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Media Guide to Bisexuality and Reporting on LGBT Issues

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Glossary

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Bi or Bisexual Identity

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Gaywashed

A type of bisexual erasure. Example: When a reporter identifies a bi-identified person as gay in an article. Also applies to people of bisexual experience who prefer different labels such as fluid, omnisexual, pansexual, ambisexual, queer or refuse labels altogether.

LGBT

Common abbreviation for “lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender.”

LGBT Community

Used to more accurately describe the makeup of what is often referred to as the “gay community.” This community includes gay men, lesbians, bisexual people and transgender people.

Explanations

Biphobia

Fear, hatred or prejudice towards bisexual people, often based on inaccurate stereotypes. Also dismissing, ignoring, or erasing bisexual people. For example: saying that bisexual people don't exist; that it is not a legitimate sexual orientation; that bis are merely slutty, oversexed or greedy; that bis are really gay but don't want to admit it; that bis are liars or dilettantes; omitting

the word bi or bisexual in the name of an organization or event that serves the whole LGBT community; or believing that bis don't deserve equal status or inclusion because they are a minority in the LGBT community.

As bi activists have been increasingly successful (often in partnership with transgender activists) in lobbying to get "lesbian and gay" or "gay and lesbian" organizations and events to change their names to "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender" and to increasingly use the phrase "LGBT" instead of "gay" or "gay and lesbian" when describing our community: biphobia has been decreasing. The incorrect perception that people who self-identify as bi or bisexual are not really part of the LGBT community, have never contributed to the community or were not involved at the beginning of the movement are decreasing. So far, this has been more successful politically than socially as the same prejudices, stereotypes and assumptions about bisexual people and dating still exist.

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Historically, since the beginning of the LGBT rights movement (commonly referred to as the "gay rights movement" or "lesbian and gay rights movement"—an example of bisexual erasure) the word bisexual has been left off of the names of organizations and events that serve the entire LGBT community. Not one major national organization (that is not specifically bisexual) has the word "bi" or "bisexual" in the title. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, The Gay and Lesbian Journalists Association, and the Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project are all examples of this phenomenon. The names of these organizations were decided when the practice of bisexual erasure in LGBT organization-naming was common. If those organizations were being named today, the names would most likely have been formulated to be more inclusive—however, none of these organizations has volunteered to change their established names in order to address this inequity. They all have made efforts to be more LGBT-inclusive in their mission statements as well as their literature and websites than in the past—but this effort has been inconsistent and spotty. Every year there are multiple instances where these organizations (as well as those without a problematic name such as Human Rights Campaign, Lambda Legal and Freedom to Marry demonstrate their lack of commitment to an inclusive policy and put out press releases, fund-raising literature, website resources and give speeches that either completely or mostly erase bisexual (and transgender) people.

The mainstream media, taking its cues from "gay and lesbian" organizations and their spokespeople, continues this bisexual erasure in their news reporting on the LGBT community and on LGBT-related issues. The rare instances that bisexuality is mentioned in the mainstream media are usually when covering AIDS transmission to heterosexual women from men on the "down low" or stories on cheating spouses. This coverage is rarely balanced with any positive coverage of bisexual people or issues. Bisexual people who are famous for their contributions to society in the arts or other professions are often erroneously described as "gay" in both the gay and mainstream media. Gay media outlets are inconsistent in their usage of inclusive language and 50% or more of their articles use terms such as "gay and lesbian" when terms like "LGBT," "lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender" or "same-sex" would be more accurate.

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Although the words bi and bisexual imply that there are two genders of people to be attracted to (female and male), as understanding of the spectrum of transgender possibilities has increased, understanding of the implications on a bi identity have increased also: updating the definition of bisexual. Some people of bisexual experience choose alternative words to express that understanding such as pansexual, ambisexual, fluid, omnisexual or queer. Some feel themselves to be “beyond labels.” The famous quote by bisexual rock star Michael Stipe (REM) “Labels are for soup cans” expresses that sensibility.

Many come to a bi identity after identifying as either straight or gay first. Heterosexism leads many to assume the “default” label of heterosexual until proven otherwise. Some transition first to a gay or lesbian identity, especially if the word or concept of bisexuality is either unknown to that person or has been denigrated so that it doesn’t seem like an appealing option--even when the person’s feelings most closely match that identity. Often, well meaning friends or “experts” assume the person who expresses bisexual feelings must actually be gay (because they themselves went through a transitional identity as bisexual before settling into a gay identity, or they were advised by a gay person who believes this.) A bi person need not have had equal sexual or romantic experience with men and women, in fact, they need not have had any sexual experience to claim a bi identity: feelings of romantic or sexual attraction are sufficient. As a society, we presume heterosexuality from birth. If we can presume that, we cannot say someone is too young or too inexperienced to claim otherwise.

The feelings of a child or teenager who has early crushes on both girls and boys should not be discounted, in fact, they should be given extra weight. As a society, we presume heterosexuality from birth and reinforce it socially from infancy and toddlerhood up. For example telling a baby girl “You are beautiful and all the boys will love you!” or telling a boy toddler “You’re a handsome guy and all the girls will be after you!” or asking a first grader how many boyfriends she has are all common ways we talk to children. Children who display early bisexual tendencies, therefore, are expressing their inner nature as they have not yet had any bisexual influences.

As an identity label, some prefer the term *bi* to *bisexual* because they feel it more closely matches the transition from *homosexual* to *gay* or *lesbian* and indicates a broader focus on love relationships, community and culture rather than solely on sexuality. Some prefer *bisexual* because they don’t want to de-sex the label or feel it’s more traditional and recognizable. As Carol Queen, noted bisexual erotica author, says: “Sex is our middle name!” Many use the two terms interchangeably. Some people who describe themselves the same way as those who use the label bi prefer other labels such as pansexual, queer, omnisexual, ambisexual or fluid.

TIPS FOR JOURNALISTS & WRITING A PRESS RELEASE

All discrimination and legal issues that affect gay men and lesbians impact bisexual people also. When doing “gay rights” (LGBT civil rights) stories, interview bisexual people as examples of how this issue has affected an LGBT person.

- Remember the “B” in LGBT
- Include a bisexual example, when reporting on or describing any issue that affects the LGBT community.
- Interview bi people who are affected by the issue. The Bi Writers Association or BiNetUSA can find bi people for you to interview ie: bisexual same-sex married couples, bisexual veterans, bi people who have been fired from jobs or bashed.
- Contact bi activists, writers and researchers when reporting on bisexual issues.
- Write positive stories on bisexual issues.
- When reporting on scientific research on bisexuality, solicit information and opinions from qualified experts in the appropriate scientific discipline so that coverage does not overstate or misstate the implications of new research. (Note: J. Michael Bailey and his colleagues are not considered reputable.)
- Consider your terminology:

Preferred: bisexual

Problematic: bi-sexual

Preferred: “LGBT community” “Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender community”

Problematic: “gay community” “lesbian and gay community”

Preferred: “LGBT rights”

Preferred: “civil rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people”

Problematic: “gay rights”

Preferred: “same-sex couple”

Problematic: “lesbian and gay couples” “gay couples”

Preferred: “same-sex marriage”

Best: “equal access to marriage for all couples”

“equal marriage rights for all couples”

Problematic: “gay marriage”

LGBT ISSUES IN THE MEDIA

“GAY RIGHTS” - Bisexual people are discriminated against in all the same ways as gays and lesbians and we need the same civil rights. Bisexual people are fired from jobs, bashed coming out of LGBT clubs and in the street, can’t legally marry their same-sex partner in 48 states and are kicked out of the military. “LGBT RIGHTS” is a more accurate term.

“GAYS IN THE MILITARY” - Bisexual people are also in the military and also get kicked out for being bisexual. “LGBT IN THE MILITARY” is more accurate.

“GAY MARRIAGE” – Bisexual people also marry and commit to same-sex partners. Preferred terms are “SAME-SEX MARRIAGE” or “MARRIAGE EQUALITY” or “EQUAL MARRIAGE RIGHTS FOR ALL COUPLES”

“GAY BASHING” – Bi people are bashed coming out of clubs where LGBT people hang out and walking down the street. No one stops to ask if the person is bi first or beats them up less.

HIV/AIDS: Unprotected sex spreads HIV infection--not sex with a bisexual person. People who identify as bisexual tend to be open and honest with their partners. Men who secretly have sex with men, while maintaining a relationship with a wife or girlfriend, usually identify as straight, although they may be attracted to both. Please stop describing these men as “bisexual” in news stories because openly bisexual people are being unfairly painted with the same brush of being liars, cheaters and reckless with the health of their sexual partners. In news stories, remember to include reportage about how the pressures of homophobia contributes to sexual behavior that is secretive or reckless rather than portraying men who secretly have sex with men as evil.

HOW TO START USING “LGBT” IN THE NEWS

Many mainstream journalists are afraid to start using the phrase “LGBT community” even though it is more accurate than “lesbian and gay community” for fear that the general public is not familiar with the acronym. Here’s how to do it:

Use the phrase “lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.” In your next sentence, shorten it to “LGBT.”

Or, use the phrase “lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community” then say “or LGBT for short.”

If you think “LGBT” is too unfamiliar and “lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender” too long for a headline, then be sure to put “lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender” and “LGBT” into the body of the article, to clarify for full accuracy and inclusion.

MEDIA DON'TS:

Don’t discuss bisexual issues without a bisexual person on the panel. Just as you wouldn’t discuss racism without people of color on the panel.

Don’t run a child molestation segment following a segment pertaining to sexual orientation. By doing so you are unfairly linking the two issues together in people’s minds.

DON’T ASSUME:

Don't assume a man is gay because he has a boyfriend. Don't assume a woman is straight because she has a husband. Both of those people could be bisexual. A person's orientation is not determined by the gender of their current partner.

Don't buy into the "one drop theory." People assume that "one drop" of gayness negates the rest of a person's relationship and sexual history. If someone has "gay" sex, they must *be* gay and their opposite-sex relationships are assumed to be inauthentic. Many people enjoy sex with men and women and are capable of loving a man, or a woman, or both at once.

Don't assume a person is not bisexual because they are transgender. Many transgender people also identify as "queer" or "bi" and some bisexual people also identify as transgender.

