

PrideWorks 2020 Presenters

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<p>Diniz, Melissa she/her/hers melissa.monik@gmail.com</p>	<p>Melissa has been a Police Officer for the New Rochelle Police Department for 9 years. She is currently in the PACT (Police and Community Together Unit) a Youth Officer and the LGBTQ+ Liaison for the Department. Melissa is also one of the founders and Vice President of the organization, New Rochelle Pride.</p>
<p>Ditkoff, Talia she/her/hers Talia.ditkoff@pphp.org</p>	<p>I am a Community Health Educator at Planned Parenthood. In this job, I have the opportunity to teach sex education and reproductive health in a variety of different environments. I love this work because it combines two of my passions: advocacy and education. Outside of work, I love hiking, knitting and yoga.</p>
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<p>Fernandez, Marisa marisaef97@gmail.com</p>	<p>Marisa has been an educator on leadership at Appalachian State University and Brown University in their undergrad years and continues to facilitate leadership development for college students at Hillels of Westchester as their Program & Engagement Associate. Marisa is also proud to be a writer for Alma (heyalma.com). When not on campus, Marisa can be found drinking too much coffee, writing poetry, and browsing bookstores for radical queer, disabled, and Jewish texts.</p>
<p>Genus, Reverend Kathy she/her/hers revkathygenus@gmail.com</p>	<p>Rev. Kathy Genus is the Pastor of All Souls Parish Presbyterian Church in Port Chester. Kathy studied at New Brunswick Theological Seminary and is a Certified Christian Educator in the Presbyterian Church USA and was ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in June of 2016. She is passionate about inclusion for all persons in all places and committed to LGBTQ+ initiatives and Anti-racism.</p>
<p>Goldberg, Rabbi Ben he/him/his rabbigoldberg@congkti.org</p>	<p>Rabbi Ben Goldberg is the spiritual leader of Congregation KTI in Port Chester, NY. He was ordained as a rabbi by the Jewish Theological Seminary in May 2018 and is part of the first generation of openly LGBT rabbis in his denomination. He lives with his husband Daniel in Port Chester.</p>
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<p>Graham, Suede he/him/his suedegraham@gmail.com</p>	<p>Suede Graham serves as the Coordinator for Student Development & Campus Activities at Pace University-Pleasantville. Originally, Suede received a Bachelor of Arts in Music from Arkansas Tech University in 2016 and a Master of Science in Counselor Education from Mississippi State University in 2018. Suede is particularly interested in working with LGBTQ+ People of Color in areas surrounding mental health, stress management, and anxiety within specific demographics, as well as topics surrounding the intersection of masculinity, spirituality/religion, and the LGBTQ+ community within predominantly White Greek organizations.</p>

<p>Greeman, Rachel she/her/hers rachel@geeksout.org</p>	<p>Rachel is a long-time activist. Writer by day and cosplayer by night, Rachel has a long and sordid history with queer activism and geek culture. She is on the GeeksOut Board of Directors and served as the media coordinator for Flame Con. GeeksOut! rallies, empowers and promotes the queer geek community. It is a non-profit organization aimed at discussing queer visibility in geek media.</p>
<p>Haigis, Liana she/her, they/them liana.haigis@gmail.com</p>	<p>Liana Haigis is the Co-President of Mamaroneck High School's Gender & Sexuality Alliance. She's been working for four years to educate young people about LGBTQ+ issues through her school and GLSEN's NYC Chapter. Liana will be honored this Spring with GLSEN Hudson Valley's 2020 Leadership Award.</p>
<p>Heyward, Wynn they/them swynnheyward@gmail.com</p>	<p>I am a LGBTQ Community Outreach Worker for NYC Health + Hospitals. My passion, which also is my job, is to connect youth & individuals to affirming resources & services. To be a person of resource & to share my story with the hope that someone can relate & feel less alone.</p>
<p>Hussain, Nasreen she/her/hers nhussain@pace.edu</p>	<p>Nasreen Hussain currently works as Assistant Director for Student Success at Pace University. She previously worked in media with positions at FiOS1 News, The Daily News, CNBC, and Fox 5 NY. She received her undergraduate degree in Journalism and Media Studies and English from Rutgers University in 2009, and returned a year later for her master's degree in Communication and Information Studies. She enjoys volunteering for various organizations and currently serves on the executive board of the Rutgers Club of New York City, as well as the board for a non-profit called A Walk To Believe. She also volunteers as the PR and Marketing advisor for the Alpha Chi Omega sorority chapter at Rutgers. Nasreen currently lives in the Bronx.</p>
<p>Jacobs, Laura A. she/he/they/none laura@lauraajacobs.com</p>	<p>Laura A. Jacobs, LCSW-R is a Trans and GenderQueer-identified psychotherapist, activist, writer, and public speaker in the NYC area working with transgender and gender-nonconforming individuals, LGBTQ communities, and is the first trans and genderqueer-identified Chair of the Board of Directors for the Callen-Lorde Community Health Center. She has been featured in TV, radio, and print media, has presented at countless community and healthcare conferences, professional organizations, medical schools, and other organizations. As Lawrence Jacobs, she worked as a musician, composer, photographer, and less glamorous positions such as corporate middle manager. www.LauraAJacobs.com</p>
<p>James, Chip chipjames@optonline.net</p>	<p>Chip James, LCSW, has been a school social worker for over 30 years. He has been a group facilitator and trainer for CANDLE, The Rockland Pride Center, NYS Department of Health, National Association of Social Workers and the American Psychological Association. His stories appear in One Teacher in Ten, edited by Kevin Jennings (Alyson Books.) He practices psychotherapy in Nyack, NY (914-980-1545.)</p>
<p>Jeyalingam, Brintha She/her/hers bjeyalingam@mspny.org</p>	<p>Brintha joined My Sisters' Place in October 2017 and is responsible for managing the Community Education and Prevention program. Brintha developed her training and education experience at Atlsean-Burma, a human rights organization based in Bangkok, Thailand. At Altsean, Brintha delivered training courses to women activists from Burma covering a range of topics including human rights and leadership skills. She has worked with survivors of domestic violence at Sakhi for South Asian Women and Safe Homes of Orange County. Brintha was also a Case Planner at Graham-Windham in West Harlem. Brintha received her Bachelor's degree from Emerson College and her Master's in Social Work from Columbia University.</p>

