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Coming out is the most political  
thing you can do

— Harvey Milk —

AZ QUOTES

THE AVENUE CAFE

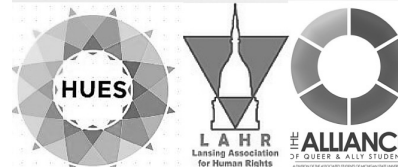
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JAN 22, 2016

# THE COME OUT

LGBT PEOPLE TELL THEIR STORIES

Note: Mention of suicide, bullying,  
homelessness, and other issues that  
directly affect the LGBT community



# Bill Beachler

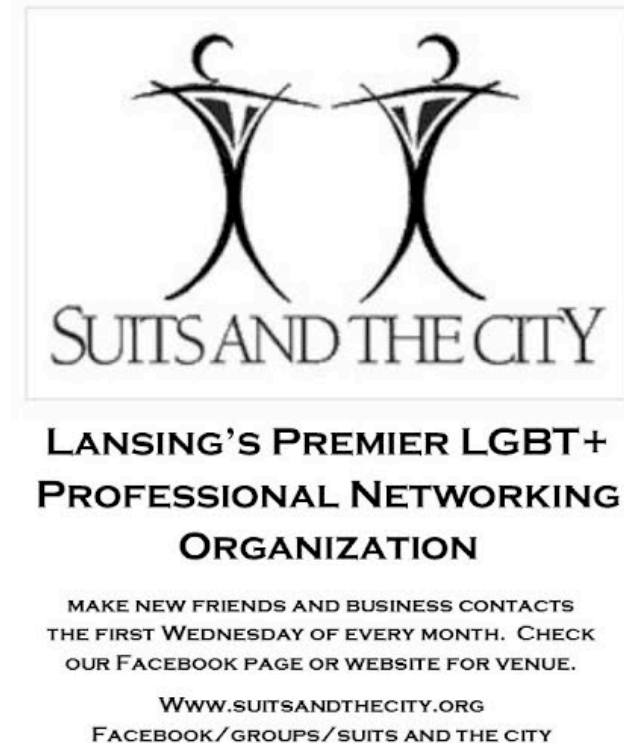
## 1945 - 2016



HUES has dedicated this event to the memory of Bill Beachler, one of the founding members of LAHR and an inspirational activist for the LGBT community in the Lansing area. Bill served as a board member, secretary, and publisher of the LGBT News, LAHR's monthly newsletter.

In 2000, Bill generously contributed to Michigan State University to create the Pride scholarship, an annual scholarship that provides financial assistance to students who demonstrate a commitment to LGBT leadership. He also served as secretary on the board of the MSU GLBT Alumni Association. During his life, Bill also supported various state and national LGBT organizations, such as the Human Rights Campaign, the Michigan Organization for Human Rights, the Triangle Foundation, and Equality Michigan.

Bill Beachler was an inspiration for HUES, and events like The Come Out would not have been possible without him. We thank him for all the hard work and activism that he has provided to the Lansing LGBT community.



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## THANK YOU FROM HUES BOARD

HUES would like to give a huge thank you again to all of our speakers; you've all been incredibly courageous to get up and tell your stories. It's this kind of courage that enables communities to grow and inspires people to reach out to one another, making this world a brighter and more empathic place. We would like to thank all who attended this event in support of the LGBTQ community, your friends, and your family. It's your support that enhances the power and the voice of the LGBTQ community. And we would like to give a special thank you to those of you who have given any sort of contribution to The Come Out; without your generosity, we wouldn't be able to continue the work we do and the advocacy that we provide. We look forward to seeing you all at our future events!

Thank you, once again,


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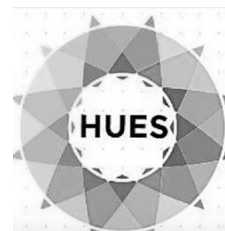
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**Humans United for an Equal Society (HUES)** is an auxiliary organization of Lansing Association for Human Rights (LAHR), dedicated to advocating for the young adult LGBTQ community in Lansing. Founded in July 2015, HUES has dedicated its efforts to providing support for Lansing's LGBTQ community through hosting social events, holding educational meetings, and through communicating both with Lansing's LGBTQ community and with other local LGBTQ organizations.

HUES holds their monthly meetings at Everybody Reads on the second Tuesday of every month at 7pm.



**Lansing Association for Human Rights (LAHR)** is the oldest LGBTQ advocacy organization in the state of Michigan. Founded in 1979, LAHR's mission is to improve the quality of life for the LGBTQ community in the greater Lansing area through civil rights activities, communication, education, social events, and supportive services.

