! The Study Abroad Office is hosting an interactive discussion about cultural stereotypes – what stereotypes do we hold, where do they come from, and which are actually true and which are completely absurd? This event will be interactive with lots of opportunity for audience involvement.

8:30 p.m.–11:00 p.m.

Drag Bingo in the Brick City Café

A bingo game like no other! Professional Drag Queens Sam and DeeDee will perform, answer questions, and call numbers for great prizes.

► Wednesday, October 28

9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

Project Secret: Community Art Project in Front of the SAU

Human rights and GLBT issues are a global and public effort. For many, though, the opportunity and outlet to share their internal struggle is hard to find. Project Secret is your chance to share your secrets, struggles, and efforts with the RIT community related to these topics. E-mail RITProjectSecret@rit.edu or fill out a specially marked postcard in the Reporter with your secret about Human Rights and GLBT issues.

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► **Wednesday, October 28** 12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m.

Open Dialogue with Erik Libey: Intolerance Poster Campaign in SAU Room 1829



Erik Libey, a graduate of the University of Rochester, is the Associate Director of LGBT Health Services at AIDS Rochester, Inc. Libey does extensive advocacy, training, and educational work to improve the health and wellness of the LGBT community. A specific focus of his work includes training throughout Western N.Y. with health and human service providers, and students pursuing careers in these fields, to increase both their cultural and clinical competence in working with LGBTIQ people. In addition, he is active in his community; publishing a monthly column on gay health, serving six years on the board of the Rochester queer film festival, and volunteering with gay youth for over a decade. Libey is one of the lead organizers of “The Bottom Monologues,” a theater production due for release in 2010, and has been both a participant and an organizer in several state and national LGBTI and Gay Men’s Health Summits. Additionally, two of his workshops were recently accepted at the 2009 National LGBTI Health Summit in Chicago.

7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

Safe Zone Training for Students in the Student Development Center Room 2405

Learn how to be an Ally and support the GLBT community.

8:30 p.m.–10:00 p.m.

RITGA’s Guest Speakers from the Genesee Valley Gay Alliance: How to Be an Ally in Webb Auditorium

Join the RIT Gay Alliance (RITGA) for a special presentation from the Gay Alliance of Genesee Valley on “How to be an Ally to the GLBT community” and also “How to be a better Ally to your straight Allies.”

► **Thursday, October 29** 12:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m.

How to Succeed in a Diverse Workforce: From the Application Process Through Employment Distinguished Minnett Professors in Ingle Auditorium

Moderator: Emerson U. Fullwood, Minnett Professor 2009–2010

Wyoma Best, Minnett Professor 1991–1992
Retired, Vice President
Rochester Business Alliance

Clayton Osborne, Minnett Professor 2002–2003
Vice President Human Resources
Bausch & Lomb World Headquarters

Bobby Colón, Minnett Professor 2005–2006
RIT Chief Legal Council

Augustin Melendez, Minnett Professor 2006–2007
Vice President, Human Resources
Eastman Kodak Company

Peter Jemison, Minnett Professor 2007–2008
Historic Site Manager, GANONDAGAN

Hoffman Moka Lantum, Minnett Professor 2008–2009
Director, Medical Services Business Improvement
Excellus BlueCross Blue Shield

4:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.

Ally Family Feud in Gracie’s (located in Grace Watson Hall)

It ain’t a food fight, it’s a fact fight! Think you know your fellow students? Come test your knowledge and win great prizes!

Stay informed. Go to <http://diversity.rit.edu> for more information about the Campus Week of Dialogue.

Registration

RIT students, staff, and faculty – please register for events at <http://finweb.rit.edu/cpd/elz/>.

Rochester community friends and guests – please register for events by emailing grcpro@rit.edu or call 475-6546.

All workshops are free and open to students, faculty, staff, alumni and administrators of RIT and NTID, friends at neighboring schools and colleges, as well as members of the Greater Rochester community. Sign language interpreters will be provided.

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