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# ALGBTICAL *MATTERS*

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## WELCOME FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Greetings, Everyone!

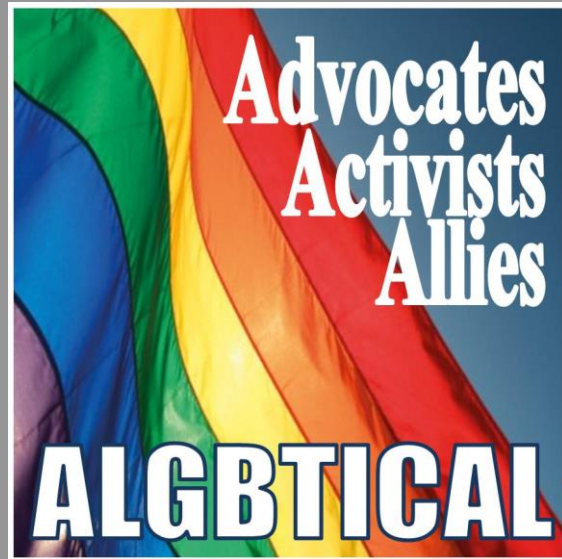
I am thrilled to welcome you all to an exciting new year with ALGBTICAL! I feel certain that with the strength of our leadership and membership, ALGBTICAL will continue to flourish in 2014 just as it did in the previous year. There is so much work yet to be done, but I am confident this great division will rise to the occasion and continue to meet the demands of an ever changing society. I am so honored to be part of ALGBTICAL and consider it one of the greatest joys in my life to serve as your President. I hope that each of you have a very healthy, happy, and prosperous New Year!

My Best to All!!

*Kelli Lasseter, M.S., ALC*

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ALGBTICAL President, 2013 - 2014



### Our Mission:

The mission of the Association of Lesbian, Gay Bisexual & Transgender Issues in Counseling of Alabama (ALGBTICAL) is...

To promote greater awareness and understanding of sexual minority issues among members of the counseling profession and related helping occupations.

To develop, implement and foster interest in charitable, scientific and educational programs designed to further the human growth and development of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) clients and communities.

To protect from harm LGBT individuals by language, stereotypes, myths, misinformation, threats of expulsion from social and institutional structures and other entities, and from beliefs contrary to their identity.

To provide educational programs and resources to raise the standard of practice for all counselors who serve LGBT clients and communities.

Visit our website: <http://www.algbtical.org/index.htm>

# CHECK OUT ALGBTICAL ONLINE

## WWW.ALGBTICAL.ORG



- **Alabama News**  
**TRANSGENDER STUDENT AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY**  
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**BETRAYED & EXPOSED: School Counselor Outs Student to His Mother**  
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- **National News**  
**INDIA OUTLAWS HOMOSEXUALITY-Court Upholds Anti-Gay Sex Law**  
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- **Social News**  
**ROBIN ROBERTS COMES OUT-Good Morning America Host is a Lesbian**  
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- **Current Commentary**  
**Thoughtful Observations-Revolution and Reform**  
<http://www.algbtical.org/2A%20NEWS%20%28COMMENTARY%29.htm>
- **ALGBTICAL NEWS**  
**FIRST ALGBTIC NATIONAL CONFERENCE**  
**September 19-20 in New Orleans**  
<http://www.algbtical.org/2A%20NEWS%20%28ORG%29.htm>

## **ALGBTICAL Members at ALCA Fall Conference Birmingham 2013**

ALGBTICAL members were out and about in Birmingham! The Alabama Counseling Association annual statewide conference was held November 20-22 in Birmingham, at the Sheraton Hotel and Medical Center Forum. The conference theme was "Alabama Counselors: Helping People, Changing Lives." The conference was well-attended! It was a wonderful event and everyone had a great time!

ALGBTICAL members were represented at the Awards Breakfast on Wednesday morning. Congratulations to our proud award-winners!

**--Dr. Melanie Drake Wallace won the Fannie Cooley Award for Distinguished Professional Development**

**--Dr. Jamie Satcher won the Distinguished Professional Service Award**

**--The ALGBTICAL Website (Michael Lebeau, Web Manager) won the Chapter/Division Service Award**

**--Dr. Harriett Schaffer (ALGBTICAL Member) won the Chapter/Division Outstanding Member Award**

For more info and pictures click here:

