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Gay Marriages in California

Gay marriages in San Francisco appears to have captured the national spotlight. The CJHP is currently exploring the possibility of publishing a **Special Issue on the Health and Health Education Implications of Gay Marriages in California** in addition to the LGBT Special Issue.

Individuals interested in submitting an article related to gay marriages should contact me ASAP at mtomita@csuchico.edu. Also, please let friends and colleagues know about this opportunity to publish an entire journal issue on gay marriages. Videotaped interviews and testimonies of married gay couples and the meaning of marriage are sought for this issue. Please digitize the videos if possible and submit on CD-ROM. Possible health-related paper topics are:

1. How LGBT community organizations are planning for services related to married gay couples.
2. Case studies of married couples, giving insight into their quest to have their LGBT relationship recognized by society.
3. Legal implications of gay marriages.
4. Civil implications of gay marriages.
5. Social health perspective of gay marriages from the point of view of a heterosexist society.
6. Changes in family health of gay couples with children.
7. School health curriculum implications. Will the California Health Framework need to be changed to include gay marriages?

Upcoming LGBT Special Issue April 1- September 1, 2004

The LGBT Special Issue will run continuously from April 1-September 1, 2004. As soon as articles are accepted for publication, they will be published at that time. Some of the topics below are sought for this issue:

- health implications of heterosexual couples divorcing where one partner and "runs off" with a LGBT partner
- health of children of gay/lesbian parents
- LGBT elder health
- LGBT couples adopting children
- LGBT domestic violence
- LGBT national health agenda
- LGBT "divorce"

Individuals interested in submitting an article on these topics should contact me. Case studies and other qualitative papers are welcome for this issue.

In This Issue

This issue first began as a regular issue, but in the Fall of 2003, I felt we needed more articles about the health education profession that faculty could use in the classroom. Thus, I sent out an invitation through the Health Education Directory (HEDIR) for list subscribers to submit papers with specific content. There was an overwhelming response to the invitation.

The CJHP Editorial Board would like to thank the American Journal of Health Education and the American Association for Health Education for granting permission to republish the article, "Viewpoints on Accreditation from Health Education Professionals and Administrators of Academic Professional Preparation Programs." Also, thanks to old friends John Allegrante and Jay Bernhardt for the leg work involved in getting this article in the CJHP. I strongly recommend reading this article!

I would like to highlight three articles in this issue:

1. **Coalition of National Health Education Organizations.** Ellen Capwell was gracious to write this article about the CNHEO. This article is ideal for assigned readings in a Foundations of Health Education course.
2. **Attending Professional Health Education Meetings: What's In It for the Student and New Professional.** Eleanor Dixon-Terry of SOPHE introduces health education students and new professionals to professional meetings. What are professional meetings and what do you do once you get there? Students and health educators new to attending professional meetings often have difficulties understanding the process.
3. **Selecting for a Diverse Public Health Workforce - Community Health Education MPH Program Admissions at the California State University.** Ed Mamary and Kathleen Roe at San Jose State University detail the process of selecting MPH students. Health educators thinking about applying to an MPH program should read this article.

Conference Reminders

2004 AAHPERD National Convention and Exposition

March 30- April 3, 2004

New Orleans, LA

<http://www.aahperd.org/aahe/>

IUHPE 18th World Conference on Health Promotion and Health Education

"Valuing Diversity, Re-Shaping Power: Exploring Pathways to Health and Well-Being"

Melbourne, Australia

April 26-30, 2004

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

SOPHE 2004 Midyear Scientific Conference

"The Future of Health Promotion and Health Education: Transforming Vision into Reality"

In partnership with the Directors of Health Promotion and Education and CDC

May 5-7, 2004

Wyndham Hotel

Orlando, FL

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

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