

TRANSWORLD CONFERENCE 1998

BY PAULINE PARK

The Audre Lorde Project (ALP) will be hosting *TransWorld*: New York's first conference specifically for People of Color of Transgender experience. On Saturday, October 24, this full-day conference will feature a variety of panels and workshops. Speakers will address a range of issues, spanning from *Survival Skills* to *Non Western Concepts of "Transgender"*. Break-out sessions will help attendees grapple with concerns such as employment, violence, homelessness, medical issues of transsexual transition and health care for transgendered individuals.

TransWorld is the fourth annual Transgender and Transsexual Health Empowerment conference sponsored by the Gender Identity Project (GIP) of the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center in Manhattan, and the first conference in that series with ALP as a primary co-sponsor. The event's other co-sponsors include: the NYC Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project, the Asian & Pacific Islander Coalition on HIV/AIDS, Gay Asian and Pacific Islander Men of New York, Harlem United Community AIDS Center, Iban/Queer Koreans of New York, the New York Association for Gender Rights Advocacy, Project Reach, and Queens Pride House.

Contact Nguru Karugu from ALP at 718-596-0342, xt. 11 or GIP at 212-620-7310 for registration and other information. This promises to be an exciting event!



June 13, 1998, Brooklyn Pride Parade. Positive Health Project's Transgender Initiative is fighting for safe housing of transgender women in the men's public shelter system. Join the fight. Call 212-465-8304.

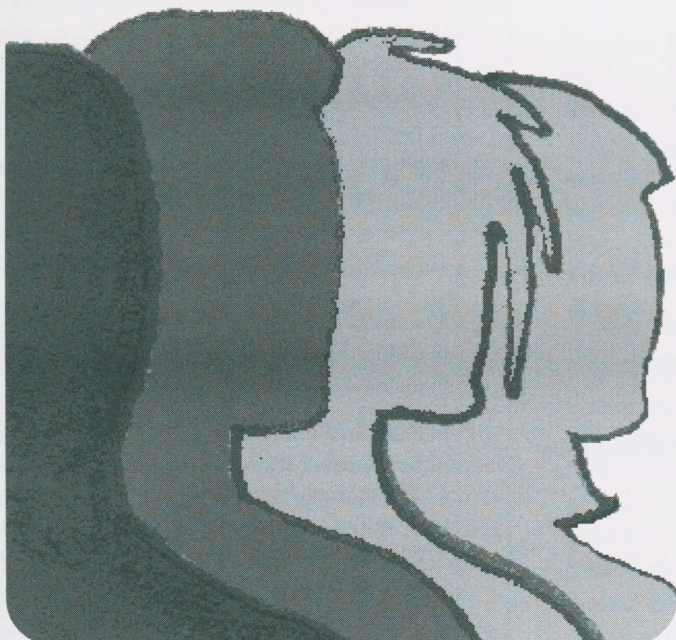
**ARMS AKIMBO:
NYC'S FIRST-EVER**

**LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, TWO-SPIRIT AND TRANSGENDER
WOMEN OF COLOR ORGANIZING INSTITUTE**

The Audre Lorde Project's (ALP) Working Group on Women's Organizing, in conjunction with other Lesbian, Bisexual, Two-Spirit and Transgender (LBTST) Women of Color organizations, have been working since last December to plan a herstoric event: *Arms Akimbo*: NYC's first-ever Lesbian, Bisexual, Two-Spirit and Transgender Women of Color Organizing Institute. This conference will take place on Saturday, October 17, at The Riverside Church in Manhattan. A hardworking group of LBTST Women of Color are responsible for the energy and wisdom that will make *Arms Akimbo* a reality. *But this is just the beginning.*

In 1999 (following the conference), ALP plans to initiate a leadership development training program for LBTST Women of Color interested in sharpening their organizing skills. The conference, leadership development training program and the Working Group on Women's Organizing are all part of ALP's LBTST Women of Color Organizing Initiative.

For registration and other information, call the *Arms Akimbo* line at ALP, xt. 17.



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HISTORY

The Audre Lorde Project (ALP) is a recently-created Center for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Two-Spirit and Transgender (LGBTST) People of Color Communities. Initiated as an organizing effort by a coalition of LGBTST People of Color, The Audre Lorde Project was first brought together by Advocates for Gay Men of Color (a multi-racial network of Gay Men of Color HIV policy advocates) in 1994. The vision for ALP grew out of the expressed need for innovative and unified community strategies to address the multiple issues impacting LGBTST People of Color communities. ALP secured and moved into its Fort Greene home, in the parish house of the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church, during the summer of 1996.

MISSION

ALP seeks to promote and ensure the physical, mental, spiritual and political health of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Two-Spirit and Transgender People of Color in the New York City area.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The principles guiding the work and development of The Audre Lorde Project as a progressive organization seeking social justice are as follows: Recognizing the full diversity of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Two-Spirit and Transgender People of Color, and our collective histories of struggle against discrimination and other forms of oppression, The Audre Lorde Project has been established to serve as a home base that LGBTST peoples of African/Black/ Caribbean, Arab, Asian

& Pacific Islander, Latina/o and Native/Indigenous descent can use to organize, support and advocate for our diverse communities.

