FULL REPORT

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Allies Caucus continues to play an important role in supporting scholars and scholarship in the field of International Relations. Our activities range from sponsoring panels and roundtables to promoting policies and practices in the International Studies Association that support sexual and gender diversity.

MEMBERSHIP AND BUDGET

Our membership continues to steadily grow every year, including an increase over the last year from 151 to 172. Our finances are also in good order. At the beginning of 2015 we had $2,064.77 in our account. We spent $500 for food, drink and signage for our joint reception with the Women’s Caucus and the Feminist Theory and Gender Studies Section. As of the end of November we have $2,359.77. We will spend approximately $200 on plaques and will contribute $600 to the joint reception.

ISA ANNUAL CONVENTION 2015 NEW ORLEANS

For the 2015 meeting we sponsored or co-sponsored nine panels and roundtables, almost double the number from 2014. Our collaboration with other sections and caucus was far-reaching, including: Feminist Theory and Gender Studies, Women’s Caucus, Human Rights, International Political Economy, Foreign Policy Analysis, Global Development, International Political Sociology, International Ethics, and International Organization. The panels were:

- Queering Global Politics: Destabilization or Disciplinarity?
- The Spaces and Places of Scholarship: LGBTQI Populations and Conference Siting Policies
- Embodiment, Experience and War: Methodological Challenges and Reflections
- Queer Theory and the International
- Queering IR Theory
- Queering/Querying Global Political Economy
- The Norm that Never Was? Contesting LGBTQ Rights
- Is the Personal-National Globally Political? Theorizing the International Diffusion of LGBTQ Rights
- LGBT Issues and Diffusion

We also conducted a business meeting in New Orleans for which business meeting notes are available.
OFFICERS
This year we will conduct elections for Vice Chair, Secretary/Treasurer, Nominationn and Awards Officer, Graduate Representative, and two Members-at-Large. Our Vice-Chair, Momin Rahman, will serve next year as Chair when Jack Amoureux’s term ends. The following list includes our current officers:

Chair: Jack Amoureux  
Vice-Chair: Momin Rahman  
Secretary/Treasurer: Carrie Reiling  
Nomination and Awards Officer: Amy Lind  
Graduate Member: Dogu Durgun  
Members-at-Large: Jeremy Youde, Wesley Renfro

AWARDS
In 2015 we presented two awards. We were very pleased to recognize with the Scholar Award Michael Bosia and Meredith Weiss for their edited volume, Global Homophobia. The Courage Award was presented to BreakOUT! which is a New Orleans-based organization that seeks to end the criminalization of LGBTQ youth.

For 2016 the Awards committee has decided on two Scholar Awards. One will be presented to Rahul Rao for his recent work on global homocapitalism and on the relationship between memory and temporality in the politics of sexuality. The second award will be presented to Manuela Lavinas Picq for her work on indigenous perspectives on sexuality and gender including their relevance to IR theories and the international. While we are warding Picq with the Scholar Award we also think that her work, journalism and political activism together embody the spirit of the Courage Award.

BUSINESS MEETING, 2015 NEW ORLEANS
During the business meeting we discussed a number of Caucus-specific issues including changing the name of our Caucus. There was widespread consensus that at the very least ‘transgendered’ should be changed to ‘transgender’. In practice, we have already been doing this. But we also wanted to consider other possible names. During the business meeting we voted to immediately adopt the term ‘transgender’ and put the issue of any further name change to wider discussion. Our charter will be changed according to the following amendment:

Article 1. Name

That the name of the Caucus be changed from the “Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, Queer, and Allies Caucus” to the “Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Allies Caucus”.

We also agreed during the meeting to task the executive committee with reviewing our charter. In January 2016 the committee will distribute a report and come up with some recommendations and possible changes.

ISA ANNUAL CONVENTION 2016 ATLANTA
The LGBTQA Caucus is sponsoring or co-sponsoring eight panels or roundtables confirmed for the 2016 Annual Convention. Beginning last year we made a concerted effort to reach out to a variety of sections
and caucuses in building the program and this year we found that others reached out to us more as well. Our panels and their cosponsors are:

- Queer Dialogues on Temporality (International Ethics, International Political Sociology)
- FTGS Eminent Scholar Panel Honoring Cynthia Weber (Feminist Theory and Gender Studies)
- Circulation of Power in World Politics II: Instabilities of Everyday Peace (Science, Technology and Art in International Relations; Presidential Theme – Exploring Peace; International Political Sociology; Ethnicity, Nationalism & Migration Studies; Theory)
- The complexities of negotiating LGBT identities at the intersection of cross-cultural conflicts over sexuality (Feminist Theory and Gender Studies)
- Gender and the Art of War, Peace and Security (Women’s Caucus, Feminist Theory and Gender Studies, Theory, Global South Caucus)
- Advancing the WCIS at 20: Strategic Planning for the Future (Women’s Caucus, Feminist Theory and Gender Studies)
- Death by Panels? Re-Thinking Protest in IR and the Neoliberal Academy
- LGBTQ Rights and the State: Comparative Explorations of Tolerance (Feminist Theory and Gender Studies)

We are looking forward to holding our open business meeting on Friday from 12:30 to 1:30 in room 203 of the Hilton Atlanta, and a cosponsored reception with Feminist Theory and Gender Studies and the Women’s Caucus honoring the FTGS Distinguished Scholar Cynthia Weber and celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the WCIS on Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 8:00 in Salon C of the Hilton Atlanta. We are grateful for the continued collaborative relationship with the Feminist Theory and Gender Studies Section and the Women’s Caucus. This year the LGBTQA Caucus increased its contribution to the reception to $600, but more importantly we all collaboratively and successfully raised funds for our joint reception. It is important to underscore that in future years we should attend to this fundraising task by asking presses early and identifying presses and academic centers that have special interest in LGBTQI and Queer IR scholarship. And, a tradition has developed in which the chairs of the LGBTQA Caucus, the FTGS Section and the Women’s Caucus seek a contribution from their home institutions.