

# njea LGBTQIA+ Issues Conference

## June 3-4, 2022

HILTON EAST BRUNSWICK • 3 TOWER CENTER BLVD • EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ



### Agenda

#### Friday

- 4 p.m. Registration
- 6 p.m. Dinner
- 7 p.m. Welcome
- 7:30 p.m. Out at Work: Queer Voices In and Out of the Classroom
- 8:30 p.m. Entertainment / Networking

#### Saturday

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 9 a.m. Session 1
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 11 a.m. Session 2
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch

## WORKSHOPS

*Due to COVID-19, all arrangements are subject to change in response to public health directives*

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| 1. LGBTQIA+: An Overview                                   | 5. Supporting Trans Students                  | 9. NJEA & You: Creating a More Perfect (& Queer) Union |
| 2. Inclusive ELA Instruction                               | 6. Advocating for Queer Professional Learning | 10. LGBTQIA+ Curriculum Inclusion                      |
| 3. How to be a better ally to the LGBTQIA+ Community       | 7. MOC LGBTQIA+ Roundtable                    | 11. Gender Sexuality Alliances                         |
| 4. Legal Issues Around Supporting Queer Students and Staff | 8. LGBTQIA+ Politics                          |  |

*Due to safety concerns & lack of childcare provisions, no children are permitted*

### NJEA LGBTQIA+ CONFERENCE

c/o WSFS, PO Box 13661, Philadelphia, PA 19101-3661

**Registration REQUIRED by May 18, 2022.**

Enclose a check payable to "NJEA/LGBTQIA+."  
Registration required & accepted on a first-come basis.  
*(Please print below)*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY ASSN. \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL ASSN. \_\_\_\_\_

Choose ONE rooming option below

- Single occupancy \$210       Commuter \$112
- Double occupancy – \$160\* per person **\*Must indicate roommate or pay for a single room.**

Roommate's Name \_\_\_\_\_

### WORKSHOP OPTIONS (See Pg. 2 for descriptions):

**Choose (2) 1.5 hour workshops:**

1.    2.    3.    4.    5.    6.    7.    8.

OR

**Choose (1) 3 hour workshop:**

9.    10.    11.

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## 1. LGBTQIA+: An Overview

Understanding sexual orientation and gender identity is key to reaching non-conforming students and providing a safe and successful learning environment. This learning experience will help educators develop an appreciation of the role issues of orientation and identity play in the lives of our students and develop strategies to support those students in their learning.

## 2. Inclusive ELA Instruction

This workshop will look at using our students' identity to shape our ELA instruction to create a safe and brave space. Join me as we reflect on our instructional practice and plan towards creating a more inclusive classroom experience for all students in the English Language Arts classroom. The goal of this workshop is to help educators create a learning environment that helps foster a love of reading and writing through stories and writing experiences that reflect and validate students' identities and life experiences.

## 3. How to be a better ally to the LGBTQIA+ Community

Allyship is a necessary element in a conversation about justice for every identity that presents in the classroom. This session will lead participants in conversation about how cis-/het- allies might be in solidarity with students, families and colleagues seeking to be seen and valued in diverse learning environments. Participants will have opportunities to collaborate in designing instruction that imagines the "lavender expanse" that considers the various ways identity shapes teaching and learning.

## 4. Legal Issues Around Supporting Queer Students and Staff

This session will focus on legal issues educators face when creating safe environments for themselves and their students.

## 5. Supporting Trans Students

Transgender, gender-fluid, and gender non-conforming students often challenge us to rethink established culture and norms. The recent passage of the Transgender Student Bill of Rights requires school districts to establish certain policies to support these students. This workshop will focus on developing a better understanding of gender identity and how to develop an affirming school culture that supports all students.

## 6. Advocating for Queer Professional Learning

What does high quality professional learning on LGBTQ+ issues look like? Where can I find the best resources for the learner? How do I advocate for professional development for my colleagues? What do I do when I meet resistance? Join a hosted conversation to explore these topics with members from around the state who are asking the same questions.

## 7. MOC LGBTQIA+ Roundtable

What does it mean to be brown and queer in 2022? How do we navigate the challenges facing us because of how we look vs. those that we love? Join us for an interactive roundtable discussion on the complexities and opportunities facing MOC LGBTQIA+.

## 8. LGBTQIA+ Politics

For some, politics is a scary word ... but it does not have to be. In this session we will explore the ways in which politics has an impact on the lives of LGBTQIA+ folks in and out of the classroom. We will brainstorm ways that you can better understand our political system to help make our schools a safer place for our LGBTQIA+ students and members.

## 9. NJEA & You: Creating a More Perfect (& Queer) Union

We will start this session learning about the queer history of NJEA followed by a hosted conversation about what NJEA does for its queer members and, moving forward, what NJEA still needs to do for them to make our union more perfect and queer.

## 10. LGBTQIA+ Curriculum Inclusion

In this session you will learn ways to infuse LGBTQIA+ content into your lesson satisfying the new curriculum mandate. This session will be led by folks at Make It Better for Youth who helped to implement and carry out a pilot study on how to do a deep dive into LGBTQIA curriculum inclusion.

## 11. Gender Sexuality Alliances

Want to know how to start a GSA in your school? Need ideas for activities that will help grow your current GSA? This session will cover all of that and more!



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Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Committee