



GREEN LIGHT

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DGALA LOCAL EVENTS SPAN COUNTRY

DGALA is broadening its local events program, and many fun get-togethers were held over the summer. Besides those in the metro areas below, events also were held in Seattle, San Francisco, Denver, Chicago and D.C. More will be taking place. For updates, keep an eye on DGALA e-mails, our Facebook page and our website <http://dgala.com>. In addition, alums are encouraged to plan events in their own areas, and funding support is available from DGALA. For more information, e-mail us at dartgala@gmail.com.



New Orleans provided wonderful ambiance for a recent DGALA mixer. I hope this will be the first of many successful events for this great network in the Big Easy. *Jacques Hebert '07*



DGALA Member Brad Ursillo '98 and his partner Raul Medina hosted a social event at their Boston home this summer. Over 20 local alums attended, and the Big Green Cocktail was unanimously declared a hit. *Shounak Simlai '05 E'07*



DGALA celebrated the start of Fall on Thursday, September 24th at the Cowgirl in the West Village. We also used the occasion to welcome the classes of 2014 and 2015 to NYC! *Uthman Olagoke '11*



Andy Camp '89 and Patrick Munoz '89 kicked off the summer by hosting our first event in Los Angeles in ages at the Flaming Saddles bar in West Hollywood. Stay tuned for more DGALA events in the LA area!

GREGOR BAILAR '85 ADDRESSES MINI-REUNION ON TRANS SON

A tradition at the June mini-reunion breakfast is for all attendees to introduce themselves to the group, sometimes adding a few words about themselves. At this year's mini-reunion, Gregor Bailar '85 shared with the group, to much applause, the fact that his son would be starting at Harvard in the fall as the first NCAA transgender athlete. After the event, Gregor commented further to Green Light as set forth below. (Ed: More coverage of the mini-reunion appears on pages 4 and 5.)

I am happy to have a group like DGALA at Dartmouth and I was impressed by the College's attention to the needs and concerns of all students, including trans* individuals as articulated by President Hanlon at the meeting. Forums like this which provide for open discussion and action are critical to growth, awareness and inclusion.

The reception my son (Schuyler Bailar) has been given at Harvard and, by extension, the Ivy League and the NCAA is also truly exemplary. The coaches and team members have been welcoming and supportive - far beyond our expectations. In fact, the general response to Schuyler's coming out has been overwhelmingly supportive and it clearly demonstrates the changing spectrum of America today.

The world of sport has also been changing - and for once it appears that the rules and regulations are keeping pace with the public need. The NCAA approved rules that provide for inclusion of trans* athletes in 2011. Given the fact that the *Washington Post* reports that Schuyler is "the first openly trans* D1 swimmer," and perhaps the first trans athlete to compete on a collegiate men's team ever,

the NCAA's 4-year head start is clearly progressive.



Schuyler and Gregor Bailar '85

Of course, as the world's leading authority on collegiate athletics protects our nation's top athletes' right to use the correct locker room, we still have a few backward communities seeking to ban trans* access to public restrooms... so there is still work to be done.

Vox clamantis in deserto! There is no more poignant rallying cry for the rights of all individuals than our own college motto.

Thanks for the work you do DGALA!

[Ed: Schuyler's inspiring story has received quite a lot of coverage in the media. For more see:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/answer-sheet/wp/2015/06/24/meet-schuyler-bailar-harvards-pioneer-transgender-swimmer/> ;
<http://www.thecrimson.com/article/2015/6/28/bailar-swimming-profile/> ; and
http://espn.go.com/college-sports/story/_/id/13172301/harvard-crimson-schuyler-bailar-first-openly-transgender-swimmers-ncaa .]❖

SIX JOIN NEW DGALA BOARD OF ADVISORS

DGALA's bylaws recently were amended to add a Board of Advisors, to be comprised of members who have been of exceptional service. The BofA is to serve as an advisory body to the Board of Directors. The BofA may have up to ten members; six initial Advisors were elected in June. DGALA President Brendan Connell '87 comments on the new Advisors on page 8. For fuller biographies and statements from them, see <http://dgala.com>.

