



# GREEN LIGHT

NEWSLETTER OF THE DARTMOUTH GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL & TRANSGENDER ALUMNI/AE ASSOCIATION

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## DGALA TRIANGLE GRANTS PROGRAM FLOURISHES

DGALA's *Triangle Grants* program, launched in the spring, is flourishing in its first full academic year. Amanda Rosenblum '07, DGALA's leader for the program, told *Green Light*, "We are thrilled at the student response to our new Grants program. It is our intention to continue to build community at Dartmouth through the support of student programming at Triangle House. Grants are open to any



Students Gather at Thirdspace + Artists of Color Event at Triangle House (see page 2 for more)

student, whether or not they live in the house, so long as the program takes place in the house (or its accompanying lawn) and is open to all. For DGALA, this is a way to continue our support of the student body and ensure that Triangle House can become an epicenter of LGBTQ student life and provide a sense of place for all. Due to the generosity of one DGALA member, we have a dedicated grant for the program, which we have begun to tap into during the Fall term. The events thus far have been innovative and exciting, and we look forward to receiving more student proposals and growing the program in 2018!"

*For more on this fall's Triangle Grants, see page 2*

## DGALA EVENTS: RECENT AND UPCOMING

DGALA alums have been and will be gathering for get-togethers far and wide. Our biggest event since the last *Green Light* was the annual June mini-reunion on campus. Below is a photo from the Sunday brunch at Triangle House. See pages 4, 5 and 6 inside for more on the mini-reunion and other recent events. See below for some future events now planned. And please contact us if you'd like to have a gathering in your area! ♦



Alums at June Mini-Reunion Triangle House Brunch

### UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS

**BOSTON: NOVEMBER 10-12: BOSTON FALL WEEKEND! FRIDAY BIG GREEN FOOTBALL AT FENWAY PARK; SATURDAY DUSA BANQUET; SUNDAY BRUNCH AT SONSIE ON NEWBURY ST.**

**NEW YORK: NOVEMBER 15: INTERCOLLEGiate  
LGBT LATIN COCKTAIL PARTY AT FUSION HK;  
NOVEMBER 30: NEW MUSEUM GENDER EXHIBIT;  
DECEMBER 2: IVY WORKOUT PARTY IN THE VILLAGE**

**SAN FRANCISCO: JANUARY 11: DGALA GREEN  
DRINKS AND GUACAMOLE @ UNO DOS TACOS  
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## Artists of Color and ThirdSpace Combine for October DGALA Triangle Grants Event

*The DGALA Grants event in Triangle House in October combined multicultural art, music and haute cuisine! Han Vale '20, who played a central role in the first Grant event last spring, filed this report.*

The event on October 14th brought people together over food and art, made possible by the funds DGALA contributed! Using funds from DGALA I was able to pay performers, purchase local foods, and rent sound equipment. From 6pm-12am about 50 people came to Triangle House, and stayed anywhere from the whole duration of the event to a few minutes. I would say the average time was an hour and a bit for most! The performances were incredible, and people loved the crafts. It was definitely a safe space for POC and QPOC, many allies came through as well!



The event used three rooms in total in the basement of Triangle House. The large room featured in this photo serves as a gallery space

where we filled the room with student art. We also had a DJ in the corner, and in this picture a performance by the student a-capella group "music in color." We had a variety of performances that night, and the room was filled! People lined the walls.

The red classroom was used as a crafting space for painting, sketching, and decompressing. The blue classroom served as a buffet where I made a spread of local cheeses and meats, and cooked up small canapés!

This event was a way for me to share my love of cooking and make accessible foods prepared like they would be in high-end restaurants. Why I do this stems mostly from my experiences working in fine dining, and

finding it incredibly inaccessible and problematic, and believing everyone deserves to eat well.

It was also meant to showcase the work of artists in the community, create an intentional space where people could just relax and enjoy together, engage intellectually together, separate entirely from Greek spaces.

I received multiple comments that these things should happen more often. Many were appreciative and talked extensively about how wonderful it felt to have the college and alumni direct funds to support events especially aimed to make things more accessible.

