



Welcome Spring 2022



A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT

JOHN ELLIS

Welcome to spring!

We want to thank all of you who supported the Foundation during the fall/winter annual appeal. Once again the generosity of our donors will allow us to fund our Scholarships and Grants at record levels. Our Grant and Scholarship chairmen, Peter Harvey and Doug Morton are receiving applications for the upcoming round of awards at this time.

We recently held our first "in person" Celebration 2022 weekend in Wilton Manors after COVID. The location and weather contributed to an outstanding weekend. Special thanks to those who traveled from all parts of the U.S. to attend.

The Foundation's summer planning meeting will be held in Dallas this year during July and will include the Foundation's annual meeting and election of Board members and officers. We look forward to having an "in person" planning session we were unable to do the last two years due to COVID. It should be an informative and interesting meeting with some great social events being planned. All active Foundation Fellows are encouraged to attend.

Best wishes for a pleasant and healthy Spring.

If you would like to review our annual report, click below.

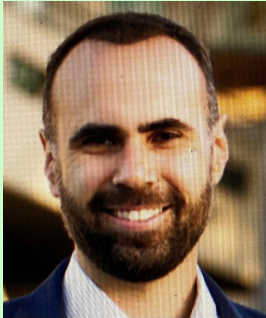
Annual Report

SAVE THE DATE!

GAMMA MU FOUNDATION SUMMER MEETING

Dallas Texas July 15,16,17

More information will be sent when plans are finalized.



Your donations at work!

**Jimmy Biblarz, Gamma Mu Foundation Scholar
Professor at UCLA Law School
Candidate for Los Angeles City Council**

"My name is Jimmy Biblarz and I was a Gamma Mu Foundation fellow throughout law school - the organization generously financed a portion of my education, and for that I will always be grateful. I now teach at UCLA Law School. I was at Harvard for undergrad, graduate school, and law school."

"I am also running for City Council in West LA's District 5, where I grew up and went to K-12 public schools. My interests in inequality and my decision to run stem from my family's experience with eviction and housing precarity in LA. In the aftermath of our 2004 eviction, we were chased around the city by housing affordability, and both of my parents struggled seriously with substance use. I've never forgotten what it feels like to have housing stability pulled out from under you. Too many families know that feeling all too well."

"I grew up in a small duplex in Pico-Robertson. My family struggled to make ends meet. Things went from bad to worse when my family was evicted. At 12, the same year as the eviction, I realized I was gay. I spent the next few years battling homophobic peers, motivating my journey as a lifelong political organizer."

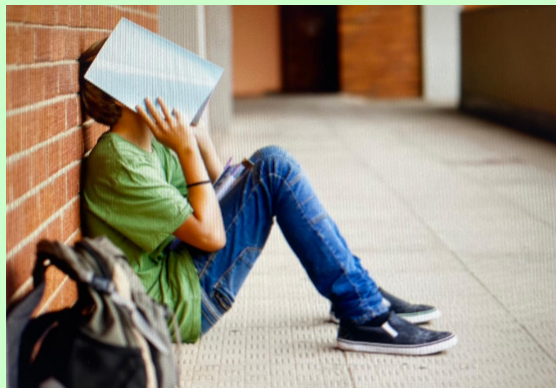
***More information is available at
www.jimmybiblarz.com***

Pictures from "Celebration 2022" in Ft Lauderdale





Many thanks to the attendees of "Celebration 22" in Ft. Lauderdale and the generosity of donors to the event. Our event raised in excess of \$120,000. Everyone enjoyed the great weather and location for the weekend and getting to attend an "in person" event!



What gay men's stunning success might teach us about the academic gender gap

The Washington Post

By Joel Mittleman

Feb 24, 2022

The gender gap in American higher education is now the largest it has ever been, and if current trends continue, two women will soon complete college for every one man. But there is one group that has for generations, defied this trend: gay men. Their achievement could hold the key to closing the gap for their straight peers, too.

In new research made possible by questions recently added to U.S. household surveys, I found that gay men achieve stunning success across every level of higher education. This accomplishment comes even as men's overall college completion rates have fallen further behind women's for every generation born since the 1960's.

I found, for example that about 52 percent of gay men age 25 or older in the United States have a bachelor's degree. For context, about 36 percent of U.S. adults 25 or older have a bachelor's; this ranks the United States ninth in the world in college completion. If America's gay men, however, formed their own country, it would be the world's most highly educated by far.

Gay men's academic advantages don't end in undergrad, either. The

group significantly over presented among the United States's most advanced degree holders. Compared with straight men, gay men are about 50 percent more likely to have earned an MD, JD, or PhD.

This pattern isn't confined to White gay men. In every single racial and ethnic group I could measure, gay men outpace straight men in college completion by double digits.

Gay men's strikingly high performance is already well established in high school. Using the first Department of Education study ever to assess student sexual orientation, I also found that, compared to straight boys from the same school, gay boys earned better grades in more advanced classes and reported more serious work habits and more academically oriented close friends.

These successes are all the more remarkable given the fact that many schools remain dangerous spaces for gay students. Indeed, the same data that documented gay boy's high achievement also revealed them as twice as likely to feel unsafe at school.

