

## PrideWorks 2019 Presenters

<p><b>Arrien, Anthony</b>  <b>he/him/his</b>  <b>Arrien@otponline.net</b></p>	<p>Anthony Arrien is a 65 year old transgender man who does LGBTQ public policy advocacy in New York State, and has facilitated The LOFT's transgender peer support group twice per month for three years, keeping him in touch with the current problems of the trans community. He has done presentations for The LOFT and GLSEN and is chair of the LGBTQIA Social Justice Team at Community Unitarian Universalist Congregation in White Plains.</p>
<p><b>Drab, Alexander</b>  <b>he/him/his</b>  <b>Alexander.drab@</b>  <b>wmchealth.org</b></p>	<p>Alexander Drab has been a sexuality educator and trainer for the last 10 years. He has worked with young adult helping them reduce the risks for HIV, STIs, pregnancy and violence. He has promoted healthy relations while working with organizations such as Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic, Victim Assistance Services of Westchester County and is currently working with WMC Health. Alexander currently works as a case manager with WMC Health providing care, education and support for high risk youth and those living with HIV ages 13-24 years old.</p>
<p><b>Fulton, Jessica</b>  <b>she/her/hers</b>  <b>jfultonglsen@gmail.com</b></p>	<p>Jessica Fulton is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. She received her Social Work degree from Columbia University. She has served as a school social worker for over 20 years in communities including Yonkers, Tuckahoe and Katonah. Jessica is on the board of GLSEN (Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network), an organization that advocates for safe and affirming schools for LGBTQ youth. Jessica loves to find ways to inspire teens to carry important messages to younger students. She has facilitated such programs on Addiction, Diversity and LGBTQ awareness.</p>
<p><b>Gagliardi, Christina</b>  <b>GagliardiC@hohschools.org</b></p>	<p>Christina Gagliardi is a science teacher in the Hastings-on-Hudson middle and high school. Christina holds a BS in Zoology and a MS in Adolescent Education (concentration biology) from SUNY Oswego.</p>
<p><b>Greeman, Rachel</b>  <b>she/her/hers</b>  <b>rachel@geeksout.org</b></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><b>Jackson, Dr. Nicholas</b>  <b>he/him/his</b>  <b>njackson@pace.edu</b></p>	<p>Dr. Nicholas Jackson has worked in a variety of clinical settings, including LGTBQ-focused community mental health centers and several different university counseling centers. Dr. Jackson is particularly interested in meeting the therapeutic needs of the LGBTQ community, those seeking to change their relationship with substances of abuse, and encouraging and facilitating the cultivation of resilience. In his free time, Dr. Jackson enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling, and spending time with his dog.</p>

<p><b>Jacobs, Laura A.</b>  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. <a href="http://www.LauraAJacobs.com">www.LauraAJacobs.com</a></p>
<p><b>Jeyalingam, Brintha</b>  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><b>Kirrane, Ryan</b></p>	
<p><b>Kaufman, Sophie</b>  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><b>Maxam, Sue</b>  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>

<p><b>Mertens, Conner</b></p>	<p>In 2014, Conner Mertens became the first active college football player to ever come out publicly about his sexuality. Since then, he has been involved with groups like GLSEN, PFLAG, The Human Rights Campaign, and many more. In addition, he serves on an advisory board for The Trevor Project, is co-chair for the You Can Play Project and directs the Sports Equality Foundation's youth advisory committee. In 2016, Conner founded and ran Out on the Streets, a non-profit to help alleviate the stress of being a homeless LGBTQ youth. In addition, he has been politically active in Washington, Oregon, and New York</p>
<p><b>Nichols, Amy</b> she/her/hers anichols@wjcs.com</p>	<p>Amy Nichols does individual and group supportive counseling, and facilitates groups and training sessions for educators and students. She received her MA in School Counseling from Columbia University. Amy began working with Center Lane as a volunteer, and became staff in Fall, 2014.</p>
<p><b>O'Hanlon, Reverend Jim</b> 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><b>Ochs, Robyn</b> she/her or they/them robyn@robynochs.com</p>	<p>Robyn Ochs is an educator, speaker, grassroots activist, and editor of <i>Bi Women Quarterly</i> and two anthologies: the 42-country collection <i>Getting Bi: Voices of Bisexuals Around the World</i> and <i>RECOGNIZE: The Voices of Bisexual Men</i>. An advocate for the rights of people of ALL orientations and genders to live safely, openly and with full access and opportunity, Robyn travels the world as a speaker, and her work focuses on increasing awareness and understanding of complex identities, and mobilizing people to be powerful allies to one another within and across identities and social movements. Robyn was recently named by <i>Teen Vogue</i> as one of 9 Bisexual Women Who are Making History.</p>
<p><b>Nicodemo, Anthony</b> 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 LGBTQ Task Force and the chair of the City of Yonkers LGBTQ Advisory Board.</p>
<p><b>Pathiyil, Neelu</b> she/her/hers npathiyil@lshv.org</p>	<p>Neelu Pathiyil is a Staff Attorney in the White Plains Office of Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV) in the LSHV's LGBTQ Legal Project, where she represents low income LGBTQ individuals in the Hudson Valley in various civil legal matters. Neelu earned her J.D. in 2016 from Fordham University School of Law, and her B.A. in 2013 from Macaulay Honors College at CUNY City College of New York.</p>