FILM, TELEVISION, LITERATURE: Any story where a character goes from an opposite sex relationship to a same sex relationship...could be bisexual. Don't automatically assume that character is gay/lesbian.

WRITING A PRESS RELEASE

Don't forget the B in LGBT

- **Do more than add the phrase LGBT: provide bisexual examples of an issue.** When you only use lesbian and gay examples, people get the message this issue doesn't affect bisexuals.
- **Don't use the phrase "gay and transgender" to describe our whole community.** Lately, the phrase "gay and transgender" has been popping up all over. Although the word gay can include lesbians (depending on how it is used in a sentence), it doesn't also signify bisexuals. Although we are glad that you are remembering to include transgender people, you seem to have skipped right over and forgotten something. As a bisexual blogger recently lamented, "What Are Bisexuals? Chopped Liver?"
- **Model inclusion.** Other LGBT organizations, the LGBT community, the press and the world at large take their cues from you. You have tremendous influence and power for good or bad. When an LGBT organization does not treat bisexual people equally in its press releases, it signals the rest of the LGBT community that bisexual people are not worthy of respect. And it signals the world at large that bisexual people do not deserve to be treated equally or regarded positively.
- **Being bi-inclusive benefits you.** The bi community is very loyal to organizations that treat us well. Bi people give more money and volunteer hours to the organizations that are the most bi-inclusive. And the more you help improve the image and status of bi people in the world, the more effective the bi community can be in speaking out on behalf of LGBT issues.

Marriage Equality: Putting the B in LGBT

PREFERRED: Same-sex couples

PROBLEMATIC: Lesbian and gay couples

PREFERRED: Same-sex marriage

PROBLEMATIC: Gay marriage

PREFERRED: Marriage is important for LGBT families

PROBLEMATIC: Marriage is important for gay and lesbian families

PREFERRED: Equal access to marriage

Marriage equality

Equal marriage rights

Fighting marriage discrimination

Opposed to marriage discrimination

Marriage discrimination affects lesbian, gay, bi and transgender people

INCLUSIVE: Use an example of a bisexual same-sex couple or a bi/gay couple -or- Use specific examples from lives of Bi Spokespeople on Marriage Equality- (contact list available.)

Marriage and the Bi Community

Many bisexual people have married a same-sex partner, or want to but are prevented by the laws of their state. Right now, people who want to legally marry a same-sex partner are being discriminated against, including bisexuals. When discussing marriage equality, the terms “lesbian and gay couples” and “lesbian and gay families” are often used as generalities. A relationship between two people of the same sex cannot be assumed to be a “gay couple” or a “lesbian couple.” Some same sex couples consist of a bi woman and a lesbian, a bi man and a gay man, two bi women or two bi men. Please use terms like “same-sex couples” or “LGBT families.” Don’t “gaywash” someone who identifies as bi or bisexual by describing them as part of a “gay” or “lesbian” couple. Refrain from using the term “lesbian couple” or “gay couple,” unless you are describing a couple who have both identified themselves as lesbian or gay.

A bi person doesn’t become gay or lesbian when they commit to a same-sex relationship. A bisexual person has the *capacity* to be attracted to people of more than one gender. But they do not magically become either “straight” or “gay” based on the gender of their partner. Additionally, a bisexually oriented transgender or intersex person, who doesn’t identify as solely male or female, could be in a relationship with a person of any gender. (Some in the bi community prefer terms such as pansexual, omnisexual, ambisexual, fluid, queer or prefer no labels at all.)

Transgender People, Intersex People and their Partners: Many transgender people are bisexual or attracted to other transgender people whose gender is undefined. Intersex people literally embody both sexes. State laws and judicial decisions vary from state to state. Some recognize gender transition and some don’t. In one state, a transsexual person may only legally marry a woman, and in another state, only marry a man. If the couple moves to another state, their marriage can be invalidated and a legal nightmare ensues. Some transgender folks don’t identify with only one gender but identify as multi-gendered, genderqueer or genderless. The only solution to ensure access to marriage for all is to eliminate gender restrictions on marriage.

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Myths & Realities of Bisexuality

Adapted from “Myths/realities of bisexuality” by Sharon Forman Sumpter in *Bi Any Other Name*

MYTH: Bisexual people are promiscuous, swingers or are just oversexed.

TRUTH: Bisexual people have a range of sexual behaviors. Some have one partner; some have multiple partners; some go through partnerless periods. Promiscuity is no more prevalent in the bisexual population than in other groups of people.

MYTH: Bisexuality doesn't exist.

TRUTH: People who are attracted to both men and women make up 2-25 % of the population, depending on the study. (By comparison: African-Americans make up about 12 %.) The 2002 National Survey of Family Growth found that nearly 13 % of women and nearly 6 % of men said they were attracted to both men and women and 2% specifically identified as bisexual.

MYTH: Bisexual men don't exist.

TRUTH: The bisexual community is full of bisexual men.

MYTH: Everyone is bisexual.

TRUTH: Many people's sexuality is more fluid than their label. But there really are some people who are exclusively gay or straight.

MYTH: All women are bisexual.

TRUTH: Sorry, but not true. Although according to some studies, there are twice as many bisexual women than bisexual men.

MYTH: Bisexuals are equally attracted to both sexes.

TRUTH: Some are, but some bisexual people tend to favor either the same or the opposite sex, while recognizing their attraction to both genders.

MYTH: Being bisexual means having a male and female lover at the same time.

TRUTH: Bisexual simply means the potential for involvement with either gender. This may mean sexually, emotionally, in reality, or in fantasy. Some bisexual people may have concurrent lovers; others may relate to different genders at various time periods. Most bisexuals do not need to see both genders in order to feel fulfilled.

MYTH: Bisexuals are just on the slow train to Gayville.

TRUTH: Bisexuality is a legitimate sexual orientation which incorporates gayness. Many are quite active in the LGBT community, both socially and politically. Some of us use terms such as "bisexual lesbian" to increase our visibility on both issues.

MYTH: Bisexuals are in "transition."

TRUTH: Some people go through a transitional period of bisexuality on their way to adopting a lesbian/gay or heterosexual identity. For many others, bisexuality remains a long-term orientation. Identifying as lesbian or gay is often a transitional phase in the coming-out process for bisexual people.

MYTH: Bisexuals are confused about their sexuality.

TRUTH: It is natural for both bisexuals and gays to go through a period of confusion in the coming-out process. When you are an oppressed people and are constantly told that you don't exist, confusion is an appropriate reaction until you come out to yourself and find a supportive environment. Also: well-meaning gay friends of bisexuals often tell them their feelings toward the opposite sex are residual and will fade away after spending time in the gay community. So they identify as gay for months or years before realizing they are in fact, bisexual.

MYTH: Bisexuality is not natural, no animals are bisexual.

TRUTH: Most animal species are bisexual in much higher percentages than the human population.

MYTH: Bisexuals spread HIV/AIDS.

TRUTH: Unprotected sex spreads HIV infection--not sex with a bisexual person.

MYTH: Bisexuals can hide in the heterosexual community when the going gets tough.

TRUTH: To "pass" for straight and deny your bisexuality is just as painful and damaging for a bisexual person as it is for a gay person. People who openly identify as bisexual are not trying to pass.

We are all unique; we don't fit into neat little categories. We sometimes need to use labels for personal, political or scientific reasons or to increase our visibility. Acknowledging and accepting the differences and seeing the beauty in our diversity is a wonderful thing.

Ambisextrous in a Right-Handed World:

by Sheela Lambert

Remember the dark ages (the 50's?) when, because most people were right-handed, left-handedness and being ambidextrous were considered deviant or wrong? Left-handed and ambidextrous kids were forced to write right-handed in school because right-handedness was considered normal, therefore correct. Now, everyone looks back on this as being very silly, narrow-minded and destructive. Children are now encouraged to write with any hand they are comfortable with: right, left or right sometimes, left sometimes. Think of human sexuality the same way.

The human brain tends to regard with suspicion anything different from what it's used to and the majority decides what's normal. Since heterosexuality is normal to heterosexual people and they are in the majority, "straight society" thinks of heterosexuality as normal and "correct" and being attracted to the same sex as deviant (ie: deviating from normal)...therefore automatically "wrong."

In a similar way, since most people are monosexual (only attracted to one gender ie: gay and straight people) and being attracted to only one gender is normal for them, monosexuals have a tendency to think bisexuality is deviant...therefore automatically "wrong." Or that bisexuality doesn't exist. Or that we're just slutty. Or that we're really gay. Or that we're really straight. That we should pick a side already!

Someday, our society is going to look back on this and realize that condemning gay and bisexual people and expecting them to change to heterosexual is just as silly as condemning left-handed and ambidextrous people used to be and expecting them to deny what was natural to them, forcing them to conform to right-handedness.

And hopefully someday, monosexual society (gay and straight people) will understand and accept that even though *they* are not attracted to people of more than one gender, some of us truly are. And that's a good thing.

Think of us as romantically and sexually ambidextrous or bilingual, or bi-national.

Bisexual people shouldn't have to apologize for having the gift of being able to be attracted to or love people of any gender. Non-bisexual people may see it in a negative light, but to me it is a wonderful thing. We have the ability to appreciate people of any gender in all ways. I feel it is, in a way, a very spiritual perspective to be able to see closer to the soul of both men and women (and for many of us, transgender people) without the barrier of monosexuality. It's almost like having a superpower or spiritual ability that you were just born with and that monosexual people are unable to experience. It's not their fault...they were born that way.

Senator Larry Craig, Bisexuality and Sexual Orientation

Questions: How could a married guy like Senator Craig wind up in this situation?

Is he gay? Is he straight? Is he bisexual?

What is this "men who have sex with men" thing Dr. Drew's been talking about?

Answers: First we have to clarify a few things.

There are three categories: **identity, orientation and behavior**. We are using the same words to describe these three categories, even though they are different.

Identity: How people identify themselves. What label they call themselves. (Bi, Gay, Lesbian or Straight -or- Bisexual, Homosexual or Heterosexual)

Orientation: Who a person is capable of being attracted to. (Specifically: what gender or genders a person is capable of being romantically and/or sexually attracted to--not just who they are in a relationship with right now or who they've been with in the past.) Same words: (Bi or Bisexual, Gay/Lesbian or Homosexual, Straight or Heterosexual, etc.)

