

# We Embrace



Spreading awareness of diversity-related issues while promoting inclusion of our diverse faculty, trainers and staff.

A quarterly newsletter from the Diversity and Inclusion Committee | Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health | Spring/Summer 2022

## Committee Co-Chairs

Kimberly Alba, PsyD; Anna Coward, PhD; Ryan Montes, PsyD; and Veronica Tapia, MD (formerly Veronica Murphy, MD). Please reach out to us as we continue to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion and to join our multi-disciplinary committee.

If you would like to know more or get involved, [visit our website](#).

## Celebrating LGBTQI Pride Month

On June 28, 1968, the Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan sparked the Gay Liberation Movement throughout the United States. The first Pride March in New York City was held on June 28, 1970, on the one-year anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising. Since then, June has been selected as the month to honor and celebrate — with parades and multiple other events throughout the United States — LGBTQI pride, the ongoing progress and freedoms that Stonewall helped spark, and the many accomplishments and contributions by our LGBTQI communities. Join us in celebration of Pride Month and celebrate love, diversity, and equity for all.

## Stony Brook Spotlight

Stony Brook University Hospital, including Stony Brook Children's Hospital; together with Stony Brook Southampton Hospital; and Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital were all named "LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equity Leader for 2022" in the Human Rights Campaign Foundation's 15th anniversary edition of the Healthcare Equity Index. All Stony Brook Medicine hospitals received a top score of 100 on a survey encompassing non-discrimination and staff training, patient services and support, employee benefits and policies, and patient and community engagement. [Learn more](#).

## Recent Events

**June 4 • Hamptons Pride Event** Bob Chaloner, Chief Administrative Officer, Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, served as one of the grand marshals of the event. Stony Brook Medicine PRIDE shirts, provided by our LGBTQ\* committee, were available for all attendees marching in the parade.

**June 5 • Equality March and Pride Picnic** Participants representing Stony Brook Medicine marched to the Common Ground at Rotary Park in Sayville. The Pride Picnic organized by our LGBTQ\* committee took place at the end of the march. Community organizations from both Nassau and Suffolk Counties were present along with craft vendors, local food vendors serving hot food and cold drinks, entertainment and much more.

**June 10 • Suffolk County Farm in Yaphank** Sponsored by Stony Brook Medicine's LGBTQ\* committee. This family-friendly event included farm animals, wagon rides, fun crafts, music, dancing, rainbow treats and drag queen story hour. Stony Brook Medicine also provided educational resources for youth and adults.

**June 22, 12-1pm • Diversity and Inclusion Committee Roundtable**  
**Topic: EMR Notes Through Our Patients' Eyes: Building and Maintaining the Therapeutic Alliance** Virtual event, facilitated by Palavi Tatapudy, MD; and Laura Fochtman, MD.

## Upcoming Events

**July is Disability Pride Month!** Celebrated since the passing of the Americans with Disabilities Act in July 26, 1990. Join us in celebrating. Keep a look out for upcoming disability-related movie viewings and discussions.

## Doing the Work in July

**Podcasts:** *Nancy* — Explores the fullness and beauty of what it means to be queer in all its various and glorious forms. *Making Gay History* — Hosted by Eric Marcus, *New York Times* bestselling writer of a book by the same name which presents portraits of LGBTQI luminaries from history. **NB: My Non-Binary Life** — Caitlin Benedict and Amrou Al Kadhi explore what it means to be, feel and live a non-binary life.

**Books:** *The Stonewall Reader*, by New York Public Library and Jason Baumann; *Stonewall* by Martin Duberman; *The Book of Pride*, by Mason Funk; *A Queer History of the United States*, by Michael Bronski; *Queer Love in Color*, by Jamal Jordan; *Making Gay History* by Eric Marcus; *Getting Bi* by Robyn Ochs and Sarah E Rowley; *Bi: The Hidden Culture, History and Science of Bisexuality* by Julia Shaw; *The Transgender Issue* by Shon Faye; *Yes, You Are Trans Enough* by Mia Violet.

**Films:** *Milk* (2008) streaming on Netflix; *The Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson* (2017) streaming on Netflix; *Before Stonewall: The Making of a Gay and Lesbian Community* (1984) streaming on Amazon Prime; *Kinsey* (2004) streaming.

**iTunes:** *Paris is Burning* (1990); *Birdcage* (1996); *Saving Face* (2004); *Appropriate Behavior* (2014).



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[stonybrookmedicine.edu/diversity-committee](https://stonybrookmedicine.edu/diversity-committee). \*We support all sexual orientations and gender identities

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