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Peer-reviewed Research Publications

1. **Bosley, A.** (2019). After DOMA: Same-sex couples and the shifting road to equality. In K. P. Lyness & J. L. Fischer (Eds.), *Groves Monograph on Marriage and Family: Volume 5. Gender, sexual identity, and families: The personal is political* (n.p.).

ABSTRACT: On June 26, 2013, the United States Supreme Court ruled that Section Three of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), defining marriage as between a man and a woman, was unconstitutional (Human Rights Campaign, 2013). The Supreme Court's decision upheld equal treatment and respect for all married couples, and ended the denial of federal marriage protections and benefits to same-sex couples (Drescher, 2012; Killian, 2010; Mathy, Kerr, & Lehmann, 2004; Pelts, 2014; Steingass, 2012). Thus, the repeal was a major victory for marriage equality in the United States (Barnes, 2013; Freedom to Marry, 2013; GLAAD, 2013; Reilly & Siddiqui, 2013). The purpose of this study was to capture the essence of the lived experiences of same-sex couples during this unique and fleeting time period, as a significant event in the marriage equality movement was taking effect.

2. **Bosley, A. & Ranck, A.** (2019). Increased recognition: For better or for worse? Transgender individuals, couples and families in the 21st century. In K. P. Lyness & J. L. Fischer (Eds.), *Groves Monograph on Marriage and Family: Volume 5. Gender, sexual identity, and families: The personal is political* (n.p.).

ABSTRACT: In recent years, transgender individuals have become increasingly visible in American society. From television shows such as *Transparent* and the growing recognition of “out” transgender people like Laverne Cox, more people are becoming aware of the lives and struggles of the transgender community (Hope et al., 2016; Jones, 2016). Legal and political movements affecting transgender Americans have also rapidly advanced, providing more rights and recognition for the community, but also resulting in heated public debates and countermovements by groups such as the Focus on the Family (Hains, 2015; Isidore, 2016). It is in this sociopolitical climate that trans-identified people and their families are learning to navigate their lives. In this article, we endeavor to better equip professionals and scholars working with transgender individuals and their partners and families.

Professional Presentations

1. Bosley, A. (2019, November). The rainbow in the silver tsunami: Caring for LGBTQ+ elders. Workshop conducted at the Nassau County's 10th Annual Conference on Co-Occurring Disorders, Hempstead, NY.

SUMMARY: For many, the acronym “LGBTQ” brings to mind the image of young people waving flags in parades, walking down the aisle in matching white dresses or tuxedos, or lobbying for equal rights. However, there is another significant portion of the LGBTQ+ community which is much less visible: the growing senior population. Despite remaining largely invisible until recent years, this group comprises a growing segment of both the LGBTQ+ community and the senior population. They share many of the same characteristics of both of these groups, but also have their own unique challenges and needs. Due to the historic need for LGBTQ+ people to remain hidden, little has been done to explore the clinical needs for this population. Thus, many providers are left unaware of the full identities of their clients and/or unsure of best practices to care for them. This workshop will provide professionals with a better understanding of LGBTQ+ elders, their needs, and how to provide them with competent care.