Note: A person's *orientation* can be different from their *identity* but **we use the same words to describe the two different things**. This is where the confusion comes in.

Larry Craig identifies as "straight" or "heterosexual." But his behavior indicates he may either be bisexual or gay in his *orientation*--who he is capable of being attracted to.

Another point of confusion: **people tend to jump right from straight to gay without considering bisexual as a possibility**. When Sen. Craig claims "I am not gay," he may be telling the truth (while lying about everything else.)

Behavior: A third category for which the same words (heterosexual, homosexual, bisexual) are used. Refers to what gender/s a person has been having sex with, regardless of attraction or identity, and therefore who they could, potentially, spread a disease to.

No wonder people are confused! We are using the same words to describe three different things!

Q. What is "bisexual" orientation?

The capacity to be romantically, emotionally and/or sexually attracted to people of more than one gender. Bisexual people need not have had equal sexual experience with both men and women; and they need not be equally attracted to both either.

Q. What is bi or bisexual identity?

A person who uses the bi or bisexual label as part of their identity, either publicly, or to themselves. Most people who identify as bi or bisexual are openly bi or "out of the closet" to some degree.

Q. What is this "men who have sex with men" thing Dr. Drew's been talking about?

MSM or "men who have sex with men" is a category used by Center for Disease Control and others to describe men who are having sex with other men but don't identify as gay or bisexual. Most identify as straight and have wives or girlfriends, but also have sex with men. We don't know their exact *orientation*, only their circumstances.

Dr. Drew described Sen. Larry Craig as fitting the category of "men who have sex with men" because he is married and publicly identifies as straight, yet has sex with men.

Q. What if I am attracted to a transgender or intersex person?

The label bisexual still applies to you, but some people prefer pansexual, queer, omnisexual, ambisexual, fluid or just hate labels altogether.

Tila Tequila's shot at fame is no exercise in bisexual education

By Sheela Lambert

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Tila Tequila's reality dating show on MTV is a fun, fluffy, guilty pleasure type of show. Tila is a hottie and a flirt, and so are many of the contestants. Every single one of the boys and girls were wowed by her and she is undoubtedly beautiful, sexy, charming, poised, spontaneous and entertaining. She doubles as star and host, and is obviously in control. She also has a great speaking voice that is deeper than what you'd expect from her little girl looks and tiny frame.

Because there has been such a dearth of bi people and characters on TV, and because this show has a bisexual star, some people expect this series to show them what bisexual people are all about. It doesn't. Some journalists and talk show hosts have implied that Tila Tequila represents all bisexual people. She doesn't. This show is not an exercise in education about bisexuality, so don't expect to learn much about us from watching it.

As a bisexual woman, I enjoy seeing anything bisexual on TV. But I know who I am and don't need a show to explain it. I have met hundreds of bisexual people and know they run the gamut of professions, colors, religions, ethnic backgrounds, relationship status, financial levels, countries of origin, levels of education, disabilities, numbers of children or child free, fashion sensibilities, interests, hobbies and political opinions.

The only thing about bisexuality this show demonstrates so far, is Tila's ability to find both women and men attractive. Many non-bisexual people (AKA "monosexuals") have difficulty understanding how a bisexual person could be attracted to people of more than one gender, because they themselves can't. So they doubt bisexual people exist and think of us as similar to Unicorns...a myth. Tila certainly shows that we exist, but what impression of bisexual people does this show give off?

She flirts with almost every boy and girl on the show in the first episode. There were 16 straight guys and 16 lesbians...you do the math. She socialized with each gender separately, so the guys didn't know about the female contestants and the girls never saw the guys. By her own admission, Tila lied to all of them before the show even started taping. The straight guys were led to believe she is straight and the lesbians were told she is gay. Next week, in episode two, they are told the truth and discover they are not only competing against each other but against a whole other gender.

We applaud MTV for being the first to star a bisexual woman on a dating show, and an Asian-American woman at that. Of course we are in favor of having an openly bisexual person on a TV show, but that openness was undercut by lying to participants about Tila's bisexual orientation. Of course, this is the stuff of reality dating shows and more and more often there have been deceptive twists on similar shows. But hearing Tila say she lied to everyone to get them on the show, made me cringe.

The bi community spends much of its time fighting stereotypes and myths that don't accurately reflect who we are. People tend to associate us solely with our sexuality and forget that, like everyone else, we have other aspects to our lives. We fear that

this show is more likely to add fuel to the fire of bisexual stereotypes, than to put them out.

I hope that journalists will present this show as what it is: an entertaining, MTV reality dating show that happens to have a bisexual star. Tila Tequila is a shrewd self-promoter. But she is promoting herself, not the bisexual community.

Of course, if anyone gets the impression from watching the show that all bisexual people are hotter and more desirable than everyone else...that part is accurate!

Sexual and Affectional Orientation and Identity Scales

By Bobbi Keppel & Alan Hamilton

Introduction

New concepts and new research offer opportunities to change the way people understand and conceptualize sexual orientation.^[1] This article explains how we use these ideas in teaching about sexual minorities.

Bobbi Keppel has tested this material with many groups in the last year. Whether they are heterosexual, homosexual, or bisexual, many of the attendees report thinking differently about sexual orientation after these presentations. They say they are able to ask questions and discuss sexual orientation more easily when they use the common vocabulary and the model shown here. Frequently, this is the first time that people with several different identities have been able to find their commonalities and discuss their experiences and differences with understanding and acceptance.

The Klein Scale ([Figure 3](#)) and directions for filling it out ([Using the Klein Scale](#)) are grouped together in this file.

Use of a 3-dimensional visual model helps people see how sexual orientation is a complex construct made up of several different aspects or components. These aspects of sexual orientation may be represented either as cards which form a deck, or as slabs which form a block (see [Figure 3](#)).

In an intimate workshop setting, we encourage attendees to fill in a copy of the Klein scale, and ask those who are comfortable doing so to share their choices. There are usually enough interesting differences among people who share a sexual identity, and enough similarities between people who have different sexual identities, that many of the concepts in the Implications and Points to Make section at the end of this article are illustrated very clearly. In a less intimate setting, such as a lecture presentation, we bring up the points that we want people to hear and see. We then send them away with a copy of the Klein scale to mull over.

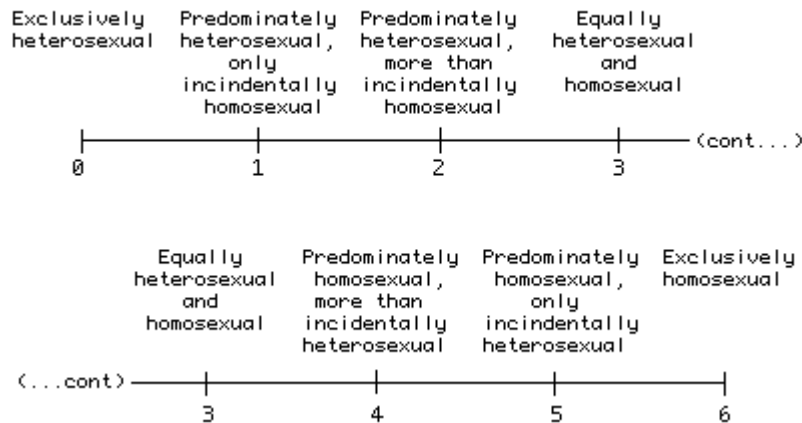
The rest of this article is the text of our presentation, including points to make during each presentation. Drawing figures freehand on a chalk board or overhead projector during the presentation makes it more visually interesting and encourages questions from and interaction with the attendees.

Kinsey

For many of us, our first concept of sexual orientation was simply that everyone was either heterosexual or homosexual. Period.

The Kinsey Heterosexual-Homosexual Scale provided our first reconceptualization of sexual orientation. On the Kinsey scale, sexual behavior is represented as a continuum from exclusively heterosexual to exclusively homosexual (see [Figure 1.](#)) To make it easier to quantify behavior for research purposes, the scale has 7 equal, numbered intervals, but it is a continuum and in-between points (such as 1.5 or 2.67) may be used.

Figure 1: Kinsey Heterosexual-Homosexual Scale



Using the Kinsey Scale

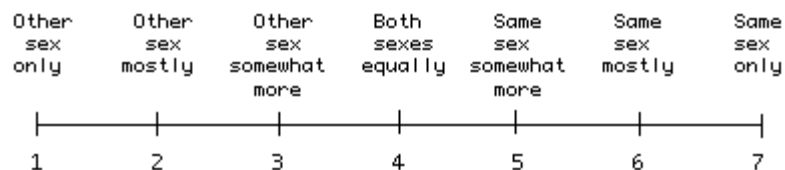
To use the Kinsey scale, choose a point on the continuum which corresponds to your relative amounts of sexual experiences with the same sex and with the other sex in your life up to now.

