

LESBIAN, GAY, BI-SEXUAL, TRANSGENDER LATIN@S RESOURCE LIST

While lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Latin@s* and their heterosexual counterparts share many of the same issues, LGBT Latin@s encounter discrimination on two levels: racism and homophobia/heterosexism. When cultural identity and homophobia intersect with the experience of victimization, internalized 'isms' arise that challenge individual perceptions of accessibility to services. These 'isms' not only create barriers within LGBT survivors/victims of interpersonal violent crime but also within the various systems of help, including victims services, criminal justice, and allied human services fields.

This becomes an issue of training and having adequate information that is not limited to information and referral but includes re-directing approaches of how mainstream services engage Latin@s that not only identify as victims of family violence, sexual assault, and stalking but who also identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender.

The following list is a compilation of documentaries, readings, and advocacy sites that can serve as useful resources and learning tools for board, staff, volunteers, and community members. This is not an exhaustive list—it is meant to introduce concepts and practices to increase access for LGBT Latin@s to mainstream agencies.

*Latin@s is used to refer to Latinos of all genders.

FILMS: *Some of these films/documentaries allow viewers to select features to enable Spanish subtitles. Descriptions in quotes are from the film's description on IMDb or Amazon.

- ***Orgullo en Puerto Rico (Pride in Puerto Rico)***. Jorge Oliver. 1999. 17 min. Puerto Rico.
<http://cart.frameline.org/ProductDetails.asp?ProductCode=T512>
Documentary about Pride marches and queer communities in Puerto Rico.
- ***Los Jornaleros (The Day Laborers)***. Lane Shefter Bishop. 2004. 90 min. NR
http://www.amazon.com/Day-Laborers-Los-ornaleros/dp/B0002ERWRS/ref=pd_sim_mov_28
"Los Jornaleros presents the interwoven stories of three young Hispanic men who come to this country to pursue the American dream and instead end up struggling as day-laborers."
- ***On the Downlow***. Tadeo Garcia. 2007. 84 min. NR
http://www.amazon.com/Downlow-Tony-Sancho/dp/B000JJSKXG/ref=pd_sim_mov_1
"Loyalty and allegiance clash with desire in this gritty, real, and provocative film, set in the violent world of warring Latino gangs on Chicago's Southside. When Angel defects from his gang to join his secret lover, Isaac, in his rival gang, tensions explode as Isaac is ordered to kill Angel."
- ***La Mission***. Peter Bratt. 2009. 117 min. R
http://www.amazon.com/Mission-Benjamin-Bratt/dp/B003E1QDAI/ref=pd_sim_mov_3
"Growing up in the Mission district of San Francisco, Che Rivera (Benjamin Bratt) has always had to

be tough to survive. He's a powerful man respected throughout the Mission barrio for his masculinity and his strength, as well as for his hobby building beautiful lowrider cars. A reformed inmate and recovering alcoholic, Che has worked hard to redeem his life and do right by his pride and joy: his only son, Jes, whom he has raised on his own after the death of his wife. Che's path to redemption is tested, however, when he discovers Jes is gay. To survive his neighborhood, Che has always lived with his fists. To survive as a complete man, he'll have to embrace a side of himself he's never shown."

- **Super Amigos.** Arturo Perez Torres. 2007. 82 min. NR
http://www.amazon.com/Super-Amigos/dp/B003AILX6Y/ref=sr_1_1?s=movies-tv&ie=UTF8&qid=1319923121&sr=1-1
 "Five masked activists fight against corruption, homophobia, animal rights, pollution and poverty in Mexico City."
- **De Colores.** Peter Barbosa. 2008. 29 min. NR
http://www.amazon.com/De-Colores/dp/B002I36ERK/ref=sr_1_11?s=movies-tv&ie=UTF8&qid=1319923627&sr=1-11
 "De Colores is a bilingual 28 min documentary about how Latino families and communities are replacing the deep roots of homophobia with the deeper roots of love and tolerance."
- **Quinceañera.** Richard Glatzer. 2006. 130 min. R
http://www.amazon.com/Quinceanera/dp/B002MTA0Z2/ref=pd_sim_mov_1
 "A critically-acclaimed and touching comedy about what happens when teenage sexuality, age-old rituals and real estate prices collide."
- **Gay Cuba** (Director's Cut). Sonja de Vries. 1995. 57 min. NR. U.S.A./Cuba.
<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0113148/>
 Documentary about contemporary queer Cuban society.
- **Vieques: Un pueblo forjando futuros (Vieques: An Island Forging Futures).** Johanna Bermúdez Ruíz. 2001. 17 min. NR. Puerto Rico.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BHKSYncNgal>
 Documentary about the protests of the U.S. Navy's bombing of Vieques, Puerto Rico by a queer Puerto Rican filmmaker whose family is from Vieques.
- **Savage Roses / Locas 4 Life.** James Tucker. 2002. 105 min. NR. U.S.A.
<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0359938>
<http://www.amazon.com/Locas-4-Life/dp/B0002M1CMG>
 Narrative film about queer and straight Latina gang members in the Bronx.
- **Piñero.** Leon Ichaso. 2001. 103 min. NR. U.S.A.
<http://www.amazon.com/Pinero-Benjamin-Bratt/dp/B0000640VP>
 Narrative film about a bisexual Puerto Rican poet and playwright who was previously imprisoned, survived childhood sexual assault, did sex work to survive, and dealt with drug addiction.
- **Juchitán: Queer Paradise.** Patricio Henríquez. 64 min. NR
<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0384236/>
 Documentary about the acceptance of queer Be'ena'a (Zapotec) in Indigenous communities in Juchitán, México.

