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spaces that have been created for queer people and allies to strategize and organize for change within the discipline and what progress has resulted from these spaces. Although there have been changes within psychology that have had a positive impact on many QLGBTTI people's lives, I will argue that there are some unstated limitations on how QLGBTTI people can challenge the discipline when working under the governance of the mainstream.

Queers from the Other Side of the Rainbow. Imtiaz Popat, Rainbow Refugee Committee, LAGIT, Salaam Vancouver

This workshop will present stories and issues facing queer immigrants and refugees. Panellists will talk about personal stories of immigrants and refugees and members from the different organizations will talk about their work. This will be followed by discussion with participants about what can be done to make a difference in the issues presented. Some of the refugee claimants from South East Asia and Latin America will talk about their personal stories of seeking asylum here in Canada. They will talk about the persecution in their countries, how they came to Canada and the refugee and immigration process.

Session A4: WORKSHOP/FILM SCREENING — Scarfe 203

A Transgendered Journey: Workplace and Lifestyle Management. Mary Valentich, University of Calgary

This session will involve showing a 58 minute video of Dr. Teri Jane Ursacki-Bryant, a university professor, describing her journey from male to female. She details lifestyle and workplace transitions and reveals her skills in anticipating possible barriers. The discussion will focus on factors that make for a successful transition, implications for policy and practice in educational and work settings, and facilitative roles for helping professionals.

Session A5: WORKSHOP — Scarfe 204

Governance, Leadership and Change: An Exploration of Governance within the Context of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Organizations. Patricia Bradshaw, York University; Sue Inglis, McMaster University; Janis Purdy, Toronto

This workshop is about the purpose, responsibilities and importance of the nonprofit board of directors, and how to find the best governance model for your organization. It will also encourage an exploration of what it means to govern in the ever-changing queer sector. Drawing heavily on our research, it will be an opportunity for staff and volunteers of LGBTTI organizations to interact with each other and learn about new assumptions, approaches and governance models that are appearing on the fringes of the non-profit sector.

Session A6: WORKSHOP — Scarfe 205

A Minority within a Minority: The Canadian QLGBT East Asian Experience. Andre Goh, Ryerson University; Ed Lee, Asian Society for the Intervention of AIDS, Vancouver

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In general, racism in the QLGBT community has been addressed contextually, technically, objectively and respectfully. It rarely is done systemically, constructively or realistically. East Asians have experienced racism throughout its long history in Canada and the experience of racism and differential treatment continues. Within the East Asian communities, QLGBT East Asians not only find racism within the larger community (of Asians) but also within the smaller community (QLGBT). This presentation attempts to explore one aspect of continued, systemic community discrimination, highlighting the experiences of a group of QLGBT East Asians living in urban centres and attempts to highlight the barriers and problems encountered.

Session A7: JUSTICE AND THE BODY— Scarfe 200

Turn of the Century Sexology and The Female Invert. Naomi Lloyd, Vancouver

This presentation focuses on theories of female inversion propounded by turn of the century sexologists. It addresses, in particular, the role and representation of the body in the theorizing of female inversion. Transsexual and transgender theorists point to female inverts as precursors of contemporary transsexual and transgender embodiments. In considering the difference bodies make, and in producing a diversity of sexual identities, early sexology offers a challenge to the sometimes disembodied subject of post-modern theory.

Justice, Rights and Mental Health: Psychology in the Social Arena. Sue Wilkinson, SFU; Celia Kitzinger, York, UK

This paper explores the relationship between psychological and social policy/legal claims for social justice. Rights for QLGBTTI people are often supported by psychologists on the grounds of mental health and wellbeing. Lawyers and policy makers use psychological research demonstrating our mental health, or our fitness to parent, as evidence on our behalf in court; many psychologists carry out their research with a view to the legal uses that might be made of it. Using case studies drawn from debates on same-sex marriage and parenting rights, this paper explores the dialectical relationship between the productions of psychological knowledge and the deployment of that knowledge in social policy arenas.

The Construction of 'Sexual Diversity' in the Social World of AIDS: Science, Activism and Professionalization in Argentina and Brazil. Horacio Federico Sivori, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro

The ideas of sexual health, sexual rights and sexual citizenship emerge as the result of a unique articulation of science and politics. This presentation will explore the political and ideological processes at work in the production and use of sexual identity categories in the context of AIDS prevention at the so-called community level. Risk assessment and public health interventions among "gays, transvestites and other men who have sex with men," are sites of contestation and multiple claims, where discourses of community, State, activism and expertise mediate the production of an ideal self-caring, autonomous and responsible "sexual citizen."