Klein^[2]

When Fritz Klein *et al.* extended the conceptualization of sexual orientation far beyond Kinsey's earlier work, they offered us a chance to broaden our understanding further.^[3]

The Klein Sexual Orientation Grid uses 7 classifications (the same number as Kinsey) and uses less emotionally "loaded" reference point descriptions (see [Figure 2.](#))

Figure 2: Klein Sexual Orientation Scale



Klein examines the element of time in more detail than Kinsey. He asks about sexual behavior during the *present* (the most recent 12 months,) the *past* (up to 12 months ago,)

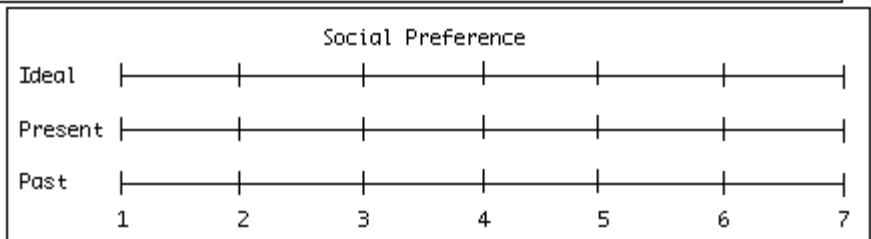
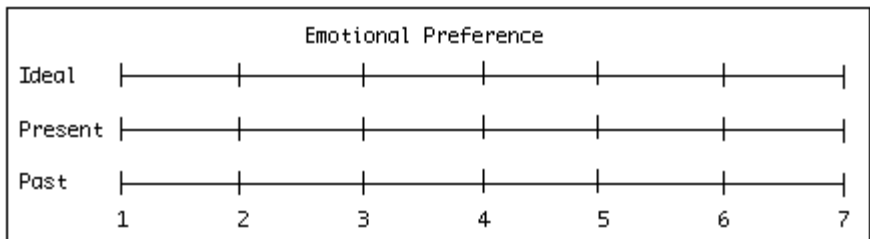
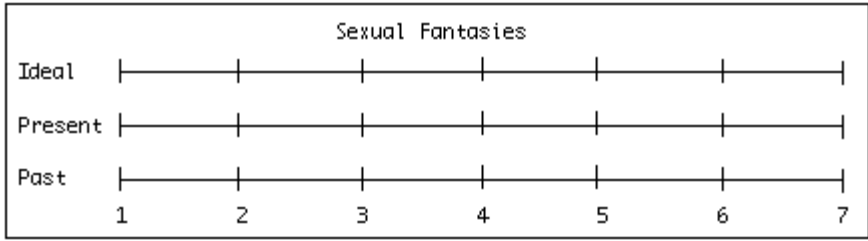
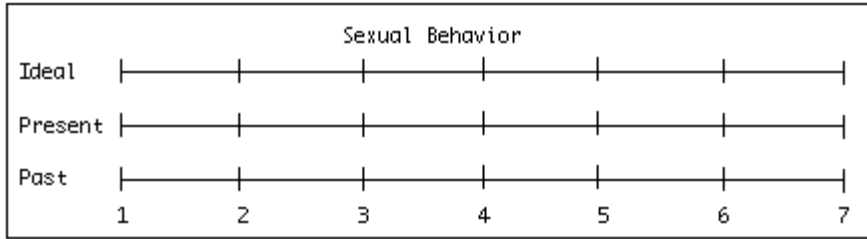
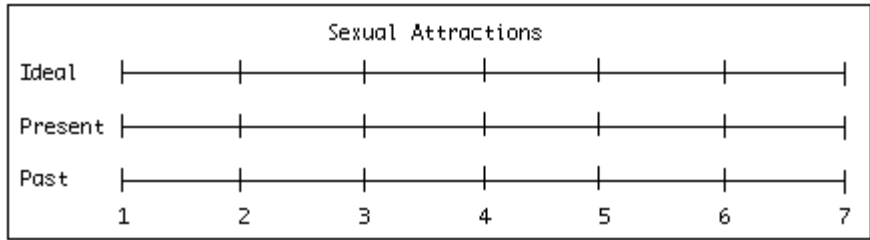
and the *ideal* (which is as close as one can get to intention and prediction of future behavior.) At this point in a presentation, we draw two more scales, and label the three scales *Past*, *Present*, and *Ideal* (see [Figure 3](#)).

The biggest change from previous work is Klein's inclusion of many aspects of sexual orientation in addition to sexual behavior. These include *sexual attraction*, *sexual fantasies*, *emotional preference*, *social preference*, *lifestyle preference*, and *sexual identity*. (Keppel and Hamilton add *political identity*, and both Klein and Keppel and Hamilton have refined the reference point descriptions to be successively more descriptive and less emotionally "loaded.")^[4]

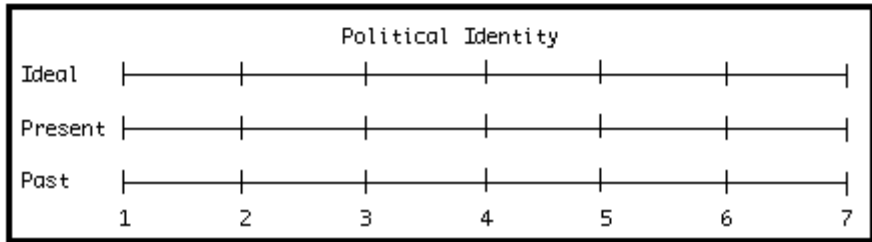
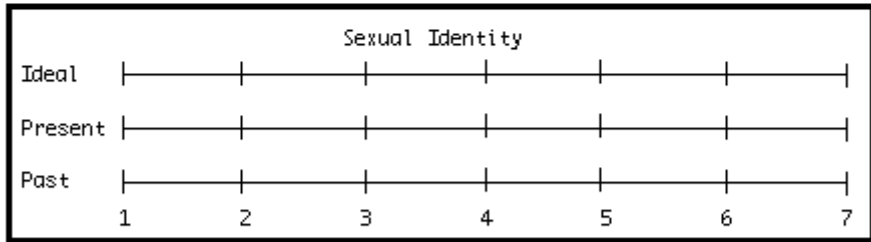
We represent the aspects of sexual orientation as a stack of cards (see [Figure 3](#).) Each card represents a particular aspect of sexual orientation (sexual attraction, social preference, etc.) Each card has three time scales (past, present, ideal.) Taken together, a deck of cards gives a view of several aspects of a person's sexual orientation over time, and can be used as a basis for discussing sexual orientation and identifying commonalities and differences.

Figure 3: Aspects of Sexual Orientation
 (adapted from Fritz Klein by Bobbi Keppel and Alan Hamilton)

Key: Choice of partner or associate	
1	Other sex only
2	Other sex mostly
3	Other sex somewhat more
4	Both sexes equally
5	Same sex somewhat more
6	Same sex mostly
7	Same sex only



Key: Own identity or lifestyle	
1	Heterosexual only
2	Heterosexual mostly
3	Bisexual mostly, somewhat heterosexual
4	Bisexual
5	Bisexual mostly, somewhat homosexual
6	Homosexual mostly
7	Homosexual only



Using the Klein Scale

To use the Klein scale, on each card choose one point on each of the three time scales. Each scale represents a continuum, so you may pick points which are not at any of the reference points. For instance, if you feel that you are halfway between reference points 1 and 2 on a scale, you can describe that as 1.5 or 1-1/2.

The time scales are:

- Past:** Your life up to 12 months ago.
- Present:** The most recent 12 months
- Ideal:** What do you think you would eventually like?

For this explanation of the aspects of sexual orientation, we start with the card at the top of the page (the rear-most card in the deck), and work our way forward:

Sexual Attraction: To whom are you sexually attracted?

Sexual Behavior: With whom have you actually had sex?

Sexual Fantasies: Whom are your sexual fantasies about? (They may occur during masturbation, daydreaming, as part of real life, or purely in your imagination.)

Emotional Preference: Emotions influence, if not define, the actual physical act of love. Do you love and like only members of the same sex, only members of the other sex, or members of both sexes.

Social Preference: Social preference is closely allied with but often different from emotional preference. With members of which sex do you socialize?

(different reference point descriptions are used for the remaining aspects.)

Lifestyle Preference: What is the sexual identity of the people with whom you socialize? (Add "All" as a choice for each scale on this card.)

Sexual Identity: How do you think of yourself?

Political Identity: Some people describe their relationship to the rest of society differently than their personal sexual identity. For instance, a woman may have a *heterosexual* sexual identity, but a *lesbian* political identity. How do you think of yourself politically?

----- End Figure 3: Aspects of Sexual Orientation -----

Implications and Points To Make

Sexual identity (how people think of themselves) sometimes has little to do with their sexual behavior. Three different people may have the same distribution of sexual behavior in the past and/or present, but have three different sexual identities: homosexual, bisexual, or heterosexual. This may be confusing at first, but is important to remember. This point is often useful in helping people to understand that just because someone has a different sexual identity does not necessarily mean that that person's sexual behavior is different from their own. Conversely, the fact that someone else has the same sexual identity does not mean that that person's sexual behavior is the same as their own.

People who think of themselves as bisexual, heterosexual, or homosexual may find they are quite similar in some aspects and different in others. For example, in choosing people to spend time with in social activities, most women hang out with women and most men hang out with men. That is, both women and men show a *social preference* for members of the same sex. According to many national surveys, whether their sex is male or female, and whether their sexual identity is homosexual, bisexual, or heterosexual, most people have an *emotional preference* for women as close friends. We may all be more alike than we think.

Klein's research and the experience of many people indicates that sexual identity can be fluid (at least for some people), and can change from one period of a person's life to another. A person's identity may move to a new position on the continuum; that is,

a heterosexual may change to a bisexual or homosexual identity;
a bisexual may change to a homosexual or heterosexual identity;
a homosexual may change to a bisexual or heterosexual identity.

Many people were sure that they would be, for instance, heterosexual all their lives, but discovered later that they no longer were. It therefore behooves one to treat others as one would like to be treated, regardless of one's current sexual identity, because one's sexual identity may change.

Both Kinsey's and Klein's work gives some evidence that older people are more likely to have been sexual with both sexes than are younger people. This contradicts conventional wisdom, which says that sexual experimentation is common among youths but uncommon among adults.

Despite the fact that someone may have had different sexual identities at different times, each sexual identity was appropriate and valid for that person in its time.

In some areas, the Lesbian and Gay male communities take the position that bisexuals are not welcome in the Lesbian and Gay communities, that they do not exist, and/or that they are "traitors to the cause" and "sleeping with the enemy." This collection of attitudes is often termed "biphobia." It usually occurs with greater frequency and virulence in Lesbian communities, where it is associated with negative feelings about and political action against patriarchy and women's oppression. It is also clearly present in Gay male communities, often in the more subtle form of deprecation and ridicule of bisexual identity. In biphobic communities, an individual who might otherwise identify as bisexual may choose to suppress attractions to and activities with one gender or the other in order to identify as either heterosexual or homosexual. Alternatively, a person may switch back and forth, trying alternately to identify as homosexual or heterosexual.

Where there is no information about and support for bisexuality, a person may identify as heterosexual or homosexual, or alternate between them.

Footnotes

[1] "Sexual orientation" and "sexual preference" have often been used interchangeably. To emphasize that how a person thinks of herself or himself is often not a matter of choice (preference), the politically correct term has become "sexual orientation."

