

Creating Change 2014 Update

We had a fabulous time in Houston with everyone who was able to attend Creating Change 2014. We know that more than 100 professionals attended, along with at least 222 students. Here's a recap of all our activity. Please get in touch with us if you have questions or want to follow up on any of this!

Business Meeting

Although travel delays difficult it hard for some people to get there, about 55 people were able to attend our annual business meeting. Board members shared their accomplishments from the previous year and their plans for the coming year. The [slides from the meeting are available on our website](#). And also check out our [annual report](#).

LGBT Campus Resource Professionals Institute

Many thanks to **Raja Bhattar** of UCLA, Education Chair, and the education committee who put on a great day-long institute for 170 participants. Professionals had the opportunity to connect with others in similar stages in their careers. QueerTalks engaged and challenged the audience. Everyone enjoyed discussing and networking. Materials from the institute will be available on the Creating Change forum soon.

Celebrations and Thanks

Our congratulations to the winners of the Consortium awards. We presented **Shiva Subbaraman** with the Consortium's Award for Intersectionality during the conference's opening plenary. You can see the award presentation at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Tpo7evHQoI> (we start at about 1:39). We are also proud to celebrate

Chicora Martin

for Service to the Consortium, and

Zaneta Rago

as our Promising New Professional.

[Visit our website for the awards comments](#)

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We want to celebrate everyone who served the Consortium this year. Special thanks to the board members who complete their terms this year: **Ashley Olson, Justin Adkins, Michael Shutt, Sara Bendoraitis, Gabe Javier, Matt Bruno, and Lea Robinson.**

Our thanks also to the regional representatives and committee members who served this year. And our gratitude to everyone who helped table for the Consortium at the Creating Change vendor section; we love being visible!

Conference Sessions

We hosted two fantastic **academy sessions** that challenged us to think inclusively and broadly in our work as professionals. Consortium members hosted 15 workshops in the **Campus Administrators Track**

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Student Track

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Constituency Gatherings

For the second year in a row, we were able to have a hotel suite for Consortium events. Our suite provided a cozy and calm space for support, mentorship, and connection. The **LGBT2, People of Color,** and

Trans*/Genderqueer

constituency groups all hosted meals in the Consortium's suite. Participation in these meals ranged from 12 to 25 people. In addition, the Consortium sponsored lunch for 20

graduate students

interested in working in higher education. Finally, folks met for breakfast and split up by

regions

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Suite Meetings

In addition to hosting constituency meals in the space, we held a number of meetings and discussions. The quiet space in the suite allowed us to connect and share. Here are the meetings we hosted. You can contact these people to be involved in continuing the process.

- **Diversity Assessment Tool** - Ashley Olsen (antiracism@lgbtampus.org)
- **Sex, Gender, and Sexual Orientation on the Common Application** - Genny Beemyn (genny@umass.edu) and Debbie Bazarsky (bazarsky@princeton.edu)
- **Strategic Planning** - Michael Shutt (pastchair@lgbtampus.org)
- **Standards of Practice** - Michael Shutt and Sara Bendoritis (pastchair@lgbtampus.org)

We also hosted a social for 30 current and past board members, in order to share our history and learn from each other. The suite was also where we hosted our board meeting.

And Finally

We had a phenomenal time connecting with you at our evening socials and between sessions. Whether it was a long conversation or a brief hello, it was invigorating to be with our Consortium family in person. We are grateful we had a chance to see so many of you and hear about the exciting programs happening on your campus. We made the most out of the few days we had together! If you have feedback about the conference, please email us and let us know. We are already looking forward to **February 2 - 8** for **Creating Change 2015** in **Denver!**