As such, ALP seeks to work with LGBTST People of Color organizations and communities across differences of race/ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, age, ability and life experiences (e.g. class, immigration status, HIV serostatus, health status, etc.) in order to develop and implement culturally specific and effective programs and services reflecting the needs of our communities.

Understanding that services and organizing efforts are most successful when they involve the communities served, ALP is committed to creating and supporting decisionmaking/organizational structures that are representative of our communities.

Believing that competent skills and expertise in LGBTST People of Color communities exist and are often underutilized, ALP seeks to support and promote the work of existing and emerging LGBTST People of Color organizations, as well as the efforts of LGBTST People of Color cultural workers and activists.

Finally, as an organization seeking social and economic justice for all peoples, ALP is committed to promoting multi-racial coalition-building, advocacy and community organizing activities among LGBTST People of Color, and with allies in struggles for equality and liberation.

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AUDRE LORDE

The Black, feminist, lesbian, poet, mother, warrior Audre Lorde (1934-1992) was a native of New York, daughter of immigrants, and author of numerous volumes of poetry and works of prose. An internationally recognized activist and artist, Lorde was the recipient of many honors and awards. Both her activism and her published work speak to the importance of struggle for liberation among oppressed peoples and of organizing in coalition across differences of race, gender, sexual orientation, class, age and ability.

GRANTS ROUND UP

The Audre Lorde Project is supported by various funding sources, including state government, foundations and individuals. The following are recent grants we have received:

- * CRE Community Link Grant: \$500 to support costs for an organizational retreat.
- * H. van Ameringen Foundation: \$30,000 for general support (first year of a 3-year commitment). Many thanks for providing much-needed general support, and the generous commitment to multi-year support of ALP!
- * Ms. Foundation: \$2,000 for *Arms Akimbo*: Lesbian, Bisexual, Two-Spirit & Transgender Women of Color Organizing Institute (part of ALP's LGBTST Women of Color Organizing Initiative).
- * Stonewall Community Foundation: \$5,000 for expansion and continued development of volunteer programs.

BOARD

MOVING ON AND PASSING THE TORCH(ES)

After dedicated service to and leadership of the board (playing the role of board chair from 1995 - summer 1997, and then co-chair through December 1997), VERONICA FLORES completed her board term in June. She remains involved in ALP through work on the Administrative Oversight Committee and LBTST Women of Color Organizing Initiative. We will miss her on the Board, but are comforted by the fact that she lives within walking distance of ALP (*chuckle...*).

LIDELL JACKSON, who was also a founding board member of ALP, completed his board term at the end of August. He says: *"My tenure as a member of the Board of Directors of the Audre Lorde Project has been one of the most significant experiences of my life. Witnessing the creation of an LGBTST People of Color community center — a long-needed effort — and helping to assist in guiding its progress, shaping its mission, and ensuring its success — have provided me the opportunity to share my various levels of expertise at community and coalition-building, as well as to learn from my colleagues — the other board members past and present, ALP staff, volunteers, and various community organizations that interface with ALP. I've been especially encouraged by seeing such a young crowd of activists (in comparison to me, anyway) who not only feel empowered enough to write their own histories through ALP, but also show a great deal of respect to us 'elders.' Even though my board tenure is over, I still plan to stay actively involved with ALP...I look forward to all this work, because I know it helps assure the continued success of a project that I have come to be proud of, and*

to respect, over the years." Lidell will indeed remain involved with ALP in multiple capacities (too many to list here). As a self-acknowledged "elder" of our community who consistently reminds us of the his/herstory that has made our work at ALP possible, Lidell will continue to be revered, loved and of course, inspirational. Prior to leaving the board, Lidell passed on his Secretary responsibilities to CARMEN CHÁVEZ.

DAVID MAURRASSE left the board in August, but will remain involved with ALP in various capacities (including informal fundraising adviser). While David's new responsibilities as a staff person at the Rockefeller Foundation require significant travel, we know that he remains committed to ALP and is only a phone call away.

WELCOME BACK! After taking a brief leave of absence, COLIN ROBINSON returned to the board in May. One of ALP's founders who has remained involved in ALP's leadership since its conception as a vision, Colin has assumed the responsibility of chair of the Administrative Oversight Committee. He is also a member of the Space Task Force (formed to investigate ALP's growing space needs and develop recommendations for action). We missed you — thanks for coming back!

STAFF

RAYMOND COSTANTINO has joined ALP's staff as Volunteer and Facilities Coordinator. He is a board member of Latino Gay Men of New York and is serving as Co-chair of the "Pa'Fuera, Pa'Lante Northeast Conference '99," a Latina/o LGBTST conference taking place in January. He is also trained as a designer and visual

artist who combines political themes of race, class, gender, and sexual orientation into his work. Welcome to ALP Raymond!

ALP SPEAKING OUT

The following are highlights of some of the national and local presentations that staff, board, and volunteers from the Audre Lorde Project have made during the Spring and early Summer of 1998.

LIGALY's 4th Annual Breaking the Silence: Opening Doors Through Education Conference. ALP's youth peer educator Adekunle Omotade conducted a panel titled: "Speaking the Truth: A Focus on LGBTST Youth of Color" at this conference in April.

