

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER CAMPUS, COMMUNITY & NATIONAL RESOURCES

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IUP CAMPUS RESOURCES

IUP Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Commission

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The University LGBT Commission on GLBT is an advisory group to the Office of Social Equity and the President. The purpose of the Commission is to improve the climate for diversity within IUP and specifically to address issues affecting the welfare of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender members of the University community.

Pride Alliance

Contact Info: President, Faith Elmes, pridealliance@gmail.com

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Advisor: Tedd Cogar, 724-357-1264, tcogar@iup.edu and Michael Botts, M.L.Botts@iup.edu

We are the student group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and allies: Our goal is to provide a safe space for IUP students to discuss queer issues and issues of sexuality. We are involved in social and educational programs and activism. Meetings are every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in Putt-G-43.

IUP Safe Zone Program

Contact Info: Dr. Rita Drapkin, 724-357-2621, rdrapkin@iup.edu

iup.edu/safezone/

Cosponsored by the University Commission on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Issues and the Office of Social Equity, the Safe Zone program is designed to improve visibility and support to GLBT students and employees. The Safe Zone program provides recognizable individuals who are available to provide these resources. The Safe Zone orientation, held once each semester, is only available to graduate students & University employees.

The Counseling Center

Contact Info: Dr. Beth Kincade, Dept. Chair, G-31 Suites on Maple East, 724-357-2621, ekincade@iup.edu

This department provides both individual and group counseling to all interested undergraduate and graduate students. A counseling group for students dealing with issues related to their sexual orientation is occasionally offered. The Center has a lending library, primarily for student-clients, including various GLBT titles.

Health AWAREness@Center for Health and Well-Being

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The Center for Health and Well-Being's Health AWAREness provides education, intervention and referrals services to students in an effort to help them meet their health needs. College health issues addressed by HealthAWAREness include sexual assault, relationship violence, STDs, Body Image, HIV, tobacco cessation, alcohol & other drug use.

Office of Social Equity

Contact Info: Dr. Pablo Mendoza, Assistant to the President -724-357-3402, Mendoza@iup.edu

The Office of Social Equity is responsible for the creation of a positive campus atmosphere that is accepting and inviting to all students. Our office is actively involved in the diversity awareness training for both students and university employees. Included in our mission is the duty to manage multiple areas such as; conflict/ dispute resolution, regulatory compliance, diversity support, advising diversity commissions, sexual harassment prevention training, and diversity peer training.

UUatIUP

Contact Info: Rev. Joan M. Sabatino, IUP Campus Minister – 724-464-5352 joansab@comcast.net

The UU@IUP draws on the principles and practices of the Unitarian Universalist Church, a liberal church internationally recognized for its core principles which include: recognizing the worth of all individuals, commitment to justice and compassion, and a free and responsible search for truth and meaning. Services are weekly at the HUB.

Lutheran Student Movement at IUP

Contact Info: Rev. Tedd Cogar, IUP Campus Minister, 724-357-1264, tcogar@iup.edu

Lutheran Student Movement is a Reconciling in Christ organization. The Lutheran Student Movement affirms that people of all sexual orientations and gender identities share with others the worth that comes from being unique individuals created by God. People of all sexual orientations and gender identities are welcome within the membership of this movement. As members of this movement, people of all sexual orientations and gender identities are expected and encouraged to share in the sacramental and general life of this movement.

SAGE (Students Advocating Gender Equality)

Contact Info: *Melissa King, Co-President* m.r.king@iup.edu

Advisor: Maureen McHugh, mcmchugh@iup.edu, Psychology, 204 Uhler Hall, 724-357-2448

SAGE is a feminist organization on campus. We seek to point out and combat the inequality between men and women in our society. We promote sexual health, awareness, and expression through activism and education. Our wish is to see a world where people can develop into healthy, full individuals, regardless of their gender identity or expression.

Women's Studies Program at IUP

Contact Info: Dr. Lingyan Yang, Director, 724-357-2604, (lingyan@iup.edu),

Women's Studies are an academic program offering a minor designed to examine the status and experiences of women from a feminist perspective. Courses introduce a variety of methods and disciplinary perspectives designed to encourage students to challenge traditional theories and research regarding women and to develop a critical, multidisciplinary, multicultural and gendered view of the world. Courses in women's studies address social equity issues and encourage students to perceive themselves as capable of transforming society.

INDIANA COUNTY RESOURCES

Most of the resources in the Indiana community are those offered on campus. Here are the local resources of which we are aware:

Indiana Cares Campaign to End Homophobia (ICC)

Contact Info: Linda Cline, indianacarescampaign@yahoo.com

Website: www.indianacarescampaign.org

This is a local community organization that leads workshops, social events, sponsors Indiana's LGBT Film Festival, and advocates for LGBT issues in the region. ICC works with local and campus organizations to coordinate efforts to create a gay-positive community. ICC is an alliance of LGBT/Queer and straight members of all ages and backgrounds who are committed to ending oppression, and also to building a LGBT-affirming community. Meets the second Monday of each month at the Commonplace Coffeehouse.

First Unitarian Universalist Church

Contact Info: Rev. Joan M. Sabatino, 724-349-2776, <http://www.firstuu-indianapa.org>
285 Twolick Drive, Indiana PA 15701 (724)349-2776 (church phone) or (724)464-5352 (home phone)

We are a liberal religious community committed to welcoming the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community Services are held on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. Religious Education classes for children and youth are offered at the same time. A service for IUP students is held in the HUB at 7 p.m. every Wednesday evening when the university is in session. UU@IUP is a campus organization of students committed to UU values.

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<http://www.lcmiup.org/>

We are a Reconciling in Christ community. The RIC designation is for Lutheran communities that publically welcome lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender believers. Campus Ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America invites people in academic settings more deeply into Jesus Christ and the community that bears his name, so that they can discover and fulfill their vocation as disciples. We gather on Thursdays for a home-cooked meal and conversation at 5:30 pm and have a worship service at 6:30 pm.

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

Contact Info: Karen Bieger, 724-357-8309, pflagindiana@comcast.net

Website: <http://home.comcast.net/~pflagindiana/>

PFLAG is a national non-profit organization with over 200,000 members. PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons, their families and friends through support and advocacy.

Regional, National and International Resources

- Campus Pride. <http://www.campuspride.org/>
- GLSEN: Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network. <http://www.glsen.org>
- HRC: Human Rights Campaign. <http://www.hrc.org/>
- International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission. <http://www.iglhrc.org/cgi-bin/iowa/home/index.html>
- Intersex Society of North American. <http://www.isna.org/>
- National Center for Lesbian Rights. <http://www.nclrights.org/>
- NGLTF: National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. <http://www.thetaskforce.org/>
- PASSHE LGBTQIA Consortium. <http://www.passhepride.org/>
- PFLAG: Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. <http://community.pflag.org>
- Safe Zone Foundation. <http://safezonefoundation.tripod.com/index.html>
- The Trevor Project. www.thetrevorproject.org/