I cooked a menu consisting of

- Butternut Squash fritters (o-farm

squash) with pickled carrot, reduced apple cider, and radish sprouts - Smoked Trout butter.- Smoked Duck toasts with horseradish and mustard sauce - Winter squash soup with sage and maple sugar - Curried potato chips (o-farm potatoes) - Roasted veggies and candied sweet potatoes - Seared venison tenderloin - Chamomile cranberry tea.



Here are some quotes from attendees:

"This is butternut squash?? I HATE squash, I had no idea. I would eat this everyday." "I swore I would never eat duck again. This is too good not to eat, I am sorry." "If there isn't trout butter, I'm not going." "This is the best tenderloin I have ever had in my life." ♦

*Triangle Grants photos here and on page 1 courtesy of Cecilia Torres '18.*

## TRIANGLE HOUSE UPDATE

By Reese Kelly, Sr. Assistant Dean and Director, Office of Pluralism and Leadership

Triangle House has a great community this year. We have 9 first-year students (out of 25 beds). This is the most first-year students we've ever had, and a dramatic uptick from the two we started with in our inaugural year! It's a good reminder of the importance of the House when we see so many incoming students expressing interest. Additionally, we had so many applicants this fall that we created a temporary Triangle House "annex"



in the neighboring apartment building. I'm not sure if this residential arrangement will continue past this year, but it's a fun experiment for now.

Our Live-In Fellow this year is Dia Draper, Director of Strategic Initiatives at Tuck and her wife Jennifer "JJ" Jones. Dia and JJ are the first couple to live in the apartment and they bring a warm, down-to-earth vibe to the House. They spend a lot of time with the residents and are very invested in being mentors and role models to students in the greater LGBTQIA+ community. Dia's already built a connection between the undergraduate residents and LGBTQIA+ Tuck students, many of whom frequently attend the weekly discussions. ♦

## NEW ASSISTANT DEAN AND ADVISOR FOR SEXUALITY, WOMEN AND GENDER

On September 1 there was a change at the College in the role of Assistant Dean and Advisor for Sexuality, Women and Gender (most notably held by Pam Misener for over a decade ending in 2012). Michelle Hector Kermond, who served brilliantly in "Pam's role" for some two years, has moved on to become an Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Students within the Undergraduate Dean's Office at the College. Michelle told *Green Light*, "It has been an honor to serve as the Assistant Dean and Advisor for Sexuality, Women, and Gender at Dartmouth College. Working with and advocating for our LGBTQIA+ students has been such a wonderful opportunity, and I will continue to do this in my new role, just in a different capacity. Working with DGALA has been humbling. The deep care that you show for our students is remarkable. Thank you for all that you do."

Reese Kelly announced that, for the 2017-2018 academic year, Sebastian Muñoz-Medina will serve as the Acting Assistant Dean & Advisor for Sexuality, Women, and Gender within the Office of Pluralism and Leadership. For the last three years, Sebastian has served as OPAL's Program Coordinator for Gender & Sexuality Diversity and Multicultural Education. Many within the community have had the opportunity to get to know Sebastian through their work on Partnerships in Pride, Trans Awareness Week, Spirit Day, Ally Trainings, and PRIDE. Sebastian also served as the advisor for the Gender Equity Program Floor and the Dialogue at Dartmouth residential learning communities, as a mentor to First Gen students, and as a staff facilitator for Dartmouth Bystander Initiative. The search for a permanent replacement for Michelle will begin in the spring. ♦

# 2017 MINI REUNION FEATURES



This year's June Mini-Reunion on campus during reunions weekend kicked off with the traditional Friday night open bar cocktails at the



Fun times at Canoe Club

fabulous Canoe Club on Main Street in downtown Hanover. Dozens of DGALA alums, friends and family caught up with each other and enjoyed themselves until closing time.

The traditional Saturday breakfast meeting in Rockefeller Center featured many new faces, as some of the previous night's



attendees slept in. The scores of LGBT alums present, along with family, friends, students and allies represented over five decades of classes and dozens of states. For his fifth year in a row, President Phil Hanlon '77 kept up the longstanding practice of the President visiting the alums and addressing the breakfast on his way to speak to the College community as a whole later that morning. President Hanlon updated the alums on LGBT programs on campus as well as the broader Inclusive Excellence Initiative, led in part by DGALA member John Rich '80, and designed to improve and enhance diversity and inclusion at Dartmouth.