Speak Out Against Police Violence on LGBTST Communities of Color. Nguru Karugu and Sheila Stowell (ALP staff) facilitated a discussion of police violence in our communities. Gay Men of African Descent (GMAD) and ALP sponsored this discussion in April, with GMAD hosting it at one of their Friday forums.

Panel on Police Brutality, at Frederick Douglass High School. Sheila Stowell represented ALP during this panel in May. Others panelists included: Rory Dunn and Hyun Lee (fellow members of the Coalition Against Police Brutality).

United Voices/ United Visions Conference. An annual conference organized by the NYC Lesbian and Gay People of Color Steering Committee. Joo-Hyun Kang from staff presented part of a panel discussion on "Coalition-Building in LGBTST Communities" in May.

Lesbian and Gay People of Color and the Left. Cathy

Cohen (ALP board co-chair), Joo-Hyun Kang and Jesse Heiwa (ALP volunteer) participated in this panel discussion at the Brecht Forum in June.

OUT At The Black Radical Congress Board members Cathy Cohen & David Maurrasse along with volunteers Dayo Gore & Tamara Jones joined almost 2,000 people in Chicago on the weekend of June 19-21 to attend the Black Radical Congress.

Under the title "Setting a Black Liberation Agenda for the 21st Century," the Congress attracted activists, organizers and community folk from across the North and South American continents. The Congress aimed to mobilize a progressive national network both to counter rising conservative attacks and to build transformative politics within Black communities.

About fifty people gathered for a workshop on "Fighting Homophobia: Lesbian & Gay Rights," and for a later meeting of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Caucus. In reports to the general Congress, both the workshop and the caucus made several proposals, including: the development of a national campaign to show how racism, homophobia, sexism and class exploitation work together to destroy black communities; the initiation of BRC-sponsored dialogues around the country on sexuality and radical politics; and the release of a statement of explicit solidarity with Black LGBTST people.

The third element of the BRC Principles of Unity states that "gender and sexuality can no longer be viewed solely as personal issues but must be a (*continued on page 7*)

LESBIAN • GAY • BISEXUAL • TWO-SPIRIT • TRANSGENDER PEOPLE OF COLOR ORGANIZATIONS

Adodi/New York—Black same gender loving/gay men's spiritual, emotional and social support group. 543 W. 43rd St., Ste. 8045, NYC 10036, 212.927.7136; website: <www.amassictr@aol.com>.

African Ancestral Lesbians United for Societal Change (AALUSC)—Committed to the spiritual, educational, cultural, economic and social empowerment of African Ancestral Lesbians and all Wimmin of Color. Meets every Thursday at 8 p.m. at the Lesbian & Gay Community Services Center. c/o The Center, 208 W. 13th St., NYC 10011; tel: 212.620.7310; fax: 212.924.2657.

Alianza Latina—Lesbian and gay collective with chapters in the Bronx, Brooklyn and Manhattan. 718.993.0254.

Asian Lesbians of the East Coast (ALOEC)—Safe space to develop our Asian lesbian identity and define our needs as a group. P.O. Box 850, NYC 10002.

Asian Women Healing Ourselves (AWHO)—Coalition of API women dedicated to addressing the health concerns of API lesbians and bisexual women in the NYC area. c/o ALP, 85 So. Oxford St., Brooklyn, NY 11217, tel: 718.596.0342, xt. 22; fax: 718.596.1328.

Audre Lorde Project: Center for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Two-Spirit and Transgender People of Color Communities—85 So. Oxford St., Brooklyn, NY 11217, tel: 718.596.0342; fax: 718.596.1328; Info. line: 718.596.0016; email: <alpinfo@alp.org>.

Aya Institute—Recognizes that each of us has a complex identity and encourages you to bring every part of your Self to co-create Aya's loving and supportive communal process of individual healing. We invite you to learn, grow and have fun in a *safe* environment. Meets Saturdays, 5pm at ALP. c/o ALP, 85 So. Oxford St., Brooklyn, NY 11217, tel: 718.596.0342, xt. 23; fax: 718.596.1328; email: <aya21bklyn@aol.com>.

Box 422, Ansonia Station, New York, NY 10023; tel: 718.919.5595.

FANMI, for people of Haitian descent—c/o ALP, 85 So. Oxford St., Brooklyn, NY 11217, tel: 718.596.0342, xt. 26; fax: 718.596.1328.

Fuerza Latina—Support group for gay men and lesbians of Dominican descent. c/o Richard Cammerera, 26 East 109th Street, Suite 4A, NYC; tel: 718.940.0640; 212.517.8329; or 212.410.6199.

G Mosaic—Social/support group for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Two-Spirit and Transgender People of Color, meets every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at the Triangle Community Center, 25 Van Zant Street, first floor, Norwalk, CT. For more information, call 203.854.7726 and leave a message for Nasheed Abdul-Wakil, G Mosaic Coordinator.

Gay African Americans of Westchester (GAAW)—Dedicated to developing and nurturing positive self image and providing support and referral services. 914.376.0727.

