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Social Justice Working Group Newsletter

"No Pride for Some of Us Without Liberation for all of us"
-Marsha P. Johnson, activist

The ORA Social Justice working group is charged with keeping ORA staff informed of opportunities to engage in activities on Emory's campus and the greater Atlanta area around social justice, diversity, and inclusion. Our newsletter aims to provide relevant information and events to stay connected to the Emory and Atlanta community.



It is Pride Month!

June is Pride Month! During Pride, we remember the Stonewall uprising in 1969, where activists in the LGBTQI+ community fought for their basic rights. For years, LGBTQI+ individuals were targeted by police attacks when they congregated in bars. Just the fact of being gay prompted police officers to consider the activities "disorderly." Stonewall Inn provided a safe haven for LGBTQI+ people, especially transgender individuals who were marginalized even more. The riots started when the patrons at this establishment could not take the abuse anymore. The riots started a revolution!

Find more information [here](#)

Juneteenth

Even though President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation to liberate enslaved people on January 1, 1863, enslaved people in Texas did not receive the news immediately. In fact, it was more than two years later, on June 19, 1865, that the news reached enslaved people in Galveston, Texas, after the Union Troops visited the area. Juneteenth is a time to celebrate this day of freedom!

Find more information [about this event here](#).



[Emory has a page](#) highlighting the activities that will take place during Juneteenth. Learn more about Judge Clarence Copper, who was among the first full-time Black students who graduated from this program.



What does this have to do with LGBTQ+ Pride Month?

Did you know that Pride month began as a protest by a Black Transgender Woman combating police brutality? Marsha P. Johnson was an activist, self-identified drag queen, performer, and survivor. She was a prominent figure in the Stonewall Uprising of 1969. Marsha went by “BLACK Marsha” before settling on Marsha P. Johnson. The “P” stood for “Pay It No Mind,” which Marsha would say in response to questions about her gender. Marsha, alongside Sylvia Rivera, began civil rights work for Queer and Trans people in America.



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Events and Other Updates

SJWG Events

[Check out our site](#) for upcoming summer and fall events, including Research Week!

- ORA Research Week SJWG Research Panel Presentation and Discussion featuring [Dr. Judy Wawira Gichoya](#), [Michelle Pratt](#), and [Rose Horton](#)

Emory and Other Events

- [The Atlanta Parade and Music Festival](#) will occur from June 16 to 18. The event will also have a 5k!
- The Atlanta History Center will host an event on Sunday, June 18, from 10 to 4 pm to educate and remember Juneteenth. [You can find more information here.](#)
- Emory employees are invited to join the [Emory Pride Employee Network](#) (EPEN) team for the [Atlanta Pride Run 5K](#) on Sunday, June 4, at 8 a.m. in Piedmont Park.
- On Wednesday, June 7, at noon, EPEN will host “[Our Stories: A Celebration of Pride and Living Histories](#)” in the School of Nursing.
- Science Gallery Atlanta’s latest exhibition, “[JUSTICE](#),” asks artists and researchers to collaborate and respond to the question, “What is justice?”. Graduate student Eli Chlan created an immersive piece called “[\(H\)our Glass](#),” highlighting the clinical and societal experiences of transmasculine individuals when starting hormone replacement therapy.
- EPEN will participate in [Pride Night with the Atlanta Braves](#) on Thursday, June 15, at 7:20 p.m. when the World Series champion Atlanta Braves play the Colorado Rockies

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