[2] Bobbi Keppel and Alan Hamilton have adapted Klein, et al. (*op. cit.*) by using a scale like Kinsey's.

[3] Klein, Fritz, M.D., Barry Sepekoff, PhD., and Timothy J. Wolf, PhD., "Sexual Orientation: A Multi-Variable Dynamic Process," in *Bisexuality: A Reader and Sourcebook*, edited by Thomas Geller, Times Change Press, 1990.

[4] Discuss *social preference* and *emotional preference* from Implications and Points to Make section.

[5] Graphic consultation by Wilma Keppel.

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Famous Bisexuals in History **and people whose love life/sexual history includes more than one gender** **or who have publicly expressed bisexual attraction**

List compiled by Sheela Lambert

**** Over 275 listings! ****

Note: the word "out" in a listing indicates those who are publicly out as bi (or its equivalent: omnisexual, pansexual, ambisexual, I am attracted to men and women, etc.) or who has made a public statement. Listings of people whose bisexuality has been uncovered by posthumous research will site a source, such as a biography. Listings of people who have publicly expressed a casual bisexual attraction will contain the word "maybe" or a quote, but will not have the word "out" in the listing. See bottom of list for explanation of sources, source codes, history of the list and how to add someone to the list.

1. Christina Aguilera – singer (out, quoted *Advocate* March 16, 2004 p.10 & "I find it hornier looking at women than men. Sorry, I love experimenting with my sexuality. If that means with girls, so be it." *Zoo*, Jan 2004)
2. Alvin Ailey – choreographer/dancer (autobio *Revelations*)
3. Pharaoh Akhenaten – married to Queen Nefertiti (disputed,W)
4. Alexander The Great*
5. Michael Alig – party promoter/club kid/murderer (subject of movie *Party Monster*)
6. Krista Allen – actress (out, W)
7. Peter Allen – singer/songwriter, Liza's former husband and subject of Broadway show: *The Boy From Oz* (out, see lyrics to song *Bi Coastal*)
8. Jonathan Ames – former NY Press columnist, Guggenheim fellowship author of *The Alcoholic* & other books. (writes about sex with women, men and M-to-F transsexuals)
9. Brett Anderson - lead singer of British group *Suede* (wrote song entitled *Bi*)
10. Marie Antoinette – Queen of France (Disputed. W, *Memoirs of Antonina*: Rictor Norton (Ed.), "Memoirs of Antonina [Marie Antoinette], 1791", *Homosexuality in Eighteenth-Century England: A Sourcebook*, 24 July 2002
<http://www.infopt.demon.co.uk/antonina.htm>. Rictor Norton states: "I don't think there's any factual information that Marie Antoinette was actually bisexual.")
11. Susan B. Anthony – activist*
12. Greg Araki - filmmaker: *Nowhere, The Living End, Totally F***ed Up* (out)
13. Elizabeth Arden—beauty & cosmetics queen (Maybe-two husbands plus possible relationship with Elisabeth "Bessie" Marbury glbtq.com)
14. Billie Joe Armstrong – lead singer, guitarist and songwriter for *Green Day* (out, *Advocate* Jan 24, 1995) "I think people are born bisexual, and it's just that our parents and society kind of veer us off into this feeling of 'Oh, I can't'. They say it's taboo. It's ingrained in our heads that it's bad, when it's not bad at all. It's a very beautiful thing."
15. Saint Augustine – theologian*
16. Richard Avedon – photographer (W)
17. Joan Baez – singer/songwriter (autobio)
18. Josephine Baker – singer, actress, dancer
19. Tallulah Bankhead – actress (bio by David Bret)
20. Ann Bannon – iconic author of *Odd Girl Out, Beebo Brinker, Women in the Shadows*. Was married with 2 kids when she began her writing career. Wrote seminal bi/lesbian pulp novels in the pre-Stonewall 50's and 60's.
21. Djuna Barnes – writer (bio by Phillip Herring)
22. Drew Barrymore – actress/producer (out)
23. Cecil Beaton – photographer/set & costume designer (bio by Hugo Vickers)
24. Simone de Beauvoir – writer/feminist

25. Natasha Bedingfield – singer/songwriter (discussed her crushes on Angelina Jolie and Scarlet Johansson with a crowd of reporters April 16 2008 and on CBS News on Logo June 26 '08)
26. Sandra Bernhard - comedian, entertainer (out, "I don't think there's any difference between what I find sexy in men or women." *Lesbian News* Feb, 1998)
27. Sarah Bernhardt – stage actress*
28. Leonard Bernstein – conductor/composer (W + personal source says he was known on their college campus for being a Don Juan with both sexes.)
29. Amy Bloom – author (out)
30. Anne Bonny – pirate (Married James Bonney plus relationships with Chidley Bayard, pirate Calico Jack, and female pirate Mary Read. Rictor Norton, "Lesbian Pirates: Anne Bonny and Mary Read", *Lesbian History*, updated 8 Jan. 2000 <<http://www.infopt.demon.co.uk/pirates.htm>>.)
31. David Bowie - singer, actor (autobio of wife Angela Bowie, first person verification by known source)
32. Angela Bowie – author, ex-wife of David Bowie (autobio)
33. Paul Bowles - writer, composer*
34. Marlon Brando - actor ("Like a large number of men, I, too, have had homosexual experiences, and I am not ashamed." bio *The Only Contender* by Gary Carey)
35. Susie Bright – author/sexpert (out)
36. Louise Brooks – actress (bio by Barry Paris)
37. Romaine Brooks – painter (W)
38. Kate Brown – Oregon Secretary of State (out)
39. Gioia Bruno – singer, formerly of the 80's pop group *Expose* (out)
40. Bryher – poet*
41. President James Buchanan (maybe, *Sex Lives of the Presidents* by Nigel Cawthorne)
42. William S. Burroughs – beat writer (out, see autobio *Naked Lunch*)
43. Richard Burton – actor (maybe, seeking additional source)*
44. Lord Byron – poet*
45. Julius Caesar – Emperor* (Julius Caesar's sexual escapades were such that according to Suetonius the elder Curio, in one of his speeches called him "every woman's man and every man's woman.")
46. Patrick (formerly Pat) Califia – writer (out as bi and FTM transgender)
47. Cappuccine – top Paris model/actress (WB)
48. Nell Carter – actress Gimme a Break (*People Magazine* 2/20/2003)
49. Dora Carrington – painter (bio by Gretchen Holbrook Gerzina)
50. Michael Chabon – author (out, W see *Mysteries of Pittsburgh* page, *NY Review of Books* Vol 52, #10, 6/9/2005, wrote *Mysteries of Pittsburgh, Wonder Boys, The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay*)
51. Graham Chapman – comedic actor of Monty Python (out, WB)
52. John Cheever – writer* (autobio/BB)
53. Margaret Cho – comedienne/actress (married and out about having had sex w/women)
54. Marc Christian – Rock Hudson's boyfriend (out, *Larry King* 2001)
55. Jan Claussen – author
56. Arthur C. Clarke – sci-fi writer (WB)
57. Montgomery Clift – actor (bio by Patricia Bosworth)
58. Kurt Cobain – singer/songwriter of Nirvana (out, "...I'm definitely gay in spirit and I probably could be bisexual...[I]f I wouldn't have found Courtney, I probably would have carried on with a bisexual lifestyle." *Advocate*, Feb 1992, "What else could I say, Everyone is gay" lyrics *All Apologies* .)
59. Jean Cocteau – french writer & filmmaker: *Beauty and the Beast* (W)
60. Claudette Colbert – actress (*Wisecracker* by William J. Mann)
61. Colette - novelist, actress*
62. Gary Cooper – actor (*Wisecracker* by William J. Mann)
63. Katherine Cornell – actress*

64. Senator Larry Craig – US Senator (married, right-wing, anti-gay voting Republican senator was arrested and pled guilty in men’s room sex sting. He later recanted but no one believed him and he was forced to resign by his own party.)
65. Joan Crawford – actress (*Hollywood Lesbians* by Boze Hadleigh)
66. Countee Cullen - poet (library named after him in Harlem)*
67. Alan Cumming – actor (out)
68. Wendy Curry – bi activist and president of *BiNetUSA*
69. Tony Curtis – actor (out, "I was 22 when I arrived in Hollywood in 1948. I had more action than Mount Vesuvius; men, women, animals! I loved it too. I participated where I wanted to and didn't where I didn't. I've always been open about it." Quote from British gay magazine *Attitude 2002*, as reported by *IMDb*.) W
70. Julie Cypher--music video director, former partner of Mellissa Ethridge for many years with whom she has two children. Was married to actor Lou Diamond Phillips before Ethridge and married a man again in 2004.
71. Stephen Daldry – director of *The Hours* (out)
72. Ram Dass – spiritual teacher, author of *Be Here Now* (out, *Gay Soul* 1994)
73. Dave Davies – guitarist *The Kinks* (autobio *Kink*,W)
74. Ron Davies – British politician, former Secretary of State for Wales (out)
75. James Dean – actor (bio by Donald Spoto)
76. Cameron Diaz – actress (maybe, "I had a major girl crush on Pamela Anderson. Still do—she’s hot as ever—but she was my first." ...more in *Advocate* p.23 12/19/2006)
77. Andy Dick – actor (out)
78. Emily Dickinson – poet*
79. Marlene Dietrich – actress (bio by Donald Spoto, *The Girls* by McLellan)
80. Ani DiFranco – singer/songwriter (out)
81. Barry Diller – media mogul (formerly known as gay, now married to Diane von Fürstenberg, fashion designer)
82. Diane Di Prima – beat poet/writer (autobio)
83. Stephen Donaldson (Donny the Punk) – activist, (out) Founded the first LGBT rights student group: the Student Homophile League (SHL) at Columbia University in 1966 and helmed the group *Stop Prison Rape* after being raped in prison.
84. Lord Alfred Douglas, “Bosie” – poet, lover of Oscar Wilde (W, also see Natalie Barney listing)
85. Daphne du Maurier – author, British (wrote *Rebecca*, *WB*)
86. Isadora Duncan – dancer (multi bio *The Girls* by McLellan)
87. Carmen Electra – actress (formerly married to bi musician Dave Navarro, now publicly dating out lesbian musician Joan Jett)
88. Brett Easton Ellis – writer: *Less Than Zero*, *American Psycho*, *The Rules of Attraction*. (In his novel *Lunar Park* the main character named Brett Easton Ellis has “numerous affairs w/both sexes.” A characteristic shared by the author according to *Time* 8/22/05.)
89. Havelock Ellis – early sexologist*
90. Eric Emerson – Warhol film star (“He was coming on to everybody. He had about 5 illegitimate children, ... and 100 boyfriends. He was very busy.” Styles Caldwell, co-star in Jackie Curtis play *Vain Victory*, interviewed in *Superstar in a Housedress*, doc on Jackie Curtis.)
91. Rupert Everett – actor/writer (ID’s as gay but describes several affairs with women including Susan Sarandon in his memoir, *Red Carpets and Other Banana Skins*)
92. Marianne Faithfull – singer (autobio)
93. Ibrahim Abdurrahman Farajaje' (formerly Elias Farajaje-Jones) – bi activist, administrator and professor Starr King School of the Ministry (out)
94. Perry Farrell – frontman Jane’s Addiction, created Lollapalooza (out)
95. Rainer Werner Fassbinder – director (WB)
96. Michael Feinstein - pianist/singer (out)
97. Fergie (Stacy Ferguson) –singer, Black Eyed Peas ("I have had lesbian experiences in the past." Responding to questions about playing a lesbian character in *Grindhouse*)
98. Errol Flynn – actor*