Gay and Lesbian Arab Society (GLAS)—Support group and networking for gay men and lesbians of Arab descent. Meets 2nd Thursdays (Arabs only) & 4th Thursdays (Party for Arabs & friends) 8:15 pm at the Lesbian & Gay Community Services Center. c/o Columbia University Station, PO Box 250787, NYC 10025; tel: 718.596.9302; email: <glasusa@aol.com>; website: <<http://www.leb.net/glas>>.

Gay and Lesbian Association of Cuban Exiles (GLACE)—Established to network and impact on issues concerning the Cuban lesbian and gay community in both the US and Cuba. PO Box 232, NYC 10108. 718.507.4138, or 718.267.0702.

Gay Asian and Pacific Islander Men of New York (GAPIMNY)—Supportive social, political and educational space for API Gay and Bisexual Men. Meets every 3rd Friday at the Lesbian & Gay Community Services Center. P.O. Box 1608, Old Chelsea Station,

HIV Project (IFA)—Program of advocacy and education for Gay and Lesbian immigrants living with HIV/AIDS. c/o J. Pedraza, 506 W. 148th St., #1B, NYC 10031.

International Lesbian and Gay People of Color Human Rights Task Force—International network of Lesbian and Gay activists of color to exchange info and support each others' work. Tel: 212.254.5506.

Jacks of Color—Founded in 1990 as a safe sex club for Men of Color. Sponsors monthly parties for Men of Color and occasionally "their friends". JOC, c/o 210 Riverside Drive, Suite 11-H, NYC 10025; tel: 212.714.7674.

Kilawin Kolektibo—Support group for Filipina lesbians. c/o A. Ubaldo, 43-07 39th Pl., 5A, Sunnyside, NY 11104; tel: 718.706.7220.

Las Buenas Amigas/Lesbianas Latinas En Nueva York—Group of US-born Latinas, immigrants from Latin America, working women, mothers, students, professionals, artists, and activists. c/o The Center, 208 W. 13th St., NYC 10011; tel: 212.928.8373.

Latino Gay Men of New York/Hombres Latinos Gay de Nueva York—All-Latino, all-gay-male support group. 853 Broadway, 5th fl.; NYC 10003; tel: 212.614.2941; fax: 212.529.8917.

Latinos and Latinas de Ambiente/New York (LLANY)—Latino/a co-gender organization. They publish a quarterly newsletter: Arco Iris. c/o The Center, 208 W. 13th St., NYC 10011; tel: 212.614.2945; fax: 212.529.8917; website: <<http://www.arcoirisy@aol.com>>.

Latitud Cero—Ecuadorian Lesbian and Gay movement. Tel: 718.261.7068.

Lavender Light: The Black and People of All Colors Lesbian and Gay Gospel Choir—Founded with the purpose of keeping alive the Black gospel music tradition in an environment supportive to Lesbian and Gay people, with a special ministry to Black Lesbians and Gays. Rehearsals open, call for more information. 70-A Greenwich Street, Ste. #315,

South Asian Lesbian and Gay Association (SALGA)—Meeting ground for gays and lesbians of South Asian descent, including peoples with ancestry from the Indian subcontinent—India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal, and Burma. PO Box 50, Cooper Station, NYC 10276-0050; tel: 212.358.5132.

Unity Fellowship Church of Christ/NY—Multiracial, all-ecumenical lesbian and gay church meets every Sunday at 230 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11205; tel: 718.636.5645.

Venus Magazine—a NY-based publication targeting the Black Lesbian, Gay and Transgender communities. Write to: Charlene Cothran, President, PO Box 150, Hastings, New York 10706; tel: 914.376.6161, fax: 914.376.1666; website <www.venusmagazine.com>.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE MEMBERS OF THE LESBIAN & GAY PEOPLE OF COLOR STEERING COMMITTEE

American Indian Community House—HIV/AIDS Project. 404 Lafayette St., 2nd fl., NYC 10003; tel: 212.598.0100; fax: 212.598.4909.

Asian and Pacific Islander Coalition on HIV/AIDS (APICHA)—APICHA provides community support and HIV/AIDS services for the API community. 275 Seventh Ave., 12th fl., NYC 10001; tel: 212.620.7287; fax: 212.620.7323; email: <apicha@aidsinfonyc.org>; website: <aidsinfonyc.org/apicha/index.html>. Queens site address is 74-09 37th Ave., Ste. #400, Jackson Heights, NY 11372; tel: 718.457.9662; fax: 718.457.9623.

Bronx Lesbians United in Sisterhood (BLUeS)—Multicultural, multiracial organization serving the needs of the Bronx Lesbian community. P.O. Box 1738; Bronx,

Black Leather in Color Magazine—Quarterly magazine for the leather, S.M., radical sex and fetish People of Color and friends community. \$20 yearly subscription. B.L.I.C., 874 Broadway, Ste. 808, NYC 10003; tel: 212.222.9794; fax: 212.777.5349; email: <nysm_grrl@hotmail.com>.

Brothers in Leather—Support group formed to reach African American, Asian American, Caribbean, Latino, Native American, Pacific Islander and South Asian gay men into leather. Currently in process of reorganizing. If interested, call 212.726.3955.