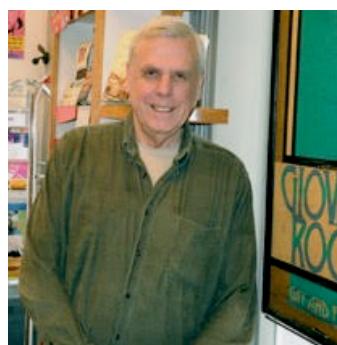


Sarah Burgamy '00
Psy.D. is the founder of an active private practice in Denver, Colorado, PhoenixRISE, with specialty offerings in gender-related issues. She served on the Board of DGALA from 2004-14 and tells *Green Light*, "I am pleased to join the

inaugural DGALA Board of Advisors and relieved that my time away from the organization was brief!"

Cherie Holmes '79 M.D. is Medical Director, Acute Care Services, at Cheshire Medical Center/ Dartmouth-Hitchcock, in Keene, NH. Cherie has served both as a Director of DGALA and a Dartmouth Alumni Council member. She told *Green Light*, "I hope to help bring to my new role a recognition of diversity and inclusivity within the Dartmouth GLBTQ community."

Ed Hermance '62 is the retired owner of Giovanni's Room, the legendary LGBT and feminist bookstore in Philadelphia. Ed is credited with founding DGALA, when he wrote to the *Dartmouth Alumni Magazine* in 1983, announcing the formation of an LGBT alum group and setting up its first meeting. Of his joining the Board of Advisors, Ed told *Green Light*, "It would be wonderful if I can contribute to making life better for students."



Nancy Vogeles '85 served as Vice President of DGALA from 2000 to 2003 and as co-chair of its first all-class reunion in 2002. In 2012 she was named by the Tucker Foundation to become the Director of Religious and Spiritual Life at Dartmouth. Nancy told *Green Light*, "As a member of the Board of Advisors, I'm looking forward to helping Dartmouth continue to grow as a welcoming space for LGBTQIA+ students, staff, and faculty."



Susi Kandel '00 served as President of DGALA from 2006-11. She lives in Jersey City, New Jersey and serves as General Counsel, Latin America for American Tower Corp. Susi told *Green Light*, "The Board of Advisors is a fantastic initiative. It taps into the experience of DGALA leaders to maintain institutional history and provide a perspective different from the Board of Directors. At the same time, the members of the Board of Advisors are able to remain connected to the organization in a way that is less time intensive than being a director, but no less meaningful."



David Eichman '82 is an attorney living in Los Angeles and practicing in West Hollywood. He served as President of DGLA from 1999 through 2005.♦



2015 MINI-REUNION HAS IT ALL!

A fabulous weekend on campus, filled with diverse activities, was enjoyed by DGALA alums, families and friends who attended DGALA's mini-reunion on June 19 and 20. Many alums were already on campus for their class reunions, and numerous others came just for the DGALA events.

Sunny skies reigned throughout the weekend, though they were moonlit for the first DGALA event, drinks at the bar at Six South Street ("Hanover's new boutique hotel"). Dozens of alums enjoyed renewing old acquaintances and making new ones over free beverages in a stylish environment.

Saturday morning brought the annual DGALA breakfast meeting, where College President Phil Hanlon '87 greeted alums and then stayed for a Q&A with DGALA President Brendan Connell '87 and the breakfast attendees. The President addressed Triangle House, the Moving Dartmouth Forward initiative and other topics of interest to the DGALA alums (see page 7 for excerpts from the Q&A).

At noon, Brianne Gallagher, Live-in Advisor at Triangle House, hosted alums for lemonade and



Gallagher (2nd from R) hosts Triangle House Reception

cookies at the House. Brianne updated everyone on the exciting first year of Triangle House and led a tour of the amazing premises.