99. Tom Ford - designer (has publicly dated males and females)
100. Jodie Foster – actress/director (bio by brother Buddy Foster)
101. Megan Fox –actress (out in GQ Magazine Oct 2009-engaged to actor Brian Austin Green, had relationship with a woman previously "I just think all humans are born with the ability to be attracted to both sexes. I mean, I could see myself in a relationship with a girl.")
102. Margaret Fuller – early feminist*
103. Mary Gaitskill – author: *Bad Behavior, Because They Wanted To, Secretary*
104. Vicky Galindo – silver medalist 2008 Olympics American women’s softball team (came out in Advocate Aug 2008)
105. Judy Garland – actress/singer (bio by Clarke)
106. Greta Garbo - actress (multi-bio *The Girls* by McLellan, bio by Swenson)
107. President James Garfield (maybe, *Sex Lives of the Presidents* by Cawthorne)
108. Andre Gide – author, French (wrote bisexual novel *The Immoralist*)
109. Nan Goldin – photographer (out, wrote the words “I am bisexual” on the wall of the Whitney Museum for her retrospective in 1996)
110. Emma Goldman – author, feminist, activist (*The Girls* by Diana McLellan)
111. Farley Granger – actor (out, autobio *Include Me Out*, 2007)
112. Cary Grant – actor (bio by Higham and Mosely)
113. Merv Griffin – talk show host, creator of TV game shows including Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune (most likely, NY Times article 5/26/05: “I tell everybody I’m a quarter-sexual. I will do anything with anybody for a quarter.” Married for 18 yrs, after his divorce dated Ava Gabor many years, had one male palimony suit and one male-male sexual harassment suit filed against him, both dismissed with prejudice.)
114. Hadrian – Emperor of the Roman Empire 117-138 AD (Male lover Antinous British Museum exhibit *Hadrian: Empire and Conflict*, wife Vibia Sabina. W)
115. Rev. Ted Haggard—evangelical megachurch minister, president of the National Association of Evangelicals and opponent of “gay-marriage” outed by Mike Jones, gay male escort who recognized him on TV while watching the History channel, after having paid sex with him once a month for 3 yrs.
116. William Haines – silent film star/interior designer (bio by William J. Mann)
117. Alexander Hamilton – 1st US Secretary of the Treasury (*Conduct Unbecoming* by Randy Shilts)
118. Wallace Hamilton – writer/playwright (memoir *Christopher and Gay*)
119. Joseph Hansen – author of 40 books including *A Smile in His Lifetime* and the Brandstetter mystery series. Helped found the first Gay Pride Parade in Hollywood. Out
120. Mildred Harris – actress, wife of Charlie Chaplin (*The Girls* by McLellan)
121. Moss Hart – writer/director
122. Sophie B. Hawkins – singer/songwriter (out)
123. Edith Head – Hollywood costume designer (WB)
124. Anne Heche – actress, Ellen Degeneres’ ex-girlfriend, now divorced from her child’s father and dating her *Men in Trees* co-star, James Tupper. (out, autobio)
125. Nona Hendryx – singer LaBelle (out, recently featured on *The L Word*)
126. Katherine Hepburn – actress (most likely, bio *Katherine Hepburn: The Untold Story*)
127. Patricia Highsmith – writer (*The Talented Mr. Ripley, Strangers on a Train*, bio *Beautiful Shadow* by Andrew Wilson)
128. Judy Holliday – actress (bio by ? sited in *Bisexual Characters in Film* by Bryant)
129. Elaine Holliman – filmmaker (Oscar-nominated doc *Chicks In White Satin*, out)
130. Laurel Holloman – actress (*The L Word, The Incredibly True Adventure of Two Girls In Love*, out--married, discussed bisexuality on *L Word* special)
131. Billie Holliday – singer (bio by John Chilton)
132. Brenda Howard – bi & gay rights activist who co-organized first marches commemorating Stonewall in 1969 & 1970 and countless marches and demonstrations thereafter for LGBT rights as well as other causes, one of the original founders of New

- York Area Bisexual Network in 1987 she continued to help run NYABN, despite disabilities until her death from cancer June 2005. (out)
133. Rock Hudson – actor (according to former live-in lover Marc Christian on *Larry King*, 2001)
 134. Michael Huffington – oil millionaire, former US Congressman, ex-husband of Arianna Huffington (came out in Esquire Jan 99 article by David Brock, later qualified he is bisexual—not gay and is producing the bi documentary *Bi the Way*)
 135. Langston Hughes – poet*
 136. Simon Hughes – President of Britain's Liberal Democrat Party (out, Britain's *The Sun* newspaper 1/26/06, widely reported in all UK press after)
 137. Tab Hunter – actor (“I HATE LABELS” are the first words of his 2005 autobio in which he came out as “gay” (he lives with life partner Allan Glaser) but describes being passionately in love with co-star Etchika Choureau, while simultaneously secretly dating bisexual actor Anthony Perkins. He wanted to marry Etchika but couldn't picture himself being heterosexually monogamous and chickened out. Also dated Joan Cohn, widow of Columbia Pictures mogul, Harry Cohen. These two women were different from the women he dated as beards, like friend Debbie Reynolds.
 138. Loraine Hutchins – bi activist, author, sexuality educator, recipient of 2005 award from The Task Force
 139. Patricia Ireland – former President of NOW (out)
 140. Mick Jagger – singer (autobio by Angela Bowie wife of lover David Bowie)
 141. James I - King of England*
 142. Van Johnson – actor (*NNDB.com*, biography of Louis B. Mayer, *Lion of Hollywood*, Scott Eyman, many obits after 2008 death including Advocate.com 12/13/08)
 143. Angelina Jolie – actress (out)
 144. Grace Jones – singer (out)
 145. Janis Joplin – singer (*Going Down with Janis* by lover Peggy Caserta)
 146. June Jordan – writer, activist (out)
 147. Ashley Judd – actress (maybe, said on The View 9/13/05 that she has a crush on k.d. lang and would like to kiss her)
 148. Lani Ka'ahumanu – bi activist, author, safer sex program director, Grand Marshall of San Francisco 1994 Pride March, bi speaker at 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation.
 149. Frida Kahlo – Mexican artist (bio by Hayden Herrera)
 150. Jane Kasmeric – actress (according to husband Bradley Whitford she has a crush on Angelina Jolie)
 151. Danny Kaye – entertainer (bio of lover Lawrence Olivier by Spoto)
 152. Jack Kerouac – beat writer (out)
 153. John Maynard Keynes – economist*
 154. Billie Jean King – tennis pro* (out and previously married)
 155. Dr. Alfred Kinsey – sex researcher (film *Kinsey*, 2004)
 156. Dr. Fritz Klein – psychiatrist, author, inventor of the *Klein Sexual Orientation Grid*, notable bi activist
 157. Eva La Gallienne – actress (multibio *The Girls* by Diana McLellan)
 158. Heddy Lamarr – actress (out, memoir *Ecstasy and Me: My Life as a Woman*)
 159. D. H. Lawrence – author, British (wrote *The Fox and Women in Love*. WB)
 160. Carol Leifer – comedian/actress/writer/producer (out, previously considered straight, *Los Angeles Times* 7/30/2006 reports she has bought a new house with her partner, Lori Wolf because they are adopting a baby boy.)
 161. Tamara de Lempicka – deco artist (W)
 162. Lotte Lenya – actress/singer, wife of Kurt Weill (bio by Donald Spoto)
 163. President Abraham Lincoln – (see Introduction--*The Intimate World of Abraham Lincoln* by C. A. Tripp, *Sex Lives of the Presidents* by Nigel Cawthorne))
 164. Bai Ling – Chinese-born actress (out, Advocate July 20, 2004 p.26)
 165. Lindsay Lohan – actress, (Out, Lohan is dating DJ Samantha Ronson. At a 2005 movie premiere when asked about her stated crush on Brad Pitt she said "Well, he's