Caribbean Pride —A new effort by Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual immigrants from the Caribbean and other New Yorkers of Caribbean heritage to come together socially and politically, and to build connections with Lesbians and Gays living in the Caribbean. c/o ALP, 85 South Oxford St., Brooklyn, NY 11217; tel: 718.596.0342, xt. 34; fax: 718.596.1328.

The Colombian Lesbian & Gay Association (COLEGA)—Support group created for the well-being of Colombian Lesbians and Gays in the New York area. c/o Queens Pride House at Queensborough Hall, 120-55 Queens Blvd., Rm. 325, Kew Gardens, NY 11424; tel: 212.675.3288, xt. 212; fax: 212.675.3466; vm: 718.670.7399; email: <aduque@box100.com>.

COLORWATCH—Community and media project of the Lesbian & Gay People of Color Steering Committee monitoring people of color representation in the media and within Gay, Lesbian and AIDS organizations. c/o ALP, 85 So. Oxford St., Brooklyn, NY 11217; tel: 212.222.9797.

Colours Magazine—Informational resource for lesbians of color providing a strong network that is geared for "her" by "her". 96 Lefferts Pl., Brooklyn, NY 11238; tel/fax: 718.783.6642 (local); tel/fax: 800.792.0193 (long.distance).

The Dandy Black Brigade—“A Modern Minstrel Troupe,” is an organization of Black Gay and Lesbian musicians - amateur and professional - in the New York City area. P.O.

NYC 10113; tel: 212.802.RICE; fax: 212.663.3609; email: <gapimny@leftnet.net>; website: <www.leftnet.net/~gapimny>.

Gay Asian Men's Coming Out Group (GAMCOG)—Meets twice monthly at APICHA, 275 Seventh Avenue, 12th fl., NYC. Dinner is provided at the meetings. Call for times 212.932.8184; fax: 212.620.7323; email: <shirose@bnkst.edu>. Wheelchair accessible.

Gay Men of African Descent (GMAD)—African, African American and Caribbean gay men dedicated to addressing the needs of their community. Meets Fridays, 8pm, at the Lesbian & Gay Community Services Center. Yo! GMAD (young men's group) meets Saturday afternoons, 4:30pm, at GMAD office. 248 W. 14th St., 2nd fl., NYC 10011; tel: 212.414.9344; fax: 212.414.9351; email: <gmad@aol.com>; website: <www.gmad.org>.

GRIOT Circle (Gay Reunion in Our Time)—Gathering of Elders, an intergenerational and culturally diverse community-based social service organization responsive to the realities and lives of older Lesbians, Bisexuals, Gay Men, Two-Spirit and Transgender Persons of Color. c/o ALP, 85 So. Oxford St., Brooklyn, NY 11217; tel: 718.596.0342, xt. 20; fax: 718.596.1328.

Homovisiones—First TV program in history created to present different aspects of Latino gay life through television. Airs biweekly: Mondays at midnight and Thursdays at 10:30pm on Manhattan cable channel 34. Homovisiones, Inc., 24 W. 25th Street, 12th fl., NYC 10010; tel: 212.741.2464; fax: 212.807.6644.

Iban/Queer Koreans of New York (QKNY)—A friendly social/discussion/support group and political advocacy organization for LGBT Koreans, Korean Americans and Korean adoptees. For more info call Pauline Park 718.424.4003 or Hyun Jung Lee 212.473.6485, xt.. 100; email: <mudang@ix.netcom.com>; website: <www.hana-lei.com/qk>. (English speakers can call either; Korean speakers should call Hyun Jung.)

Immigrants Fighting AIDS/Immigrants with

NYC 10011; tel: 212.714.7072; fax: 212.271.8111; email: <mcjellyroll@aol.com>; website: <www.nycnet.com/lavendarlight>.

Lesbian and Gay People of Color Steering Committee (LGPOCSC)—New York City-based coalition of over 30 Lesbian and Gay People of Color and anti-racist, progressive organizations. c/o 210 Riverside Drive, Suite 11-H, NYC 10025; tel: 212.222.9794.

Mano a Mano—Network of Latina/o Lesbian and Gay activists and organizations. c/o A. Duque at Latino Commission on AIDS, 80 Fifth Ave., Ste. #1501, NYC 10011; tel: 212.675.3288, xt. 212; fax: 212.675.3466; email: <aduque@box100.com>.

Other Countries: Black Gay Expression—Committed to providing continuous opportunities for our precious culture to develop and be shared. c/o ALP, 85 So. Oxford St., Brooklyn, NY 11217; tel: 718.596.0342, xt. 25; fax: 718.596.1328.

People of Color in Crisis (POCC)—Brooklyn-based HIV/AIDS organization serving African American and Caribbean Gay and Bisexual men. 462 Bergen St., Brooklyn, NY 11217; tel: 718.230.0770; fax: 718.230.7582.

People of Color Queers of Multi-Racial and Ethnic Descent (POCQMRED)—Creative/supportive/social arena for all People of Color who identify as more than one race or ethnicity. c/o c/o ALP, 85 So. Oxford St., Brooklyn, NY 11217, tel: 718.596.0342, xt. 24; fax: 718.596.1328.