<http://www.algbtical.org/2A%20CONFERENCE.htm>



# Alabama Inspiration



Greetings to all,

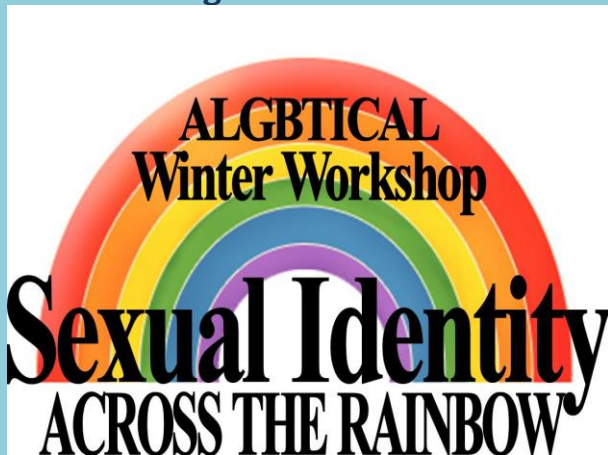
I am very happy to be asked to contribute to the newsletter. My name is Patrick Faircloth and I am an active member of ALGBTICAL. I was hired as an Assistant Professor at Troy University in 2012. Previously I worked at and received my Ph.D. in Counseling from Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan. In so many ways I feel that we stand on the shoulders of those who have come before us. I credit many of my ideas and beliefs about LBGTTQI advocacy to my former professors' Dr. Michael Chaney (a past president of ALGBTIC), and Dr. Lisa Hawley one of my dissertation committee members, and the current Chairperson of the Department of Counseling at Oakland University. My thoughts about being out both as a Bisexual man, and as a Dominant in the BDSM sense were partially discussed at a recent presentation (Being Kinky Is Not A Diagnosis) at the ALCA conference. It is my belief that when students and clients look around at our profession they need to be able to see people like themselves who have a voice, stand up for equality, and refuse to consider orientation or participation in a lifestyle as a mental disorder. Last February at the ALGBTICAL workshop I was given an article about how it is important for counselor educators to be out in our profession, and not just within the safety of our community. I reflected on this for a while and made a choice to be out at work. Like some people I am a relatively private person. I never had a burning desire to "out" myself, and I didn't for most of my life, and certainly not in every area of my life. However, there came a time in my professional life when I felt I had a duty to myself, my former professors, my current and future students, and found I could not remain silent. Since I placed a "Safe Space" sticker on my door and came out at work I have found complete support in my department. Students and some faculty have let me know that they are happy to know they have a safe space and an advocate. When I was a student I was strengthened and encouraged by professors who were out and strong advocates for our community, their courage inspired me. I can only hope that I can model their courage, and inspire others in a similar way. Coming out is a lifelong process and a journey, I wish you well on your journey.



Dr. Patrick Faircloth

If you would like to submit an article on an inspiring Alabama counselor for an upcoming newsletter, send your submission and a picture to [csteadman2@una.edu](mailto:csteadman2@una.edu).

WINTER WORKSHOP 2014  
Eighth Annual Event



ALGBTICAL Winter Workshop  
Friday, February 21  
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM  
Homewood Public Library  
Birmingham Area

[Registration Form](#)  
[Event Information](#)

ALGBTICAL is proud to present its 8th Annual Winter Workshop. Counselors from around the state are invited to attend this enjoyable and informative event.

The theme for this year's workshop is, "Sexual Identity Across the Rainbow." The program will address a variety of relevant issues related to transgender people and offer information and resources to counselors who work with transgender students and clients.

The workshop will provide an overview of the range of sexual identities, information about transgender issues, the medical process of gender reassignment, legal issues associated with being transgender, a discussion of sexual identity in the counseling relationship/process, and useful resources for counselors and other helping professionals who work with transgender clients and students.

This is an incredible professional development opportunity for counselors in all settings and specialties! Don't miss this amazing event!

Information Tables Will Be Set Up  
Lunch Will Be Served  
Six CEUs Will Be Offered

**GUEST SPEAKERS:**

*Sarah Young*

Overview of Sexual Identities, Including Transgender

*Alesdair Ittleson*

Medical Process of Gender Reassignment and Legal Issues Associated With Being Transgender

*Dr. Anita Neuer Colburn*

Addressing Sexual Identity in the Counseling Relationship

*Michael Lebeau*

Resources for Counselors Working With Transgender Clients and Students

**CO-SPONSORS:**

Magic City Acceptance Project

Alabama Safe Schools Coalition

University of Montevallo Counselor Education Program

REGISTER TODAY: Print it Out / Fill it Out / Mail it In

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 60 Regular / Early

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 30 Student / Early

Graduate School Program \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Graduate \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor \_\_\_\_\_

I need:

\_\_\_\_\_ Certificate of Attendance (Other than my Registration Receipt)

\_\_\_\_\_ CEUs for Counselors

\_\_\_\_\_ CEUs for Social Workers

Mail completed registration form and check to:  
ALGBTICAL, PO Box 26044, Birmingham, Alabama 35260

Make check payable to:

ALGBTICAL

Mail Deadline:

Must be Received (Not Postmarked) by Friday, February 12, 2014



Michael Lebeau  
Public Relations Chair

**Happy New Year!**

**Best wishes to all our amazing allies, advocates, and activists in the ALGBTICAL division! We are grateful to you for the important work you do every day in serving our LGBT community. You certainly are making a difference in the lives of your LGBT students and clients. It was wonderful to see so many of you at the ALCA Fall Conference in November. And we are looking forward to seeing you all again at the upcoming ALGBTICAL Winter Workshop in February**

**Michael Lebeau**

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