Later that afternoon, Dartmouth's first openly-gay tenure-track professor in the Women's and

Gender Studies Program, Assistant Professor of Sexuality Studies, Eng-Beng Lim, gave a talk about LGBT studies at Dartmouth, as well as his new book, *Brown Boys and Rice Queens*. Introducing Professor Lim was Dartmouth Provost Carolyn Dever, an LGBT community member and scholar of gender studies and 19th century British literature and culture. Professor Lim also had



Professor Lim chats with Dever (2nd from L), others

joined the alums at the Six South Street event on Friday evening. Eng-Beng told *Green Light*, "I was very energized by DGALA's commitment to the College and look forward to future collaborations."

All told, weekend attendees ranged in age from 5 to 75 and included alums and students whose classes spanned over seven decades. A fine time was had by all. ♦

COMMENTS ON THE MINI-REUNION

As a recent graduate, the DGALA Mini-Reunion was my first alumni event. It was heart-warming to see DGALA's genuine interest in seeing current students thrive at Dartmouth, and their willingness to provide resources and assistance to the Triangle House. I was also happy that academics were also a focus in the reunion; Professor Lim's talk about the expansion of the Gender and Sexuality institute was inspiring, and it was great that Provost Carol Dever was there to support DGALA! **Adenrele (Addy) Adewusi '15**

Beloved SOULSIBLINGS, my lifelong learning was considerably enhanced by Saturday's attendance at our All-Class Mini-Reunion !! So that, as I return to my new home in White River Junction, I am eagerly looking forward to again reuniting with such mutual support from YOUR kindred spirits !! **PEACEBROTHER jimichael XIMENES-ENGELS '58**

I saw Triangle House during the 2015 DGALA mini-reunion. As a recent graduate, I am extremely impressed by the physical space. It is unquestionably the best place to live on Dartmouth's campus. I see many great leaders running the house and I am optimistic about its future as a home of social, academic, and co-curricular LGBTQ life on Dartmouth's campus. Your hard work and support as alumni really make a difference! **Nigel Mills '15**

I definitely enjoyed myself over the weekend and especially enjoyed some of the humorous quips in Prof. Eng-Bing Lim's lecture. I would have been thrilled if there was someone at college that I felt comfortable discussing my sexuality with and not feeling that I was destroying my reputation in the process. So I really do think it is great the options the current generation of LGBTQ students have available to them. **William Puckett '87**.

Attending the mini-reunion was such an incredibly powerful experience. As a current student on campus and as one of the chairs for Pride Week, I have found it essential for my sexuality to play a role in my Dartmouth experience. There are still ways in which LGBTQIA students feel disenfranchised on campus, but seeing older members of the Dartmouth family back for reunions it is a reminder of how far we have come. I think it is important for current students on campus to remember that not so long ago that being open on campus was almost impossible. For these men and women who endured so much from this institution not only to still call this place home, but to seek to help better it is something I am thankful for. **Francis Slaughter '16.** ♦

**NEXT FREE ALL-CLASS MINI REUNION
ON CAMPUS
June 17-18, 2016**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE MINI-REUNION AND
FUTURE EVENTS NEAR YOU, KEEP AN EYE ON DGALA E-
NEWS, OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND [HTTP://DGALA.COM](http://DGALA.COM)**

CAROLINE KERR '05 JOINS DARTMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DGALA past-President Caroline Kerr '05 was elected to the Dartmouth College Board of Trustees at its spring meeting. Board Chair Bill Helman said, "We are thrilled by the diversity of experience and perspective [that our three] new trustees will bring to the board.... In Caroline we will have the first trustee to graduate within the last 10 years." (See page 7 for President Hanlon's comments.) New trustees are phased onto the Board, attending meetings immediately upon their election and officially becoming members one year after their election. In November Caroline will be attending her third Board of Trustees meeting.



**Darcy Kerr GSM '10, William Kerr (3 months) and
Caroline at the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden
near their new home in Florida**

Caroline told *Green Light*, "I am honored to join the Board of Trustees. This Board is being very intentional about diversifying the perspectives represented, and I have received such a warm, enthusiastic welcome. It's an incredibly exciting time for Dartmouth, and we have exceptional leadership in President Hanlon, Provost Dever, and Board Chair Bill Helman." ♦

DGALA SHOWS PRIDE

Dartmouth's LGBTQIA students again held a fabulous PRIDE celebration this spring, and DGALA continued its tradition of being a major supporter and contributor. The event included eight days of educational, artistic and community-building programming, with total attendance of over 1,000. The event's keynote speaker was transgender rights activist Janet Mock (see photo below). DGALA provided significant financial sponsorship for the event, and DGALA director Amanda Rosenblum '07 was the alumni speaker at the PRIDE Awards banquet on May 3rd.