The Puerto Rican Initiative to Develop Empowerment (PRIDE)—Dedicated to educational, health, cultural and political empowerment of LGBT people of Puerto Rican descent. c/o The Center, 208 W. 13th Street, NYC 10011; tel: 212.614.2926; fax: 212.529.8917.

Sistahs in Search of Truth, Alliance, Harmony (SISTAH — formerly known as Bisexual Womyn of Colour)—Supportive organization dedicated to addressing needs of bisexual and lesbian of colour community. POB 020136, Brooklyn, NY 11202; tel: 212.479.7886, pager: 917.727.3425; fax: 718.444.7899; email: <sistah97@yahoo.com>.

New York 10451; 212.330.9196.

Gay Men of the Bronx (GMOB)—Safe space for Gay Men who live in the Bronx, sponsors monthly rap sessions. P.O. Box 511, Bronx, NY 10451; email: <gmobupdate@usa.net>.

Men of All Colors Together/New York (MACTNY)—Multiracial group of Gay Men committed to addressing and combating racism and discrimination in the Lesbian and Gay community, and providing a supportive environment for less oppressive multiracial relating among Gay Men. P.O. Box 907, Ansonia Station, NYC 10023; tel: 212.330.7678.

Men of Color AIDS Prevention Program—Program of technical assistance and education for cbo's that deal with the HIV/AIDS concerns of Gay and Bisexual Men of Color, operating under the aegis of the NYC Dept. of Health. 125 Worth St., CN 67, NYC 10013; tel: 212.788.4310; fax: 212.788.5243.

The Minority Task Force on AIDS (MTFA)—Provides organized, community-based response to the impact of HIV/AIDS epidemic on communities of color. 475 Riverside Drive, Ste. #1374, NYC 10115; tel: 212.870.2691; fax: 870.2607.

OutFM Radio—Multiracial Lesbian and Gay news and features radio program appearing on WBAI 99.5 FM every Sunday, 6:30 - 7:30pm. c/o WBAI, 120 Wall St., 10th fl., NYC 10005; tel: 212.209.2800; fax: 212.747.1698; email: <outfmradio@aol.com>; website: <members.aol.com/outfmradios>.

Queers For Racial & Economic Justice (QFREJ)—An alliance of queer People of Color, working class queers and queer progressives. We support reproductive freedom, sexual self-determination, universal health care, living wage, affirmative action, immigrant rights. QFREJ, c/o Boxholder, GPO Box 7045, NYC 10116; vm 212.969.8724; email: <hapanes@juno.com>.

Women of Color Group of Brooklyn Women's Martial Arts, the Center for Anti-violence Education—Women of color support group. 421 Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11215; tel: 718.788.1775.

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INTERNATIONAL & NATIONAL EVENTS

September 27-30 -- Minneapolis, MN. "Sharing the Vision II: Dancing in the Spirit of Nations," the Second Indigenous Nations HIV/AIDS Conference. Sponsored by the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, and the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB). It will be held at the Mystic Lake Hotel & Casino. Contact NNAAPC for more information: tel: 510-444-2051; email <nnaapc@aol.com>.

October 8-12 -- Chicago, IL. National Latino/a Lesbian & Gay Organization's El 6to. Encuentro: Acción, Orgullo y Poder. Scholarships are available. For information, contact LLEGO: tel: 202-4668240, xt. 234, email: <AquiLGBT@LLEGO.org>, or visit the LLEGO website: <www.LLEGO.org>.

October 9-11 -- Back to Basics: A Conference on the Future of the American Left, sponsored by the publication *In These Times*. For more information, write to *In These Times*, 2040 No. Milwaukee Ave, Chicago, IL 60647, or call 773-772-0164. Information on the conference will be posted on the website: <inthesetimes.com>.

October 24 -- Brooklyn, NY. "The Fourth

Annual NYC Transworld Conference" for the empowerment and health of Transgender/Transsexual/ Two-Spirit People of Color. Hosted by ALP (xt. 11) and Gender Identity Project, 212-620-7310. Co-sponsors include: Harlem United Community AIDS Center, Queens Pride House, APICHA, and Iban/Queer Koreans of NY.

October 29-November 1 -- Dallas, TX. Second Annual US Conference on AIDS is one of the largest AIDS-related gatherings in the US. Deadline for exhibition, advertising and conference pre-registration is 9/25/98. Call the National Minority AIDS Council for information: 202-483-6622.

October 31-November 2 -- Oakland, CA. Second Annual Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) National Conference. For info: GLSEN, 121 W. 27th St., Ste. 804, NYC 10001; tel: 212-727-0135; fax: 212-727-0254; email: <glsen@glsen.org>.

November 11-14 -- Ann Arbor, MI. Annual 5-Day Michigan Media Seminar for journalists and scholars to discuss how to fully and fairly represent the diversity of American experience. Call for application process and logistics 734-764-9537; or visit their website <www.umich.edu/~irwg/>.

November 11-15 -- Pittsburgh, PA. 11th Annual Creating Change Conference, organized by the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force. For information, contact NGLTF: tel: 202-332-6483; TTY: 202-332-6219; email: <cc98@ngltf.org>; website: <www.ngltf.org/cc98>.