- beautiful. But I've got more of a crush on Angelina [Jolie], though, than Brad," Lindsay laughed. "I'm infatuated with Angelina...And she's sexy as hell.")
166. Kristanna Loken – actress, *L Word*, *BloodRayne*, *Terminator 3*(out, *Advocate* Jan 2007 “you fall in love, and you have a relationship. It doesn’t really matter if it’s one gender or another...there’s part of me that struggles with this confusion of not really ever being able to pick one gender.”)
167. Eva Longoria – actress, *Desperate Housewives* (maybe, *Playboy* Aug 2006 "I wish I had a full-on gay experience because I think women are beautiful creatures. They're much more attractive naked than men and it sounds like fun. Maybe I'm just holding out for the future...I did kiss a woman one time and it was particularly shocking as I was not prepared for it. I met a girl in Las Vegas who I didn't know liked me. We were hanging out with a bunch of friends and we were saying goodbye and she gave me a kiss...It was very surprising but very nice. There were tongues involved and it was definitely a real kiss which was soft and gentle and sweet.")
168. Rebecca Loos – british TV personality and former girlfriend of David Beckham (out, *New Magazine*, *LOGO*)
169. Phillip of Macedon – King*
170. Harold Macmillan – British Prime Minister (Maybe. Wife Lady Dorothy Cavendish, 2008 West End play *Never So Good* asserts he had an early “homosexual” experience)
171. Madonna – singer (famously open-mouth-kissed Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera on 2003 MTV Video Music Awards [the kiss heard ‘round the world] and for previous concert and TV performances where she danced provocatively in drag with other women and scenes with other women in *The Sex Book* and her *Erotica* video)
172. Maria Maggenti – filmmaker (*The Incredibly True Adventures of Two Girls In Love*, *Puccini for Beginners*, out)
173. Thomas Mann – novelist*
174. Robert Mapplethorpe – photographer (commonly referred to as “gay” in the press but had relationship with rocker Patti Smith see p.20 of Oct 10, 2006 *Advocate*)
175. Evelyn Mantilla – Connecticut State Representative (out)
176. Princess Margaret – (British ITV documentary reported her 2 yr. affair w/American socialite Sharman Douglass who confirmed relationship, see ezresult.com)
177. Ricky Martin – singer (semi-out, see Barbara Walters interview)
178. W. Somerset Maugham – novelist* + WB
179. Jenny McCarthy – actress, *Playboy* model, author (maybe, according to Wikipedia she has flip-flopped as to whether she has had sex with women. Currently in relationship with Jim Carrey.)
180. Carson McCullers – author*
181. Jim McGreevy – former Governor of New Jersey, married twice with kids, resigned as Governor amid gay sex scandal and is now living with male partner and insists he is gay.
182. Rep. Stuart McKinney (Conn.)*
183. Rod McKuen – poet*
184. Margaret Mead - anthropologist (Margaret Mead and Ruth Benedict, by Lapsley)
185. Herman Melville – writer (bio by Laurie Robertson-Lorant/BB)
186. Freddy Mercury – lead singer Queen (memoir by lover Tim Hutton)
187. Edna St. Vincent Millay-poet (bio by Nancy Milford)
188. Kate Millet-writer/feminist*
189. June Miller – (novelized autobio *Crazy Cock* by ex-husband Henry Miller, diaries *Henry and June* by lover Anais Niin)
190. Anchee Min – author (autobio *Red Azalea*)
191. Sal Mineo – actor (out, co-starred w/James Dean in *Rebel Without A Cause*)
192. Vincent Minnelli – director, Judy Garland’s husband/Liza’s dad
193. Megan Mullally – actress, “Karen” on *Will & Grace* and host, *The Megan Mullally Show* (out)
194. Ona Munson – actress-played Belle Watling in *Gone with the Wind* (G, WB)
195. Iris Murdoch – author (bio by Peter J. Conradi, movie *Iris*)

196. (Kathy Najimi) – actress (out-*Advocate* March 13, 2001)
197. John Nash – Nobel laureate in Mathematics (bio *A Beautiful Mind*)
198. Dave Navarro – guitarist for Red Hot Chili Peppers, Jane's Addiction and star of MTV reality series *Til Death Do Us Part* w/(now former)wife Carmen Electra & co-host of *Rock Star* on CBS (Alex)
199. Alla Nazimova – (bio by Gavin Lambert)
200. Me'shelle Ndegeochello - singer/songwriter (out)
201. Holly Near – singer/songwriter (autobio)
202. Sir Harold Nicolson – writer and diplomat, husband of bi writer Vita Sackville-West (bio by Nigel Nicolson, their son)
203. Vaslav Nijinsky – dancer*
204. Anaïs Nin – author, married and had affairs w/Henry Miller, his wife June and Gore Vidal (diaries Henry and June)
205. Cynthia Nixon – actress (Miranda on *Sex and the City*, was in 15 yr relationship w/father of her 2 kids, now has a girlfriend)
206. Laura Nyro – singer/songwriter (*Out* Sept. 1997)
207. Robyn Ochs – bi activist, author, teaches university course on bisexuality (out)
208. Sinead O'Connor – singer/songwriter (out, *The Independent* British newspaper, *Ryan Confidential* May 29 2003 on RTE1 Irish TV, *Entertainment Weekly* May 2005, W)
209. Clifford Odets – playwright (according to his son, Walter Odets as quoted in Cary Grant bio by Higham & Moseley)
210. Rosie O'Donnell – entertainer (see p. 73 of memoir *Find Me* re: love relationship w/man at age 29 also discussed on *The View* 9/20/2006, note also crushes on Tom Cruise and Julian McMahan [*Nip/Tuck* star she had sex scene with] Identifies as lesbian.)
211. Georgia O'Keefe – painter (maybe, seeking solid source)
212. Lawrence Olivier – actor (bio by Donald Spoto)
213. Camille Paglia – writer (out)
214. Anthony Perkins – actor (out, bio by Charles Winecoff)
215. Kate Pierson – singer B52's (out as a "late-in-life lesbian" because she is in a relationship with a woman for the first time in her life (out *New/Now/Next* on Logo 3/30/08)
216. Pink – singer (out, 11/21/2003 HX, 12/2003 *Out*, *QTN World News* reports UK interview Pink says she had "lesbian lover" at 13 but her brother stole her girlfriend)
217. Natalie Portman – actress ("I think it's much more the person that you fall in love with—and why would you close yourself off to fifty percent of the people?" *Rolling Stone*, June 2002)
218. Tyrone Power – actor* (autobio, out as gay but was passionately in love with female co-star)
219. Prince – singer/songwriter/producer (most likely: see lyrics to *Controversy*, *Sexuality*, and *Jack U Off*)
220. Carol Queen – erotic author/editor (out)
221. James Rado – co-creator and Broadway star of *Hair* (out as "omnisexual," relationship w/*Hair* co-creator Jerome Ragni.)
222. Jerome Ragni – co-creator and Broadway star of *Hair* (marriage and child Eric, relationship w/*Hair* co-creator Jerome Ragni.)
223. Gertrude "Ma" Rainey – singer*
224. Anthony Rapp – actor (out autobio, starred in *Rent*. Seems about 90% gay but still has a bi side.)
225. Mary Read – pirate (Married until widowed. Relationship with fellow pirate Ann Bonny. Rictor Norton, "Lesbian Pirates: Anne Bonny and Mary Read", *Lesbian History*, updated 8 Jan. 2000 <<http://www.infopt.demon.co.uk/pirates.htm>>.)
226. Lou Reed – songwriter/musician (out, live-in relationship with M to F transgender woman)
227. Little Richard – singer/musician (out, autobio)

228. Richard The Lionhearted – King of England (relationship with Philip of France see movie *Lion In Winter*)
229. Tony Richardson – director, father of Natasha Richardson (Rupert Everett memoir)
230. Chita Rivera – actress (out, When asked by Michael Musto “What was it like being the only straight in West Side Story?” She responded “I’ve never been all straight. Everyone has their curveballs.”)
231. Tom Robinson – UK singer-songwriter, famous for the song *Glad to be Gay* (out, from album *Having It Both Ways* “For 21 years now I’ve fought for the right, For people to love just whoever they like, But the right-on and righteous are out for my blood, Now I live with my kid and a woman I love, Well if gay liberation means freedom for all, A label is no liberation at all, I’m here and I’m queer and I do what I do, And I’m not gonna wear... a straitjacket for you”)
232. Lord Rochester (John Wilmot) – poet (most likely, see poems: *The Disabled Debauchee, Upon His Drinking a Bowl*)
233. Jai Rodriguez – actor, *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy* star, *Rent* on Broadway (Bisexual section of AfterElton.com 7/31/2006 identifies as gay but has sex with women, article filed under “bisexual men.”)
234. Eleanor Roosevelt – First Lady/wife of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, writer (bio by Blanche Wiesen Cook, affair with reporter Lorena Hickok)
235. Jane Rule – author of *Desert of the Heart* (made into the film *Desert Hearts*) and *Memory Board* (out as lesbian while in life partner relationship with a woman but also had relationship with a man)
236. Vita Sackville-West – writer (bio by Nigel Nickelson, her son, which includes her diary of her affair w/Violet Trefusis)
237. Rachel Sage – singer-songwriter (out)
238. George Sand – writer (BB)
239. Sappho - ancient greek poet*
240. May Sarton – author (multiple journals/BB)
241. Joel Schumacher – director (lover Liz Smith’s autobio and her 12/5/00 Advocate interview), Guardian Review article: “I’m not hiding anything. But I am totally and completely against labels.”)
242. Randolph Scott – actor (lover Cary Grant’s bio by Higham and Mosely)
243. William Shakespeare – playwright, poet (see Sonnets to women and men)
244. Ally Sheedy – actress (out, *Curve Magazine* “I...always felt that the person I was going to fall in love with was going to be the person that I fell in love with. I never had a preconception that it would have to be a man or that it would have to be a woman”)
245. Roy Simmons – pro football player (out, *Out* Jan 2006, autobio)
246. Skin - Singer (Skunk Anansie) in a British band (Alex)
247. Bessie Smith – singer (bio by Chris Albertson)
248. Liz Smith – gossip columnist (out, *Advocate* Dec 5 2000, autobio)
249. Socrates – philosopher*
250. Susan Sontag – writer/critic, partner of photographer Annie Liebowitz (out)
251. Britney Spears – singer (outed by both ex-husbands, all over tabloid and entertainment press on 8-16-07)
252. Dusty Springfield – singer (out, *Definitely Dusty* bio doc aired on Ovation TV)
253. Annie Sprinkle – sex educator/performance artist/porn star (out)
254. Barbara Stanwyck – actress-probably (Stanwyck is always talked about as being one of “the girls” (G) and part of the “sewing circle,” but so far there is little documentation other than that her name keeps coming up as part of the bisexual/lesbian Hollywood crowd in the days of Garbo, Dietrich etc. Tallulah Bankhead claimed to Luis B. Maher that she slept with six of his biggest stars, including Stanwyck but she was defending her own bisexuality at the time. There were rumors about Stanwyck and Marilyn Monroe and Stanwyck and director Dorothy Arzner when they worked together, but so far no in-depth documentation of a female affair is available. Married to bisexual actor Robert Taylor.)
255. Starhawk – author/activist (out)