Growing up, gay boys often feel like outsiders to the culture of masculinity enforced by their straight peers. Although that status creates vulnerabilities in the schoolyard, it also seems to lead to tremendous liberation in the classroom.

If masculinity's expectations were the only barrier to success, however, gay men should perform roughly as well as straight women. Yet gay men outperform them, too, because gay men don't just live outside the traditional masculinity; they often work particularly hard to compensate for not meeting those masculine expectations - work that can lead to a measurable boost.

Joel Mittleman is an assistant professor of sociology at the University of Notre Dame.



Meet our newest Gamma Mu Foundation Board Member

**David Andrews
Dallas Texas**

David has been an active member of Gamma Mu for 16 years and a donor to the foundation for many years. He is a native of Dallas and has traveled extensively throughout the U.S.

David is extremely social and brings to the Board his unique knowledge in Networking and Social Media. The success of "Celebration 22" was partly due to David's help with design and communication.

He has served on many non-profit boards as well as chaired a number of events benefiting LGBTQ organizations including his recent role as Chairman of the Board of Legacy Cares. Legacy Cares has been the beneficiary of grants from the Gamma Mu Foundation.

David believes strongly in the Foundation's Mission to fund grants and scholarships to organizations and students in and from rural areas of the United States that do not have the advantages of large metropolitan areas for fund raising.

In serving on the Board, David hopes to help the Gamma Mu

Foundation grow beyond our current donor base by expanding awareness of our mission through Social Media and Networking, and other communication outlets.

The Board is enthusiastic to have David join the board and bring his expertise in Networking and Social Media exposure.

***The number of adults who identify
LGBTQ has doubled in the past 10
years***

**Bill Browning
FEB 18, 2022
LGBTQNation**



The percentage of U.S. adults who self-identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender or something other than heterosexual has increased to a new high of 7.1%, which is double the percentage from 2012, when Gallup first measured it.

Gallup asks Americans whether they personally identify as straight or heterosexual, lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender as part of the demographic information it collects in all U.S. telephone surveys. Respondents can also volunteer any other sexual orientation or gender identity they prefer. In addition to the 7.1% of U.S. adults who consider themselves to be an LGBT identity 86.3% say they are straight or heterosexual, and 6.6% did not offer an opinion. The results are based on aggregated 2021 data, encompassing interviews with more than 12,000 U.S. adults.

The proportion of U.S. adults who consider themselves to be lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender has grown at a faster pace over the past year than in prior years. This is occurring as more Gen Z is reaching adulthood. These young adults are coming of age, including coming to terms with their sexuality or gender identity, at a time when Americans increasingly accept gays, lesbians and transgender people, and LGBT individuals enjoy legal protection against discrimination.

Given the large disparities in LGBT identification between younger and older generations of Americans, the proportion of all Americans who identify as LGBT can be expected to grow in the future as younger generations will constitute a larger share of the total U.S. population. With one in 10 millennials and one in five Gen Z members identifying as LGBT, the proportion of LGBT Americans should exceed 10% in the near future.

***Would you like to gain insight into the work your
Foundation is doing?***

Consider becoming an evaluator for the Grant and/or Scholarship applications. Join a group of dedicated donors who give their time in reviewing these applications and learning first hand how important our work is to so many people in our community. It is an extremely rewarding contribution to the Foundation.

Please contact Doug Morton, Chairman, Scholarship Committee (denverdoug@aol.com) or Peter Harvey, Chairman Grants Committee

Donations in "memory/honor of " this quarter.

Wade Simpson IMO Gordon Mann

Allen Johnson and Bill Gilmore IMO Dana Wallingford

Martin Culbreth IMO Bob McCulloch

Richard Alther IMO Ray Repp

Cliff Pettit IMO Gordon Mann

Cliff Pettit IMO Robin McDonald

Cliff Pettit IMO George Douglas

John Ellis IMO George Douglas

John Block and Chuck Kuglen IMO Gordon Mann

Brian Koepl IHO John Ellis

Brian Koepl IHO Douglas Morton

Ed Marteka IHO Douglas Morton

***Gamma Mu Foundation again received Guide Star's
highest rating for 2022!***



**GuideStar awards The
Gamma Mu Foundation it's
highest rating!**

GuideStar, the largest non-profit rating organization, has awarded the Gamma Mu Foundation it's highest rating for transparency.

How does this help the Foundation?

- Demonstrates that we are an organization that is focused on measuring our progress and results.
- Gives potential funders information they crave, so it's good for fundraising.
- Shows our improvement and results year over year.
- Provides a concrete alternative to donors evaluating us using our overhead ratio.



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This quarter the Foundation has received \$67.56 for a total of \$1713.57

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DONATIONS***

If you haven't done so, visit our newly re-vamped website.

Our **Foundation** is receiving an unprecedented number of requests for Grants and Scholarships and we are only able to fund a small fraction of our requests.

Please consider making an "**Extra**" donation this year so that the Foundation can fulfill more of our requests.

The Gamma Mu Foundation is an *all volunteer* organization

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