The President thanked

DGALA and its members for their dedication to the College, acknowledging that many LGBT alums had had very difficult times during their undergraduate years.

After the President answered questions from the group, the breakfast continued the tradition of "passing the mic" around the room so each person present could introduce themselves to the group.



Introductions: passing the mic

# FUN, TALKS AND TOURS

Notable introductions included an all-Dartmouth married couple (see back page!) and an '09 who introduced his fiancée, to whom he had just become engaged. DGALA President Brendan Connell shared that the weekend was the tenth anniversary of his meeting his partner Rich Yeung '93 at the 2007 mini-reunion.

The reunion's afternoon event was a talk by Government Professor Sonu Bedi, who had attended the Canoe Club event the night before. Professor Bedi, who had enthralled DGALA with his talk at the 2014 all-class reunion, continued his streak with a provocative lecture entitled "*Why It's All About Sex: Unifying the LGBTQ Movement.*"



Professor Bedi Does It Again!



Michelle provides an enthusiastic tour

Sunday morning featured a mini-reunion first: a brunch at Triangle House (see photo, page 1), including an update on the House and its programming by Michelle Hector Kermond, Assistant Dean and Advisor for Sexuality, Women and Gender (see story, page 3). After the group chatted and dined in the House's main living room, Michelle led small-group tours of the three floors of the beautiful and amazing campus LGBTQA resource. ♦♦♦

## COMMENTS FROM MINI-REUNION ATTENDEES

"At Dartmouth as a student, I was never aware of the community and support options I had as a person questioning my sexuality. The community Dartmouth alumni have created is something I wish I had had during those confusing days. I was proud and honored to stand alongside other '92 women in solidarity at the DGALA Reunion brunch. Our

individual paths and journeys may have been circuitous, but we made it, and have so much to look forward to." Gretchen McNeely '92

"Nice to get to know more of the DGALA community. The last time I met with a group of gay Dartmouth alums was in San Francisco in the 1980s. It was the first time I'd heard

stories like my own, boys figuring out their sexuality in a remote college town. The San Francisco gay alums tried to organize, but I think the AIDS epidemic derailed that. Things have changed at the College! Having the President address a queer crowd about its issues was unimaginable 40 years ago. Hats off to everyone who's changed the culture." Steve Damron '78 ♦♦♦

More mini reunion commentary on back page

## ALUMNI COUNCIL UPDATE

DGALA is entitled to have two designees on the Alumni Council. Mel Pastuck '11 stepped down as one of our reps this summer when her term ended, but she is continuing on the Council, having been chosen by Council leadership to be a member of the Alumni Liaison Committee. DGALA Director Spenser Mestel '11 succeeded Mel as a DGALA rep, joining Amanda Rosenblum '07. Spenser filed this report on the fall Council meeting:

DGALA made a strong showing at the November Alumni Council meeting. Besides current DGALA reps, Amanda Rosenblum '07 and Spenser Mestel '11, also attending were Mel Pastuck '11 and class rep and former DGALA Board member Keli'i



Spenser, Mel, Amanda and Keli'i

Opulaoho '96. When we toured the renovated Moosilauke lodge, we were

thrilled to find that gender-

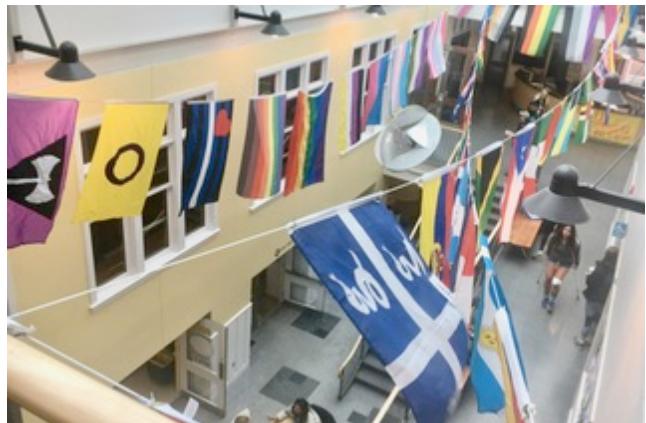
inclusive bathrooms had been included but were disappointed when we saw another councilor disparaging the idea of gender inclusiveness. However, during the final meeting of the full Alumni Council, we explained why symbols like that bathroom sign are important to our community and how they contribute to a Sense of Place, the meeting's theme, after which we got positive feedback from many (older) alumni. So, hopefully it was a learning experience for all involved. ♦