256. Michael Stipe – singer/songwriter REM (out)
 257. Jacqueline Susann – writer (*Vanity Fair* Jan 2000)
 258. Tristan Taormino – editor/writer/sexpert (out)
 259. Robert Taylor – actor, (bio of wife Barbara Stanwyck by Madsen)
 260. Peter Tchaikovsky – composer*
 261. Tila Tequila – model/singer Came out on her MTV reality dating show, *A Shot at Love with Tila Tequila*.
 262. Wallace Thurman – writer*
 263. Pete Townshend – guitarist, The Who (out)
 264. Violet Trefusis- novelist (bio of lover Vita Sackville-West by Nicolson)
 265. Tommy Tune - dancer/choreographer/actor (autobio *Footnotes*)
 266. Rudolph Valentino – actor* (*Wisecracker* by Mann)
 267. Paul Verlaine – poet*
 268. Gore Vidal – writer, actor (memoir *Palimpsest*)
 269. Salka Viertel – actress, friend of Garbo & Marlene Dietrich (G)
 270. Bruce Vilanch – comedy writer (out, Film: *Laughing Matters... The Men* AKA *Laughing Matters: Gay Comedy in America*.
 271. Voltaire – writer*
 272. Alice Walker – writer/activist *The Color Purple* (out)
 273. Rebecca Walker – writer, daughter of Alice Walker (out)
 274. Walt Whitman – poet (read his poems)
 275. Oscar Wilde – author/playwright*
 276. Mary Woolstonecraft – writer*
 277. Virginia Woolfe – writer (bio of lover Vita Sackville-West by Nicolson)
 278. Jack Wrangler AKA John Robert Stillman – former porn star/musical theater director & writer (out as gay but in love with and married to a woman-autobio and doc film *Wrangler: Anatomy of an Icon*)

Bidar Watchlist

1. Robert Downey Jr. – actor repeatedly plays gay or bi roles, or acts in movies w/bi themes including bi writer Michael Chabon's *Wonderboys*, *Two Girls and a Guy* and *Home for the Holidays*. He looks bi (sounds stupid but I thought Michael Chabon looked bi, although he was always described as straight, and I was eventually proved right.) Rumors.
2. Jonathan Rhys Myers – actor starred in *Velvet Goldmine* and other queer-related films and roles such as *Bend It Like Beckham* and King Phillip of France in *Lion in Winter*. His current series, *The Tudors*, has a bisexual storyline (not involving his character.) He looks bisexual to me (see # 1.) Especially telling is this quote: "A lot of men are very uptight, but I don't distinguish between male and female beauty. Beauty is beauty." IMDb
3. Moby – musician (According to the Advocate, Moby has described himself as "neither straight nor gay" (they didn't give the source.) When asked by Advocate: "Do you consider yourself bisexual?" Moby answered: I just like to think of myself as being pretty open-minded.")
4. Kevin Smith – director, actor, *Chasing Amy* a bi themed movie to begin with, also has a shocking and unnecessary boy-boy love endplot where it turns out the two straight guys are in love with each other; produced gay documentary, constantly makes jokes about being gay (which since he's married = bi.)
 A recent appearance on Conan promoting *Clerks II* was unbelievably "bi." First he joked that he was the cast fluffer on the film. Then he talked about the gay subtext of *X men* and how he was disappointed that the original director of *X-Men 1* and *2* didn't direct *X-Men #3* because he was expecting the third one to be an out and out gay fantasia with hard bodies and fluids and would abandon subtext for a "Brokeback Mutant" kind

of movie and how its a cool message to give kids about tolerance and then how he stands outside the theater telling kids if they like Wolverine, that means they're gay and then the kid tells their parents "that man said I'm gay" and the parents say "I knew it." And hoping that when the X-Men director made the Superman movie instead, it would be a really gay Superman and was disappointed because he was hoping it would have "more gay action." Then Conan says "You'll get your wish someday. That gay Superman movie will be out soon." Then Kevin says "I'm gonna be waiting for it earnestly...with my pants off." He spent more than half of his appearance talking "gay." And also mentioned his wife.

Check out these two excerpts from an article, link below. "Periodically, I'll hear from a fan who says, 'Hey, man, why'd you make Jay queer all of a sudden?'" laughs the irreverent Smith, 29. "I'll just say, 'Dude, calm down.' Jay--who's always talking about women--is a character a lot of young hetero guys identify with. But I think Jay's really ambisexual. So it's nice to throw them a curveball to open up their perspective a bit. If I can lead a few cats into being a bit more tolerant, I feel pretty good."

"Contrary to popular belief, I don't think we're 100% one thing or the other. You always have a degree of curiosity, whether you're straight or gay. You always hear about girls who one night get a little kooky and start fooling around, but you never hear about guy friends doing the same thing. But what's the difference? It's just something guy-guys don't talk about with each other."

http://www.findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m1589/is_2000_July_4/ai_63059701

I know he has a gay brother but I don't think it explains everything.

5. Lili Taylor – actress repeatedly plays gay or bi roles, or acts in movies w/bi themes including *I Shot Andy Warhol*, *Julie Johnson*, *The Haunting* and *Gaudi Afternoon*. She lives in The West Village. Or she might just be a fearless actress.
6. Dana Delany — one secondhand source, seeking more sources.
7. Conan O'Brian – late night host. He constantly flirts with male guests. This has become a trend in late night, but he is the leader of the pack, flirting with guys about four times as often as the others. Married with a child. No rumors.
8. Craig Ferguson actor/late night host. Confessed to crushes on Brad Pitt and Kevin Bacon on-air. Constantly flirts with male guests, refers to himself as gay in various ways, dresses in drag for comedy bits. Has been married and has had girlfriends. Tied with or pulling ahead of Conan for "queer behavior." No rumors.
9. Jimmy Kimmel – late night host. Behavior similar to his colleagues above. Former marriage & kids and relationship with comedian Sarah Silverman. With the I'm F***ing Matt Damon music video and interview, he took it farther than any other comedian. No rumors.
10. Greg Proops –comedian. Proops talks and acts very, very gay but is married to a woman (which he specifically mentions on his website, like people would assume he was married to a guy otherwise.) On his Craig Ferguson show appearance Jan 8, 2008, Craig teased Proops by calling him "bi-curious." After which Proops compares Ferguson to Harvey Fierstein. On the hysterical 2001-2002 dating show he hosted, *Rendez View*, he made many gayish jokey insinuations giving the impression he was gay but occasionally mentioned his wife.
11. Sharon Stone – actress. In a recent interview, she appeared to indicate she had been dating women
http://people.monstersandcritics.com/news/article_1386119.php/Sharon_Stones_lesbian_plan

12. John Travolta – he is so kissy with other guys that it has been reported on.
13. Sammy Davis Jr. – singer/actor (a friend of Sammy's claims to have helped him get dates with guys. Info seems credible but unconfirmed.)

List compiled by Sheela Lambert. This list was first started in 1997 as content for my then bisexual boyfriend Alex Hajnal's website: The New York Bisexual Website. Listings taken from Lavender Lists by Lynne Yamaguchi Fletcher and Adrien Saks, published by Alyson are marked with an asterisk*. Listings from Wikipedia are marked **W**. Listings from *Bisexual Characters in Film* by Wayne Bryant are marked **WB**. Listings marked **G** are from The Girls by Diana McLellan. Listings marked **Alex** were contributions from Alex Hajnal. For those listed as "out," google them and look up magazine articles/interviews especially in Advocate or Out (this is easier if you also type Advocate or OUT in the search box.) Song lyrics can also be found by googling the artist's name w/the word "lyrics" or "song lyrics." All books listed as a source were personally read by Sheela unless marked BB (to order books mentioned, try BRC or amazon.com.) Listings marked **BB** were taken from the Bisexual Biography section of the Bisexual Resource Center (BRC) website. Also thanks to queertheory.com, ezresults.com and Wikipedia for leading me to additional sources. Some quotes and quote sources were found in The Bisexual's Guide to the Universe by Mike Szymanski and Nicole Kristal.

Is there someone who should be on this list but isn't? Let me know but please include a source.

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Bisexual Resources Online
National & Local

Bi Organization Websites

American Institute of Bisexuality
Highlight: Journal of Bisexuality
www.bisexual.org

BiNet USA
Highlights: National Bi Activist Email List, Bi Movement Timeline
www.binetusa.org

Bisexual Resource Center
(Highlight: Pamphlets on bisexuality- most of their website is down right now but pamphlets are available by email or mail)
www.biresource.org

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New York Area Bisexual Network (NYABN)

Info on NYC bi groups

Website: www.nyabn.org/

Bi Press

Bidar - online

Blog reporting on bisexuality in media, arts & culture

www.biwriters.org/pages/embeddedblog1.html or

<http://biwriters.livejournal.com/>

Bi Magazine – bi culture online
www.bimagazine.org

The Fence
Bi women's zine
www.thefence.ca

Bi Professional Associations/Special Resources

Bi Health

Bisexual Health Report downloadable on:

http://www.thetaskforce.org/reports_and_research/bisexual_health

Safer Sex for Bisexuals and their Partners:

<http://www.fenwayhealth.org/site/DocServer/safersex.pdf?docID=321>

Join email list: BiHealth-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Bi Mental Health Professionals Association

Bisexuality Information Packet for Mental Health Professionals is currently located on Biologue's website at:

<http://www.biologue.org/Pages/InfoPackets/MentalHealth.html>

Join email list: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BiMHP/>

Bi Teachers Association

Teacher/Student/Parent Resources available upon request

Join email list: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/biteachers/>

Bi Veterans Association

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Arizona - Alexei Guren
Houston TX - Gigi Raven Wilbur (bi & intersex issues)
Boston - Robyn Ochs
California (SF) - Lani Kaahumanu
California (Hollywood) - Mike Szymanski
Connecticut or NYC- Cynthia Frawley
Connecticut - Ron Suresha
Miami - Luigi Ferrer
Minneapolis - Bill Burleson
New Hampshire (Weare) - Wendy Curry
New York City - Sheela Lambert
Washington DC - Loraine Hutchins
Plus many more