LAHR holds their monthly meetings at Everybody Reads on the second Sunday of every month at 5pm.



**The Alliance of Queer and Ally Students** is a student advocacy group for LGBT and straight ally students of Michigan State University. Founded in 1972, it is one of the oldest LGBT organizations of its kind in Michigan, and possibly even the nation.

Alliance holds weekly meetings every Friday afternoon at the Mosaic Center at the MSU Union.

# EVENT SCHEDULE

## Opening Remarks

Alysa Hodgson, Emily Pelky, Jeff Wood

## Monologues

Jessica Morgan Sietsema

Makayla Mainhood

Jacoby Chingo

Ashley Quennenville

Emily Pelky

## Reading of Names / Remembrance

Dr. Timothy Retzloff

## Monologues

Katie Trudell

Alysa Hodgson

Olivia Brenner

Jeff Wood

Emily Dievendorf

## Closing Remarks

Makayla Mainhood, Marissa Connell, Katie Trudell



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# PRIDE

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## WEAR YOUR BRIGHTEST COLORS

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MSU vs UofM

Feburary 4th.  
7 PM

Breslin Center



Free for MSU Students with ID. This event is not sanctioned by MSU.

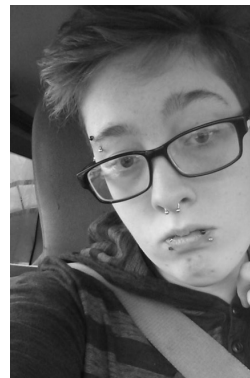
## SPEAKERS



**Jessica Morgan Sietsema** is graduating in 2016 with a philosophy degree from MSU. She lives with her cat, Lucifur, a few hundred books, and her énouement (the bittersweet feeling of being in the present-future and unable to tell her past self how far she's come).



**Makayla Mainhood** is 3rd year senior with a dual degree in Creative Writing and Women's and Gender Studies, with a minor in LGBTQ & Sexuality Studies. She would like to go to grad school and eventually find a career with a focus on activism and education as well as writing. She likes to spend her free time writing and watching Netflix, and is obsessed with lipstick, queer playlists, and hummus.



**Jacoby Chingo** is an 18 year-old senior at Waverly High School. He is a transgender female to male who loves animals, hanging out with friends, and learning about the LGBTQ community.



**Ashley Quenneville** is currently a student at Michigan State University studying Social Relations and Policy and Women's and Gender Studies. As a former intern for HUES, she is so proud of the work she and such an incredible team did in putting together this event. As a self-proclaimed anti-chill girl, in her spare time you can probably hear her yelling about Hamilton the Musical and that video of a raccoon trying to wash his cotton candy.



**Emily Pelky** is a senior at MSU who will be graduating with a degree in Music with minors in Women's and Gender Studies and LGBTQ Studies. She is involved in various university organizations, and strives to make a positive impact on campus culture. In her spare time, Emily likes to brew (and drink) craft beer, explore the wilderness and yell rather loudly (sing) at her piano.



**Katie Trudell** is 24 years old. She works full time in life insurance and is the Ambassador for HUES. She plans on going back to school for Gender Studies with a minor in Human Resources. Her ideal job and goal is to help the LGBT\* community in large corporations and businesses.

In her free time she loves to sing and is part of a women's chorus called Sistrum. She also loves reading and watching Netflix with her cat named River. Their favorite show to watch together is Once Upon a Time.