<p>Kaufman, Sophie she/her/hers skaufman@pace.edu</p>	<p>Sophie Kaufman is a Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Teacher, trained at UMass Medical School Center for Mindfulness in Medicine, Health Care, and Society. She teaches undergraduate courses in MBSR and Mindfulness and Cultural Intelligence and has presented and published on mindfulness and cross-cultural understanding. She is passionate about helping people bring mindfulness into their daily lives to enhance their capacity for joy, kindness, and wisdom, and to develop greater resilience in the face of life's stressors.</p>
<p>Kirrane, Ryan he/him/his ryan@loftgaycenter.org</p>	<p>Ryan Kirrane is the Volunteer & Membership Manager at The LOFT: LGBT Community Center in White Plains and is also a student in the Master's in Social Work program at Lehman College. He loves advocacy and policy change. Ryan is super excited to be a presenter at PrideWorks this year!</p>
<p>Koehler, Alec he/him/his akoehler@pace.edu</p>	<p>Alec is a recent graduate of New York University, having received his Master's degree in Higher Education and Student Affairs. Throughout grad school, Alec worked in Student Development and Campus Activities at Pace University, and transitioned to his role as Retention Programs Manager in the Office for Student Success at the end of his program. As the 2018-2019 LGBTQA Employee Advocate of the Year, he is very involved with the LGBTQ+ community on campus, serving as the Staff Advisor for Queer Society, hosting the annual drag bingo show, and more! Originally from Milwaukee, WI, he received his undergraduate degree in Psychology and Spanish from the University of Wisconsin in 2016. After spending some time in Chicago, Alec made his way to New York City, where he now lives in Brooklyn. Outside of work, you can find Alec hanging out with his pets, watching Bon Appétit videos, or reading in the many parks NYC has to offer!</p>
<p>Langer, Dr. Miriam miriamlanger@gmail.com</p>	<p>Dr. Miriam Langer received her Doctor of Medicine degree from Tel Aviv University's Sackler School of Medicine, New York Program. She completed her residency in Pediatrics at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York. She is a board certified pediatrician, currently in her 3rd year of her post-doctoral fellowship in Adolescent Medicine at Children's Hospital at Montefiore/Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, New York. She has clinical expertise in pediatric transgender care, pediatric and adolescent gynecology including adolescent reproductive healthcare as well as adolescent wellbeing including medical management of eating disorders and substance use disorder. Dr. Langer is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Society of Adolescent Health and Medicine (SAHM) and North American Society of Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology (NASPAG). Dr. Langer's research interests include obesity management for adolescent patients and reproductive healthcare for gender diverse adolescents.</p>
<p>Maxam, Sue she/her/hers smaxam@pace.edu</p>	<p>Dr. Sue Maxam is the Assistant Vice President for Student Success at Pace University where she has worked for nearly 3 decades in leadership roles relating to student engagement, advising, admissions, academic enrichment/support, and career services. Currently, Sue supervises five units focusing on creating a transformative student experience. Sue has created and teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in Peace, Justice and Sustainability, and is active in a wide variety of social justice initiatives. She has won numerous awards for leadership, mentoring, student engagement, advising and teaching, including Pace University's Diversity Leadership Award and the NYS ACE Women's Network Catalyst Award for Women Leaders. Sue is a proud ally and advocate for the LGBTQA community.</p>
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<p>Nichols, Amy she/her/hers</p>	<p>Amy Nichols currently works as a high school counselor at the Hewitt School in Manhattan. Previously, she worked at WJCS Center Lane facilitating groups for LGBTQ+ youth and families and conducting trainings for schools and organizations. She received a BA in Psychology from Carleton College and an EdM in school counseling from Teachers College, Columbia University. This is her 4th time presenting at PrideWorks.</p>
<p>Nichols, Andy</p>	<p>Andy Nichols is a math and special education teacher at Woodlands Middle High School in Hartsdale, where he established the school's first Gender and Sexuality Alliance in 2018. Andy received a BA in American Studies from Carleton College and an MS in Adolescence Education from Mercy College.</p>