January 15-17, 1999 -- Bronx, NY. Pa'Fuera Pa'Lante Conference 1999: the 2nd northeast regional organizing conference devoted to the concerns of the Latina/o Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender community. Scholarship deadline: 9/31/98. For more information, call 212-614-2949.

DEADLINES

November 1 -- Deadline to apply for the Do Something Grant. This is a grant to transform your community building idea into action. For more information, contact Anna Nieves-Bryant at 212-281-3434 or email <newyork@dosomething.org>.

Hitting Critical Mass: A Journal of Asian American Cultural Criticism seeks critical essays for a special issue focussing on Korean American cultural politics. For submissions guidelines, call: 510-642-6555 or email <asamst@uclink.berkeley.edu>.

REACHING OUT TO OUR COMMUNITIES

On Saturday, June 6th, ALP trained volunteers on outreach and education techniques for HIV & other sexually-transmitted diseases (STD) within Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Two-Spirit and Transgender (LGBTST) People of Color communities.

This one-day training was designed for those new to the ALP community who are interested in doing outreach which will help inform others about our programs as well as basic HIV/STD prevention strategies.

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STDs other than HIV are seldom discussed in our communities and yet are just as widely spread. Although some of us are familiar with basic HIV prevention techniques, People of Color communities continue to be infected at disproportionately high and ever increasing rates. It is important that we utilize methods of outreach which are tailored to our communities.

A highlight of the training was the

discussion about working in diverse communities. Many revealed that this would be their first time interacting with communities racially and ethnically different from their own. The trainees have since conducted outreach in Queens, Brooklyn, Manhattan and the Bronx.

ALP will hold another HIV/STD Outreach Volunteer Training on September 19.

For more information contact ALP at xt.12.

LIQUID LIFE: CELEBRATING THE CREATIVE SPIRIT

BY GLENROY JAMES & LAURIE MCINTOSH

On Saturday, June 20th, The Audre Lorde Project's Arts & Cultural Programming Committee presented *Liquid Life: Celebrating the Creative Spirit*, an evening of visual art and spoken word performance. The three-hour event featured poetry and performance art from Dan Bacalzo, G. Winston James, Letta Neely and Romero -- artists of color on the cutting edge of contemporary cultural, political, and personal expression.

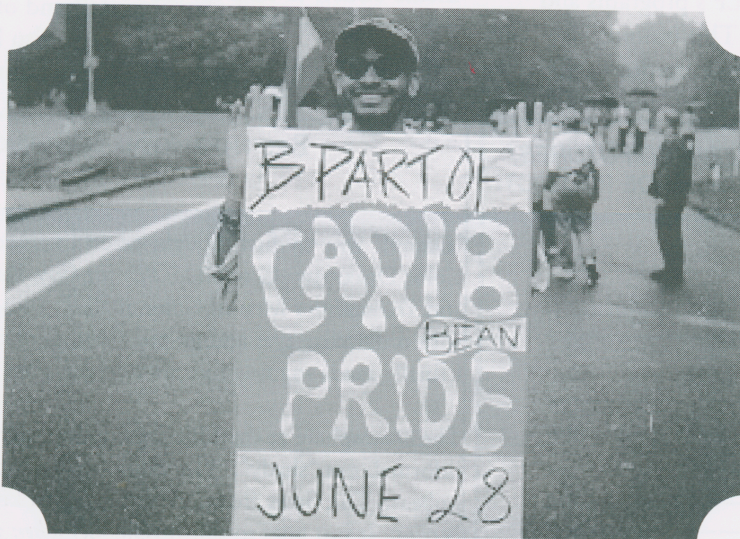
Liquid Life's spoken word performances allowed the audience to experience important aspects of the lives of these four artists of Asian, Caribbean, African-American and Latino heritage, in addition to celebrating the diversity of voices and expressive techniques being developed within our community. Although each of

the performance artists involved in the evening's program came to The Audre Lorde Project from totally separate and distinct backgrounds, their work when presented together demonstrated the powerful commonality all our lives share in struggles for personal identity and community empowerment.

The painters and photographers who displayed their work were Cheryl Boyce-Taylor, Sayeeda Clarke, Sandie Green, Dirk Joseph, Roberto Calasanz Mendez, Ray Mobley, and Christina Quisumbing Ramilo. Film makers Menkkat Asli Dukan, Latrice Dixon, Kara Lynch and Candide Kortright screened their most recent film projects during the event. Regardless of the medium used by each artist, common themes such as loss of homeland and

identity, limitations imposed upon freedom and progress, intra-cultural racism and the blurring boundaries of race, class and gender resonated across the body of work exhibited. Each of the artists attempted in their own way to subvert traditional and stereotypical perceptions of LGBTST People of Color. For both the artists and the audience, the evening provided a much needed forum for artists of color to celebrate their talent and share their vision.

Liquid Life is the second of a series of public events planned by ALP's Arts & Cultural Programming Committee. The committee invites all who are interested in celebrating the accomplishments of the many creative spirits in our diverse community to contact ALP at xt. 12 for further information and meeting times.