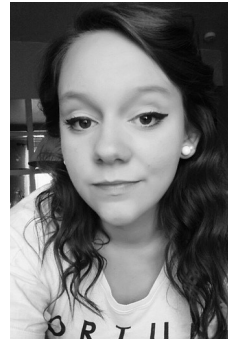
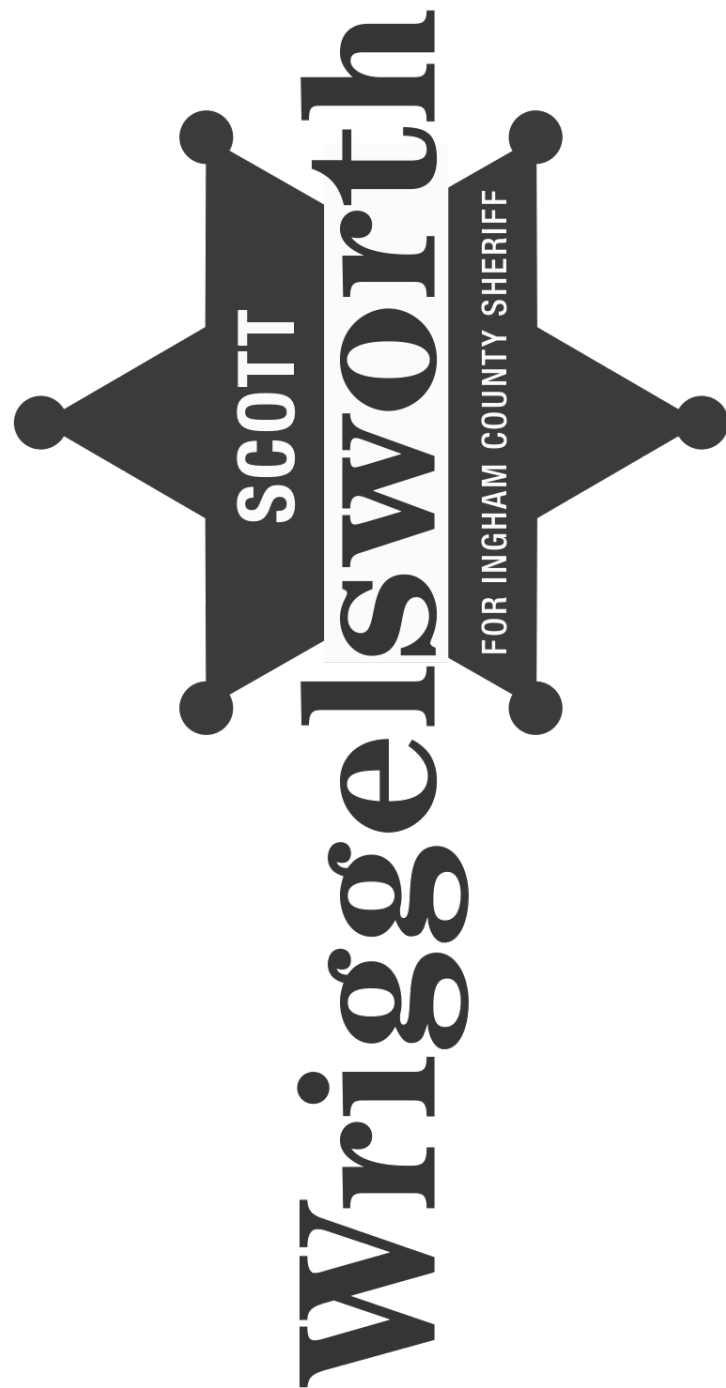
**Tim Retzlloff** teaches history and LGBTQ studies at Michigan State University. He received his PhD in history from Yale in 2014 and is currently at work on a book about gay and lesbian life and politics in Metro Detroit from 1945 to 1985.

# THANK YOU!

For your courage  
in sharing your  
stories and  
helping to change  
the dialogue.



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**Alysa Hodgson** is graduating in May 2016 from MSU with a degree in Women's and Gender Studies with a minor in LGBTQ & Sexuality Studies. She serves on various community and campus boards and works for the local Democratic Party and the Sexual Assault and Relationship Violence Prevention Program at MSU. She is the mommy to 3 kitties and has been happily het-partnered for over 5 years.



**Olivia Brenner** is a sophomore at MSU getting a dual degree in Women's Studies and Political Science. She currently splits her time between working in a bookstore and finally getting around to watching The L Word on Netflix. Thanks to HUES and all the speakers at The Come Out for putting on such a great event.



**Jeff Wood** identifies as a HIV+ gay man and a progressive, queer community activist. He believes strongly in community, the power of story, and the promise of education. Following a career as a public school teacher, Jeff currently serves as a Read to Succeed Coordinator with the Capital Area Literacy Coalition, Zoo Education Consultant with Potter Park Zoo, and a board member with Lansing Association for Human Rights and Suits and the City (a LGBTQ+ professional networking association).



**Emily Dievendorf** is a bisexual leader in the LGBTQ community and a social justice warrior for many other causes close to her heart. She writes and rants, lobbies for inclusive public policies, serves on local and national civil rights organization boards, and occasionally practices telling bad jokes in front of strangers.

APPRECIATION. GRATITUDE.

**Dalena** Alysa  
Ashley **Marissa**

**Rachel** Michael  
NANCY **HUES**

PENNY  
Jeff  
Teresa  
Marie  
**TAYLOR**  
**BLAKE**  
**LAHR**

**LEXI**  
MAKALA  
DORI  
**LAHR**

**Dawn** Dennis Joe  
**THE GENDER**  
**CENTER OF MSU**  
Molly

**FRANK** MADELINE  
**Bill** Rest in Peace  
**KATIE** Mike  
MEGHAN

FOR LAHR MEMBERS PAST & PRESENT & OUR LEADERSHIP  
OVER OUR 30 YEARS