Besides handing out DGALA t-shirts to the graduating seniors, Amanda gave a talk that was funny, thoughtful and inspiring. Amanda's remarks covered much ground, including her life as a student and her life after Dartmouth.

In closing, she discussed DGALA and life after Dartmouth (see remark excerpts, next).

PRIDE Co-Chair Gustavo Mercado Muniz '16 told *Green Light*, "Amanda did a really good job sharing her story with current students and made it wonderfully relatable! She talked about meeting her partner here, breaking down class year distinctions, and activism/working for positive change in ways that spoke clearly towards relevant events on campus." Since Amanda's address, LGBT grads from the class of 2015 have joined DGALA in record numbers. ♦



DGALA Director Amanda Rosenblum '07 Addresses PRIDE 2015



Director of Center for Gender and Student Engagement Reese Kelly, Program Coordinator Sebastian Munoz Medina, Triangle House's first UGA Logan Henderson '17 and activist Janet Mock at PRIDE 2015

EXCERPTS FROM AMANDA ROSENBLUM'S REMARKS

When I left Dartmouth, I had no idea what I was going to be doing the following week, let alone nearly a decade later. I'm finally realizing how deeply my experiences here prepared me for life. This isn't a bubble. Everything that happens here happens elsewhere. And it's here that I learned all the tools I need to organize, to care about the world and try to do something about it, to practice ally-ship, to hold myself and others accountable. I left here with a community of powerful people I respected and admired. Years later, I'm serving on the board of DGALA, the Dartmouth Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Alumnae Association, and though I never thought I'd find my way back to them, it makes complete sense that I did.

We offer you t-shirts and membership and open arms. We have an active social media presence and we have a ton of events around the country (and now we're going international!). We also support current students with scholarships and financial assistance in times of need and we do our best to better life on campus for all current, past and future Dartmouth students.

Whatever community you want to give your time to after college, know how valuable it can be to bring your shared Hanover experience out into the world. There's a lot that needs changing. Let's change it, together! ♦

Q&A AT MINI-REUNION WITH PRESIDENT HANLON

Q. *What is your reaction to past DGALA President Caroline Kerr's recent election to the Dartmouth College Board of Trustees? [Ed: see p. 5 for more on Caroline's election.]*

A. I join you in being thrilled that Caroline is joining the Board. As you know I work in close partnership with the Board; what is important is that the Board brings to me a multiplicity of perspectives and experiences, and Caroline helps in this, with not only her experience at DGALA and as president of DGALA but also she will be our first post-2000 graduate on the Board.

Q. *The other big event this year for us was the opening of Triangle House, for DGALA at our October reunion, although the students moved in in September. I'd love to get your perspective on that. And our thanks to you and Gail [Mrs. Hanlon] for being so visible and present at all the opening events; that meant so much to this community.*

A. Triangle House is an important addition to our campus. And I was thrilled to be, as was Gail, at the opening. It is completing its mission as intended. It is fostering a positive, safe, respectful community for its residents. It is increasing the whole Dartmouth community's understanding of contemporary LGBTQIA issues. And it's helping residents to take their passions from ideas into action. And I want to credit all the residents there, along with UGA Logan Henderson '17, who has helped to create a space where everyone is able to express themselves authentically and where guests are welcome. So it is doing exactly what we had intended and hoped. In terms of the larger perspective of transforming the residential experience, Triangle House fits really well with our major objectives, which are to provide greater opportunities for students to connect with faculty and develop relationships with faculty beyond the classroom, to create an environment that supports community building and social interactions – it gives more options for that. And it also promotes experiential learning as residents



President Hanlon '77 Chats at Mini-Reunion

are learning about contemporary issues through living in a community centered on those issues. So it's doing what we had hoped; it's off to a fast start and it fits really well within our broader objectives for residential life. And I want to recognize DGALA for raising \$500,000 for the House and thank you because that was key for getting the project done.