READINGS:
LGBT Latin@ Authors

- **Compañeros: Latino Activists in the face of AIDS**, by Jesus Ramirez-Valles
- **Virgins, Guerillas & Locas**, edited by Jaime Cortez
- **Borderlands/La Frontera: The New Mestiza**, by Gloria Anzaldúa
- **Butterfly Boy**, by Rigoberto Gonzalez
- **Chicana Lesbianas: The Girls Our Mothers Warned Us About**, edited by Carla Trujillo
- **Queer Latinidad**, by Juana Maria Rodriguez

Anti-Racism

- **Dismantling Racism: The Continuing Challenge to White America**, by Joseph Barndt
- **Privilege, Power and Difference**, by Allan G. Johnson
- **White Awareness: Handbook for Anti-Racism Training**, by Judy Katz
- **White Like Me: Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son**, by Tim Wise
- **Understanding White Privilege: Creating Pathways to Authentic Relationships Across Race**, by Frances E. Kendall
- **Understanding Whiteness, Unraveling Racism: Tools for the Journey**, by Judy Helfand and Laurie Lippin, Ph.D.
- **Uprooting Racism**, by Paul Kivel

Transgender

- **Injustice at Every Turn: A Look at Latino/a Respondents in the National Transgender Discrimination Survey**
http://www.thetaskforce.org/downloads/release_materials/injustice_latino_englishversion.pdf

Surveys/Articles

- Cianciotto, J. (2005). **Hispanic and Latino Same-Sex Couple Households in the United States: A Report from the 2000 Census**. New York: National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute and the National Latino/a Coalition for Justice.
<http://thetaskforce.org/downloads/reports/reports/HispanicLatinoHouseholdsUS.pdf>

Books in Spanish*

- **Homosexualidad: Secreto de familia**, by Begoña Pérez Sancho
- **Papá, mamá, soy gay**, by Rinna Riesenfeld
- **Bisexualidades: Entre la homosexualidad y la heterosexualidad**, by Rinna Riesenfeld
- **Transexualidad: La paradoja del cambio**, by David barrios Martínez and María Antonieta García Ramos
- **El crepúsculo de heterolandia: Mester de jotería**, by Marquet Antonio

*More resources in Spanish can be found in the LGBT Lista de Recursos available at latinodv.org/resources.

ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS:

- Community United Against Violence
www.cuav.org
Founded in 1979, CUAV is the nation's first LGBTQQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning) anti-violence organization. Their mission is to prevent and respond to violence against and within our diverse LGBTQQ communities. They accomplish this through peer-based counseling, direct assistance, education and outreach, grassroots organizing, and policy advocacy.
- The Network/La Red
www.thenetworklared.org
The Network/La Red is a survivor-led, social justice organization that works to end partner abuse in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, BDSM, polyamorous, and queer communities. Rooted in anti-oppression principles, their work aims to create a world where all people are free from oppression. They strengthen communities through organizing, education, and the provision of support services.
- Unid@s – National Latino/a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Human Rights Organization
www.facebook.com/UNIDOSLGBT
The mission of Unid@s is to create a multi-issue approach for advocacy, education, and convening of and for our communities. Guided by economic justice, feminist, environmental, and pro-peace values, UNID@S joins a global effort to transform systems and policies to create a just and equitable world.
- Latino Equality Alliance/Alianza Latina por la Igualdad
www.latinoequalityalliance.com
The Latino Equality Alliance (LEA) is a broad-based coalition made up of organizations serving LGBT Latino populations, ally organizations, and individuals deeply rooted in both the LGBT and Latino communities. LEA is active in promoting community activism and awareness throughout Los Angeles County.

- Asociación Internacional de Familias por la Diversidad Sexual (FDS)
www.familiasporladiversidad.org

FDS is an organization that aims to maintain family unity. They fight for the safety and well-being of their gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender members, giving them support in dealing with a hostile society. FDS promotes information and education as tools to eradicate hatred, prejudice, homophobia, and all forms of related discrimination.

- *aligo* – a Texas statewide queer people of color organization
www.aligo.org

aligo works toward its vision through cultural arts, health, and advocacy programming by: supporting artists and artistic expression within our diverse communities; promoting health within a wellness model; and mobilizing and building coalitions among groups marginalized by race/ethnicity, gender/gender identity, or sexual orientation/sexual identity to enact change.

- Lambda Legal
www.lambdalegal.org

Lambda Legal is a national organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people, and those with HIV through impact litigation, education, and public policy work.

- Out4IMMIGRATION
out4immigration.org

Out4IMMIGRATION is a volunteer grassroots organization that addresses the widespread discriminatory impact of U.S. immigration laws on the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and HIV+ people and their families through education, outreach, advocacy and the maintenance of a resource and support network.

- National Center for Lesbian Rights
www.nclrights.org

The National Center for Lesbian Rights is a national legal organization committed to advancing the civil and human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and their families through litigation, public policy advocacy, and public education.

LATIN@ ALLY ORGANIZATIONS:

- National Council of La Raza (NCLR) www.nclr.org
- National Hispanic Leadership Agenda (NHLEA) www.nationalhispanicleadership.org
- Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF) www.maldef.org
- League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) lulac.org
- Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA) www.lclaa.org

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