<p>O'Hanlon, Reverend Jim he/him/his johanlon.stpauls@gmail.com</p>	<p>Reverend Jim O'Hanlon has been a Pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America since 2000, of St. Paul's since 2010 and is the president of the Council of Community Services of Port Chester and Rye Brook. He has served ministries in Manhattan, the Bronx, and Westchester as well as a year on the staff of a congregation of the United Church of Christ. Reverend O'Hanlon earned a Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary and a Master of Sacred Theology from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. He was as an adjunct professor and has collaborated with colleagues of various faiths. Raised in a large, Irish, Roman Catholic family, he has a keen interest in the liturgical, social and church reforms of Pope John XXIII and the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s.</p>
<p>Nicodemo, Anthony he/him/his tgerhoops@aol.com</p>	<p>Anthony Nicodemo is currently the boys' varsity basketball coach at Saunders High School and a social studies teacher at Clark Academy. He currently is the President of the Hudson Valley Stonewall Democrats, a member of NYSUT's LGBT Task Force and the chair of the City of Yonkers LGBTQ Advisory Board.</p>
<p>Quinones, Ariana they/them/their arianaq@ywcawpcw.org</p>	<p>Since their graduation from Smith College in 2016 (BA/English) Ariana has been engaged in refining leadership programming for young women of color. They honed their own leadership skills at Smith where they were president of Wilder House, was involved in Organizing for Undocumented Students and was named the 2014-2015 Student Leadership Awards Social Justice Advocate. After a corporate internship in Pfizer's legal department they joined the Bold Women's Leadership Network at Rutgers University - Newark for the launch of the program and served as the National Program Coordinator for BOLD for two years. Currently they serve as the Next Gen and Women's and Research Education Fund (WREF) Coordinator for YWCA White Plains & Central Westchester.</p>
<p>Scott, Lisa she/her/hers lscott@wjcs.com</p>	<p>Lisa Scott is the Program Director for WJCS' Center Lane where LGBTQ+ youth ages 13-21 create community, connect with culture and contribute to the world – where she is one of only two professionals in Westchester County dedicated solely to serving LGBTQ+ youth! Lisa has spent her work life developing ways to help teens avoid life-limiting behaviors and reach their full potential. She's worked on teen pregnancy, designed a bullying-prevention program that has been used all over the U.S., and has educated thousands of youth in how to have healthy relationships free of abuse. Lisa enjoys defending Hufflepuffs, creating safe Queer spaces, thinking about how to change the world and trying to do it, watching more geeky TV and movies than she should, and playing on stage with her friends.</p>
<p>Segarra-Otero, Emmanuel he/him/his eseg90@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Emmanuel has been an LGBTQ advocate since the age of 14, including assisting WJCS' Center Lane, and being Secretary to the Yonkers LGBTQ Board. Over the years, he has advocated for and educated youth, facilitated groups, and informed the public for a better understanding of the LGBTQ community.</p>

Slade, Merlin he/him/his mssladeillustration@gmail.com	M.Slade (Merlin Slade) is a bisexual transgender cartoonist who grew up in Westchester County. He's known for his comics with Everyday Feminism and for his ongoing webcomic series Adventures In Genderland. When he's not protesting the patriarchy, Merlin is singing along to showtunes and crying over how beautiful reptiles are. Find his website at www.mssladeillustration.com , and check out Adventures In Genderland at adventuresingenderland.tumblr.com .
Smith, Antonio he/him/his asmith@lshv.org	Antonio Smith graduated from John Jay College with Bachelor Degree in Forensic Science. He attended and graduated from CUNY Law School. Prior to joining Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV), he practiced with an insurance litigation firm in New Jersey. He joined LSHV in December of 2014 as a general practice staff attorney, working with clients facing eviction, domestic violence, and/or in need of immigration assistance and preservation of public benefits. He is currently the Supervising Attorney in the Spring Valley office. Previously, he supervised the Yonkers Office.
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