Q. *Talk to us a bit about the Moving Dartmouth Forward initiative. Can you describe in some ways how it might impact the members of our community with respect to inclusiveness?*

A. Yes, inclusiveness is one of the key objectives, along with reducing harmful behaviors. So one of its aspects is the climate study that will be conducted next fall. The results of that will be very important for us as we better understand our community here, what's going on, how we can direct programs and resources to make it a better place. There is a broader faculty diversity effort that has included several things to promote faculty diversity which is one of our weak spots right now; we need to have a more diverse faculty for sure.

Q. *Do you have any thoughts on queer studies, part of our academic programs? I believe now that there is only one professor focusing on the field.*

A. I'm really glad you asked that and I understand the point that you are making, and it fits with our effort to diversify the faculty. The actual priorities for academic programs, investment in academic programs, whether it is money or space or the like, begins with the faculty; the faculty themselves establish collectively what the priorities should be. They take that to the Dean of Faculty, who is directly responsible for the allocation of resources. I will pass along the interests of this group to the Dean of the Faculty. But I urge you to talk to the faculty, for that is really where the priorities emerge. [Ed: for full transcript of the Q&A, see <http://dgala.com>.] ♦

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Friends! As I hope this issue of the *Green Light* demonstrates, DGALA is firing on all cylinders! In January, DGALA's Board of Directors met in Hanover and outlined priorities for the year ahead, and I am pleased to report that we have made great progress:

More Robust Regional Programming

We have been working hard to organize events around the country that appeal to all segments of our wonderfully diverse membership. If there is an event happening near you, I encourage you to attend and I promise you that you will be warmly welcomed. And if there is not an event happening near you, plan one and we'll help!

DGALA Board of Advisors

DGALA's leadership has long wished to add a Board of Advisors, and in July we elected the six amazing individuals profiled on page 3. I am so pleased that Sarah Burgamy, David Eichman, Ed Hermance, Cherie Holmes, Susi Kandel, and Nancy Vogele will be giving our officers and directors the benefit of the perspective and good counsel gained over many years of service in the DGALA and College communities and as leaders in their respective fields. I have already sought the advice of this august group on several occasions, and we are honored that these pioneers have rejoined our leadership ranks.

Service Alliances

While we all love a good party, DGALA's board also wants to create opportunities for our members to contribute in a meaningful way to the greater LGBTQIA community. Last spring, DGALA members volunteered at the Callen-Lorde Community Health Center in Manhattan as part of the Dartmouth Alumni Day of Service, and our members will be volunteering at the Center again this November. I am also excited to report that in November, DGALA members will be volunteering at Harvey Milk High School in Manhattan by assisting LGBTQIA students with their college applications, the first event in what I hope will be a long relationship with this remarkable school. If you have an idea for a service alliance in your area, please let me know!

Dues

You may not be aware that DGALA is an independent not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation separate and distinct from the College, but we are! As such, we depend in large part on your dues to fund our initiatives. We are launching our first dues drive now, and I hope you will consider paying at whatever level you can afford. Thanks so much!

This has been a busy year for DGALA, and our year-end Board of Directors elections are coming up soon. If you are interested in being a candidate for DGALA's board, or just getting more involved, please write me at my e-mail below.

I wish you and your loved ones a great holiday season. As always, please feel free to contact me directly with your comments, concerns, and suggestions at bdanconnell@gmail.com.

With warm regards, Brendan Connell, Jr. '87,
President of DGALA ♦

DUES ENVELOPES ENCLOSED

Enclosed are this year's dues envelopes, in a slightly different format (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 our All-Class Reunions, our annual June mini-reunions, various regional events, on-campus events with alums and students, supporting LGBT issues and events at Dartmouth, annual gifts for LGBT grads, and this newsletter! Your contribution is tax deductible. If you prefer, you may give on line at <http://dgala.com/join-or-renew/>. ♦

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