

## Pride Month 2020

### A Reflection from Vice Provost Tim Holbrook

Pride 2020 felt like a bit of whiplash! One day, the Trump administration is revoking health care protections for transgender persons. A few days later, the Supreme Court extends federal law to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity, immediately calling into doubt the Trump administration's move and giving the trans community its first Supreme Court victory. The Bostock decision, from right here in Georgia, was a surprising outcome given the Supreme Court's current makeup. More surprising was that the Chief Justice, a dissenter in the marriage equality case, joined the majority. And the biggest surprise of all was the author of the majority, Justice Gorsuch, although he did rely upon a conservative methodology to interpret the relevant statute.

In 17 short years, we've gone from criminals, to being able to be married, and now protected by federal law. This progress is almost dizzying. But we must always recall, particularly at this moment in time, that Pride parades originally were protests, with their genesis in the Stonewall riots against police brutality and abuse. Those riots were led by many trans and queer people of color. We must celebrate our LGBTQ progress, but we must also stand with our sisters, brothers, and siblings of all races, especially our black siblings, if we are to be true to our own LGBTQ history.

Be true. Be brave. Be proud.

#### Thoughts From Our Leaders | SCOTUS Ruling

**Carol Henderson**  
Chief Diversity Officer, Vice Provost for Diversity and Inclusion, Adviser to the President

"Along with the LGBTQ community, we celebrate the recent US Supreme Court's landmark decision that workplace discrimination based on one's sexual orientation and gender identity is against the law. Allowing members of our Emory community to bring their whole selves with them to work is a guiding principle of our institution. As we work to strengthen this practice in word and deed, reflect on the progress made, and the work yet to be done, let us continue to build bridges and not walls. Let us connect in kinship and allyship, as we strive to eliminate injustice and inequities anywhere we find them. This is the true hallmark of a dynamic, just and thriving society."

**Danielle Bruce Steele**  
Director of the Office of LBGT Life

"We are thrilled any time we have to update our Safe Space and educational materials with a win for the queer and trans communities! Because marriage equality passed five years ago, many allies of the LGBTQ communities assumed we also had protections from discrimination at work. This surprise SCOTUS ruling is a reminder that the work for equality and equity is ongoing, and justice is rarely achieved in one swift victory. I am grateful that more queer and trans employees now have the same protections that Emory has provided its employees for years."

**Maurice Middleton**  
Senior Director, Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

"The Supreme Court's recent decision is a simple yet profound victory for LGBTQ equality in our country. Emory is dedicated to building a community of excellence, equity, and diversity and it's great to see that the laws of our land have aligned with the values of our institution."

### Resources

[A Message from Emory University Office of LBGT Life](#)

#### [Atlanta Pride](#)

The Atlanta Pride Committee is Georgia's oldest non-profit agency serving the LGBTQ community and serves as an advocate of, and resource to, gender and sexually diverse communities in Atlanta and the Southeastern United States. Our operations include the annual Atlanta Pride Festival and Parade in October as well as 60 other educational, social, and historical programs each year, as well as community reinvestment initiatives.

#### [11 Easy Ways to Celebrate Pride Month from Home](#)

1. Decorate Your House
2. Buy Queer Art
3. Collaborative Playlist
4. Donate to Queer Causes
5. Make a Lewk
6. Throw a Parking Lot Pride
7. LGBTQIA+ Movie Marathon
8. Queer Book Club
9. Learn Some Queer History
10. Tip A Drag Performer
11. Dance, Dance, Dance!

#### [Color Bloq](#)

Color Bloq is a nonprofit organization building a community of Queer & Trans People of Color (QTPOC) through a digital magazine, and cultural & educational events. It is our mission to curate safe(r) spaces where we elevate our issues, our culture, our excellence, and our joy.

[Pride Without Blackness is a Broken Celebration of Exclusion](#)  
[Validation in Fandom and Feelings of Pride Through Online Communities](#)  
[50 Years After Stonewall: QTPOC Youth Teach Me That Our Kinship Keeps Us Strong](#)

#### [Them.](#)

Them.us is a community platform that chronicles and celebrates the stories, people and voices that are emerging and inspiring all of us, ranging in topics from pop culture and style to politics and news, all through the lens of today's LGBTQ community. Here are a few articles on this website...

[9 Strategies for Quarantining in a Non-LGBTQ+ Affirming Environment](#)  
[15 Stress-Busting LGBTQ+ Films and Shows to Watch During Coronavirus](#)  
["Where Was This When My Friends Were Dying?": HIV Crisis Survivors Reflect on Coronavirus](#)  
[How LGBTQ+ People Can Get Help and Resources During Coronavirus](#)  
[9 New Songs By LGBTQ+ Artists You Need to Hear: Lady Gaga, Elton John, and More](#)

#### [Papi Juice](#)

Papi Juice is an art collective that aims to affirm and celebrate the lives of queer and trans people of color. Structured around our curated events, papi juice lives at the intersection of art, music, and nightlife.

[Art Collective Papi Juice Reminds Us That Nightlife Can Be a Revolution](#)

#### [Hello My Name is Wednesday](#)

@hellomynameiswednesday is an Instagram account by artist and designer, Wednesday Holmes. They create digital work which explores nonbinary/queer narratives with the aim to support their followers and make them laugh. T Here are a few of the posts that I find most helpful/fun...

[An Activity Handbook for Queers](#)  
[Things for Queers to Do While We're Self-Isolating](#)  
[Things for Queers to Remember](#)

### Programming & Engagement



**Belonging: Reflections on Identity, Exile, and Home with Richard Blanco**  
 Emory Alumni Association | Emory Libraries | Office of LBGT Life  
 June 24, 2020 | 2:00 pm  
[Register Here](#)

In honor of LGBTQ+ Pride Month, Florida International University (FIU), in collaboration with the Emory University presents this Zoom event featuring a conversation between poet Richard Blanco and Professor Karen Stolley of Emory's Department of Spanish and Portuguese.



**Digital Social Hour with Emory LGBTQ+ Network**  
 Emory Alumni Association  
 June 25, 2020 | 6:00 pm  
[Register Here](#)

June is LGBT Pride Month, established to recognize the impact that gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals have had on the world. Help us celebrate by joining us for a social hour on Zoom. Grab your favorite snacks, beverage of choice, and let's fellowship with nothing but good vibes. Volunteers with both The Emory Atlanta & DC LGBTQ+ Networks look forward to hearing your ideas and discuss planning for the year ahead, as well as sharing ways to launch LGBTQ+ Networks in your region. As an added bonus, our very own licensed bartender will share a special cocktail and mocktail recipe specially crafted for our event. Zoom information provided in event confirmation email.



**Gentefied: Watch Party & Discussion**  
 Emory Office of LBGT Life & Office of RACE  
 June 25, 2020 | 7:00 pm  
[Register Here](#)

Join us and the Office for Racial and Cultural Engagement on Thursday for a virtual watch party and discussion of the Netflix original series Gentefied! "Gentefied follows the story of three Mexican-American cousins and their struggle to chase the American Dream, even while that same dream threatens the things they hold most dear: their neighborhood, their immigrant grandfather and the family taco shop."



**Let's Celebrate Through Music**  
[Listen Here](#)

A playlist curated by the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion