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Loyola Law School to Host Symposium on Sexual Identity Issues and the Law

LOS ANGELES – Loyola Law School and the *Loyola of Los Angeles Law Review* will host a daylong discussion of the most pressing issues facing the gay, lesbian and transgender community during the symposium “LGBT Identity and the Law” to be held on Friday, Oct. 21 on Loyola’s downtown L.A. campus. Antidiscrimination, constitutional culture, healthcare and family issues will be the focus of four panel discussions. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Gary Gates, Williams Distinguished Scholar, The Williams Institute, UCLA School of Law.

“Speakers will address how sexual orientation issues are shaping constitutional law and politics, how antidiscrimination law both protects and fails to protect sexual minorities, how issues around healthcare access and medical care shape the lives of transgender and intersex individuals, and how the law recognizes and regulates families headed by same-sex couples,” said Associate Professor Doug NeJaime, an organizer and moderator of the symposium. “Not only will the panelists chart the trajectory of the LGBT rights movement, they will provide fresh commentary and present new research on current and emerging issues that will shape the future of LGBT rights litigation, policy work and scholarship.”

Loyola Law School is located at 919 Albany St., Los Angeles, CA 90015 (on Olympic two blocks west of L.A. Live). More information is available at <http://events.lls.edu/lgbt>. Members of the media who wish to attend should contact Brian Costello, deputy director of communications, at 213-736-1444 (o), 310-902-9560 (c) or brian.costello@lls.edu.

SCHEDULE

8:45–9:00 A.M. | WELCOME

Victor J. Gold, Fritz B. Burns Dean and Professor of Law, Loyola Law School; Senior Vice President, Loyola Marymount University

9:00–10:30 A.M. | PANEL ONE: ANTIDISCRIMINATION

Moderator: James Gilliam, Deputy Executive Director, ACLU of Southern California; Adjunct Professor, Loyola Law School

Cary Franklin, Assistant Professor of Law, University of Texas at Austin School of Law

Holning Lau, Associate Professor of Law, University of North Carolina School of Law

Jennifer Pizer, Legal Director and Arnold D. Kassoy Senior Scholar of Law, The Williams Institute, UCLA School of Law

Cliff Rosky, Associate Professor of Law, University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law

10:30–10:45 A.M. | BREAK

10:45 A.M.–12:15 P.M. | PANEL TWO: CONSTITUTIONAL CULTURE

Moderator: Douglas NeJaime, Associate Professor of Law, Loyola Law School

Dale Carpenter, Earl R. Larson Professor of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Law, University of Minnesota Law School

Jon Davidson, Legal Director, Lambda Legal

Julie Nice, Herbst Foundation Professor of Law, University of San Francisco School of Law

12:15–1:45 P.M. | LUNCH

Student Lounge, Fritz B. Burns Academic Center

Keynote: Dr. Gary Gates, Williams Distinguished Scholar, The Williams Institute, UCLA School of Law

1:45–3:15 P.M. | PANEL THREE: HEALTHCARE

Moderator: Brietta Clark, Professor of Law, Loyola Law School

Julie Greenberg, Professor of Law, Thomas Jefferson School of Law

Ilan Meyer, PhD., Williams Senior Scholar for Public Policy, The Williams Institute, UCLA School of Law

Katie Pratt, Professor of Law, Loyola Law School

Brad Sears, Executive Director and Roberta A. Conroy Scholar of Law and Policy, The Williams Institute, UCLA School of Law

3:15–3:30 P.M. | BREAK

3:30–5:00 P.M. | PANEL FOUR: LGBT FAMILIES

Moderator: Jennifer Rothman, Professor of Law and Joseph Scott Fellow, Loyola Law School

Courtney Joslin, Acting Professor of Law, UC Davis School of Law

Melissa Murray, Professor of Law, Berkeley Law

Nancy Polikoff, Professor of Law, American University Washington College of Law; McDonald/Wright Visiting Chair of Law and Faculty Chair, The Williams Institute, UCLA School of Law

5:00–6:00 P.M. | RECEPTION

About Loyola Law School, Los Angeles

Located in downtown Los Angeles—a legal, financial and media capital—Loyola Law School is home to prominent faculty, dedicated students and cutting-edge programs. Committed to legal ethics and the public interest, it has produced top attorneys for 90 years. The Princeton Review ranked Loyola third for “Best Classroom Experience.” Loyola was ranked 29th on the 2010 *Super Lawyers* U.S. Law School Rankings. *National Jurist* magazine ranks it eighth on its list of “Best Law Schools for Public Interest Law.” It was ranked fifth in the nation for trial advocacy, ninth for diversity and 10th for tax law by *U.S. News & World Report*. For more information, please see www.lls.edu.

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