<p><b>Quinones, Ariana</b>  <b>they/them/their</b>  <b>arianaq@ywcaawpcw.org</b></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 &amp; Central Westchester.</p>
<p><b>Scott, Lisa</b>  <b>she/her/hers</b>  <b>lscott@wjcs.com</b></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><b>Segarra-Otero, Emmanuel</b>  <b>he/him/his</b>  <b>eseg90@yahoo.com</b></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>
<p><b>Shefter, Rabbi Ben</b>  <b>he/him/his</b>  <b>rabbibenshefter@gmail.com</b></p>	<p>Rabbi Ben Shefter is a campus minister with Hillels of Westchester. Prior to this he worked with "Heart to Heart" on college campuses throughout the east coast. This worked involved training students in community building and leading shared Sabbath experiences. Ben was raised an Orthodox Jew and attended a pluralistic Jewish day school. As a spiritual seeker, Ben spent a gap year studying in Israel before attending University. Having his bachelor's degree in engineering in addition to his religious studies, Ben considers himself a spiritual engineer guiding students to think more broadly about their outlook on life. Ben and his wife, Laura, have an adorable toddler Isaac.</p>
<p><b>Simon, Rachel</b>  <b>she/her/hers</b>  <b>rsimon@pace.edu</b></p>	<p>Rachel is the Associate Director of Multicultural Affairs and Diversity Programs and LGBTQQ Coordinator at the Pace University Office of Multicultural Affairs. Since 2003 she's taught courses in writing, gender studies, lesbian &amp; gay studies, and film at Pace, SUNY Purchase, Fordham University, and Bedford Hills Maximum Security Prison. She holds an MFA from Sarah Lawrence College in Creative Writing, Poetry and a BA from Colby College in American Studies and Creative Writing.</p>
<p><b>Slade, Merlin</b>  <b>he/him/his</b>  <b>mssladeillustration@gmail.com</b></p>	<p>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 <a href="http://www.mssladeillustration.com">www.mssladeillustration.com</a>, and check out Adventures In Genderland at <a href="http://adventuresingenderland.tumblr.com">adventuresingenderland.tumblr.com</a>.</p>

<p><b>Stenerson, James F.</b>  <b>they/them/their</b>  <b>jstenerson@pace.edu</b></p>	<p>Dr. Stenerson is the director of the Center for Innovative Teaching and Professional Development at Pace University. Jim is also a member of the Westchester County LGBT Advisory Board and a member of the Yonkers Historical Society. He is on the Board of Trustees for a charter school in Yonkers and has served on the board of directors for SAGE (Services &amp; Advocacy for GLBT Elders). His list of achievements includes papers, presentations, lectures, and roundtable facilitation at conferences on faculty development and information technology. Jim holds a Ph.D. in Information Science, with a concentration in the philosophy of technology.</p>
<p><b>St. Onge, Nicole</b>  <b>she/her/hers</b>  <b>NSt.Onge@mspny.org</b></p>	<p>Nicole St. Onge is a Community Educator for the Domestic Violence Education &amp; Prevention (DVEP) program at My Sisters' Place. Nicole developed a passion for prevention work focused on dating violence and sexual violence through previous roles in SUNY New Paltz's Residence Life and Title IX departments, and has facilitated LGBTQ+ trainings at SUNY New Paltz and My Sisters' Place. All of Nicole's work has revolved around the importance of helping young people lead healthier, safer lives—especially those in the LGBTQ+ community. She received a Bachelor's degree in Communications and a Master's degree in Humanistic/Multicultural Education, both from SUNY New Paltz.</p>
<p><b>Tino, Rev. Dr. Michael</b></p>	<p>Michael is a graduate of the Meadville/Lombard Theological School. Prior to coming to the Fellowship, Michael served six years as the Director of Young Adult and Campus Ministry at the Unitarian Universalist Association, the national headquarters of our faith movement. He lives in Peekskill with his husband Eric and daughter Nora.</p>
<p><b>Tortorello-Allen, Kian</b>  <b>they/them/he/him</b>  <b>mtortorelloallen@gmail.com</b></p>	<p>Kian is a radical LGBT change maker. They are the President of the Fox Lane High School Gender Sexuality Race Alliance, a trained LGBTQ storyteller, a member of the GLSEN National Student Council, and a fellow of TSER (Trans Student Educational Resources). He is particularly interested in talking about the lived experiences of trans people of color; As well as creating dialogue on dismantling the overlapping forms of discrimination and violence within minority communities.</p>
<p><b>Ulrich, Dr. Nancy</b>  <b>she/her/hers</b>  <b>nancyulrich@drulrichnyc.com</b></p>	<p>Nancy J. Ulrich, Ph. D. is a licensed clinical and school psychologist, who practices in New York City and Dutchess County. Dr. Ulrich works in therapy with LGBTQ+ and straight individuals of all ages on living their best, healthiest and most resilient lives. A proud member of PFLAG, Dr. Ulrich has been honored to help organize this year's Prideworks conference. When she is not working, she is climbing mountains, singing off-key, playing with her pet birds and spending time with her amazing family.</p>
<p><b>Verbas, Shepard</b>  <b>they/them/their</b>  <b>shepard@loftgaycenter.org</b></p>	<p>Shepard Verbas is the Manager of Programs and Services at The LOFT: LGBT Center in White Plains, and is also a Program Specialist at WJCS's Center Lane. Shepard is an unrelenting advocate for the transgender and gender non-conforming communities, and often leads presentations and workshops on issues affecting the LGBTQ community.</p>