## FLAG DISPLAY ON CAMPUS

By Reese Kelly

If you thought hanging the rainbow flag in front of Collis was cool, take a look at this photo! Sebastian Muñoz-Medina and students on the LGBTQIA+ History Month Committee teamed up with the Latinx Heritage Month Committee to create a shared flag display in Collis. In addition to the

various flags representing the Latinx diaspora, students hung 18 flags representing various



identities and communities that fall under LGBTQIA+ umbrella! The flags were displayed for the entire month of October and, in such a highly trafficked location, they also served as an awareness-building tool. Sebastian and the students have been very intentional about increasing the visibility of those on the margins of the Dartmouth LGBTQAI+ community, which more often than not includes students who identify as "ace" (asexual), non-binary, and/or bisexual. ♦

## MORE DOINGS



DGALA member Matt Lansburgh '88 recently wrote in to share the news that his collection of linked stories, *Outside Is the Ocean*, won the 2017 Iowa Short Fiction Award and has just been published by the University of Iowa Press (available for purchase online and in bookstores now). DGALA looks forward to presenting a copy to the Triangle House library soon! In other news, this summer DGALA joined up with Women of Dartmouth for a voter registration training session at the League of Women Voters in NYC. ♦





# DGALA

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Friends,

As most of you know, unlike most other Dartmouth-affiliated alum organizations, DGALA is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Our independent status harkens back to the days when the College refused to recognize an LGBTQIA alum group, and while we have a very productive relationship with the administration in Hanover now, we remain proudly independent.



In this Fall issue of the *Green Light*, we take the opportunity to thank the members who provided support for 2016-2017, you will find them listed in this issue, and to request your support for this year, 2017-2018.

I want to assure you that the money you contribute to support DGALA is well spent. DGALA's officers and board members carefully weigh all requests for funding, with top priority always given to initiatives like Dartmouth Pride and the Triangle Grants program that impact the amazing students in our community.

This Fall, thanks to your generous support, we also were able to be a sponsor of both the Black Alumni of Dartmouth Association (BADA) all-class reunion in Hanover and the Dartmouth Uniformed Service Alumni (DUSA) veterans banquet in Boston.

Thanks in advance for your support, any amount is so appreciated.

We are gearing up our programming, and I hope to be attending events around the country and even overseas in the weeks and months ahead, so I hope that I get the chance to see many of you in person very soon.

Best wishes from the DGALA board to you and yours for a great holiday season!

**Brendan**

Brendan Connell, Jr. '87  
President of DGALA  
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## MORE MINI-REUNION COMMENTS

Attending the DGALA Mini was a treat, and not just for the excellent food. For the first time, we spent time on the Dartmouth campus as a married couple. It was exhilarating. I loved swapping stories from life on and off campus with others from classes distant from mine. I left with a new appreciation for the institution I left 40 years ago.



Robin Barnett '77 and Diane Stewart '78

## DUES ENVELOPES ENCLOSED

Enclosed are this year's dues envelopes and return cards, in our nifty new format (please be sure that Treasurer Tim Stanne '03's address shows in the return envelope's window!). D-GALA operates almost entirely on the generosity of our supporters, and we put your contributions to good use through funding the *Green Light*, our All-Class Reunions, our annual June mini-reunions, lots of regional events, on-campus events with alums and students, and supporting LGBT people, issues and events at Dartmouth. Your contribution is tax deductible. If you prefer, you may give on line at <http://dgala.org/join-or-renew/>. A list of our contributors in our last fiscal year appears on page 7. We hope the list is error-free, but please let us know if you find one (and if you do, we apologize!). ♦

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