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CUNY Graduate School Courses with Lesbian/Gay Content, Fall 1997

English

"Queer Theory," Wayne Koestenbaum, Wednesdays, 4:15-6:15pm

"Lesbian Bodies," Alisa Solomon, Wednesdays, 2:00-4:00pm

Political Science

"Gay and Lesbian Theories and Politics," Mark Blasius, Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30pm

Psychology

"Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Issues in Psychology," David Chapin, Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30pm

New Queer Studies Course

"Gay and Lesbian Theories and Politics" will look at how various theories of homosexuality (liberal, multicultural, feminist, historical essentialist, psychoanalytic, postmodern-queer, sociobiological, and ecological) inform politics. Theoretical analysis of l/g/b/t policy issues, US and international, will be undertaken drawing from perspectives on contemporary civil society and "globalization," empirical research, social justice, and ethics. For more information, contact Professor Mark Blasius at the Ph.D. Program in Political Science.

Funding News

Each year, CLAGS receives support from a small number of foundations. These visionary institutions are among the first in the foundation world to recognize the importance of the cultural and intellectual production of lesbians and gay men.

The **Chicago Resource Center** awarded \$2,000 to support the CLAGS Colloquium Series in Lesbian and Gay Studies. The monthly series is the vehicle through which cutting-edge research on the lesbian and gay experience first reaches the general public.

Last year, the **Rockefeller Foundation** awarded CLAGS \$250,000 to support the work of scholars in lesbian and gay studies. The award allows CLAGS to fund six scholars doing research in lesbian and gay studies over the next three years, beginning this fall.

The **Paul Rapoport Foundation** awarded \$15,000 to CLAGS, the largest grant ever in their long history of giving to the organization. According to executive director Jane Schwartz, the Rapoport Foundation's Board wanted to make a substantial investment in CLAGS in light of founder Martin Duberman's departure. "The board wanted to signal to other foundations that we were confident about CLAGS's future," said Schwartz. The first \$10,000 of the award is an outright grant; the remaining \$5,000 is a matching grant, designed to encourage CLAGS to increase its donor base.

The **New York City Lesbian and Gay Funding Collaborative** has extended its \$10,000 capacity-building grant. CLAGS received the grant, designed to support strategic planning and organizational development, last year. So far the money has supported hiring an organizational consultant who has conducted a strategic planning retreat and fundraising trainings. The extension, which continues the grant to the end of 1997, will allow for further training and consultation.

The **Northstar Fund** committed \$1,500 to support *Relatively Speaking: A Conference on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Families*.

The Office of City Council Member **Tom Duane** contributed \$2,500 toward the printing and distribution of CLAGS's newsletter.

The Office of State Assembly Member **Deborah Glick** contributed \$3,000 toward general operating expenses.

Michael C.P. Ryan Bequest

CLAGS has received a generous bequest from the estate of Michael C.P. Ryan. The executor of Mr. Ryan's estate, Ana-Mita Betancourt, announced that the \$60,000 bequest will fund the Michael C.P. Ryan Latino/Latina Colloquium Series, a five-year program exploring political, cultural, and artistic questions facing lesbian and gay Latino/as in the United States and Latin America. The bequest follows an earlier gift from the Ryan estate that helped fund the historic conference, *Crossing National and Sexual Borders: Queer Sexualities in Latin/o America*, in October 1996.

Michael C.P. Ryan (1956-1995) was a lawyer, gay activist, and long-time friend of CLAGS. He received his Master's degree in Latin American Studies and a law degree from Stanford University in 1982. The bequest and colloquia reflect Mr. Ryan's life-long commitment to Latin American studies and to lesbian and gay civil rights.

The colloquium series will continue the project initiated by the *Crossing Borders* conference. The first day-long colloquium, to take place in Fall 1998, is entitled "Latino/Latina Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Activism in Latin America and in the United States." This will be followed by "AIDS in the Latino Communities" (2000); "Poetry and Narrative: A Conversation with Writers" (2001); and "A Graduate Students Colloquium (2003). "Looking Back/Crossing Borders" will conclude the series in 2004.

The series will be coordinated by CLAGS Board Members and organizers from the *Crossing Borders* conference: Elizabeth Crespo, Arnaldo Cruz-Malavé, Elena M. Martínez, Oscar Montero, and José Esteban Muñoz.

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