

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Research Group

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The LGBTQ Research Group provides students an opportunity to develop skills in community oriented research methods related to sexual and gender identity and orientation. During the first year in the research group (2nd year in program), students participate in ongoing research being conducted by the *Center for LGBTQ Evidence-based Applied Research (CLEAR)* By the second year in the research group (3rd year in program), students identify their own dissertation research. Some students choose to select aspects of ongoing research through CLEAR, others identify their own research in the area LGBTQ psychology. Examples of past and current dissertation topics are:

- Qualitative research on teachers' decision-making related to intervening in peer aggression directed to gender non-conforming or LGBT identified middle school students.
- The impact of internalized homonegativity on psychological distress among gay methamphetamine users using the Currie Scale.
- The relationship of social anxiety and gender conformity in bullying among middle-school and high school students.
- A cross-cultural study of the relationship between disclosure of sexual orientation and psychological distress among Asian gay men in U.S. and Taiwan.

Current/Ongoing Projects through CLEAR:

- Evaluation Project of the Welcoming School Guide produced by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation to increase respect for diverse families (included those headed by LGBT parents).
- Psychotherapy research: An exploratory study to further elaborate a treatment protocol to reduce internalized homophobia among LGBT psychotherapy clients.

Openings: 2 to 5 members to join the group in September 2009.

Apply: Submit the following items to Dr. Goldblum by April 10, 2009:

- Curriculum Vitae
- One or two page memo discussing past research experience and research interests related to LGBT
- A writing sample- usually a paper submitted for a class at PGSP, written in APA style

Notification: Students accepted into LGBTQ Research Group will be notified by email at 10am on Monday, May 11, 2009.