June 13, 1998,
Brooklyn Pride Parade.
Marcher proclaims his
Caribbean pride!
(*Caribbean Pride* is a
User Group member of
ALP's Facilities
Program. You can
reach them at ALP, xt.
34. To learn more
about the Facilities
Program, call xt. 12.)

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basic part of our analyses, politics and struggles." The Congress thus provides a potentially powerful network and base from which LGBTST People of Color can exercise leadership in all of our communities.

To get involved in a New York City BRC committee and/or to join the BRC LGBTST listserv, you can email <brc-lgbt@antioch-college.edu>.

"704" Tri-State Grantee Conference. This conference was sponsored by the Center for Disease Control & Prevention and VIP Community Services. Nguru Karugu

facilitated a workshop on "Street & Community Outreach-Intervention" with Marlene White from Verite. Much of their workshop spotlighted the exciting and collaborative work of the MSM/WSW/MST of Color Outreach Working Group, a city-wide network of HIV/AIDS organizations and programs that work together to discuss and develop culturally-specific outreach strategies and other programming for men of color who have sex with men, women of color who have sex with women, and men and women of color of transgender experience (including self-identified LGBTST communities of color) in the New York City metropolitan area.

Asian Pacific American Lesbian and Bisexual Women's Network Conference/ Building Bridges: Spanning Our Past, Toward Our Future. Joo-Hyun Kang and Christine Lipat (ALP volunteer) facilitated a workshop as part of the Activist Institute, taking place the day before the conference (July 4th weekend). Their workshop focused on several issues including: preventing activist burnout and leadership development needs in A&PI Lesbian communities. Joo-Hyun also presented a workshop titled: "Understanding 1st and 3rd World Privilege: Making Connections" with Krishanti Dharmaraj, executive director of WILD in California.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

The Audre Lorde Project seeks interested individuals to become active builders of ALP. To find out about our volunteer/intern opportunities, call Raymond at 718-596-0342, xt. 12.

Speakers Bureau Training

ALP will have a training session on September 11-12 for those interested in representing ALP in our community education efforts.

"The Missive"

Individuals with writing, editing, photography & layout skills are needed for production of ALP's quarterly newsletter -- *The Missive*.

Get the Word OUT!

Outreach volunteers help ALP get the word out about our programs and services by conducting street outreach, dropping off materials at locations throughout NYC, speaking at public events, and staffing information tables at health fairs, conferences and other community gatherings.

September HIV 101 Outreach Training

Come to this one day training on September 19 and learn about HIV/STD prevention as well as ALP's programs and services. This training will cover the essentials on doing effective

outreach in LGBTST ethnically and racially diverse communities. You can register by calling Raymond at ALP, xt. 12.

Volunteer Position Available:

Outreach Coordinator

This position will:

- 1) Work directly with ALP staff to plan a schedule for distributing ALP materials at community events.
- 2) Work with other volunteers, organizations, businesses, social spots and media outlets to help spread the word about ALP meetings, events and

activities.

3) Help develop outreach and press materials and update our media database. This is a 3-6 month commitment for 4-6 hours per week.

Office Support

If you have limited time, this may be the answer for you. Hang out for a few hours helping staff, working groups & community projects with mailings, data entry, typing, filing and other general office work. It is a great way to meet the staff and other volunteers while also helping to move our communities forward.

" YES, I DO BELIEVE IN A NOW THAT CAN BREED FUTURES."
I WANT TO INVEST IN BUILDING THE AUDRE LORDE PROJECT!

Name(s) _____
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Phone (W) () _____
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I PLEDGE AN ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION OF: _____

\$18 (one NYC subway token each month)	\$120 (\$10 each month)
\$26 (50¢ each week)	\$260 (\$5 each week)
\$52 (\$1 each week)	\$365 (a dollar a day)
\$78 (one subway token each week)	\$520 (\$10 each week)
\$104 (\$2 each week)	Other amount: \$ _____

_____ MY CHECK IS ENCLOSED. (PLEASE MAKE PAYABLE TO: THE AUDRE LORDE PROJECT. CONTRIBUTIONS ARE DEDUCTIBLE TO THE FULL EXTENT OF THE LAW.)

_____ I am unable to contribute at this time, but would like to be added to the ALP mailing list.

_____ I am donating the following books and/or materials to The Audre Lorde Project: _____

_____ I am interested in volunteering. Please send me information.

_____ Please list me as "Anonymous" in any materials.

BROTHERHOOD & SUPPORT

BY BERNARD Y. MORISSET

"Damn!" was my first thought when I walked into the Men of Color Discussion Group (MOC) for Gay, Bisexual, Two-Spirit and Transgender Men of Color at ALP. I scanned a room filled with unfamiliar eyes and gasped from all of the fine men there. I finally made my way to a spot on the sofa.

The atmosphere at the MOC group is very relaxed and informal, not "shady". The vibes are inviting and the energy is upbeat. Talk flows freely...and before you know it, the evening is over. It just goes to show: *time flies when you're having fun!*

The group begins with a general introduction and "check-in" from each participant. Ground rules are then agreed to by the participants. Afterwards, a topic of discussion is usually suggested by a group participant if it has not already been predetermined by the facilitators. With such topics as: relationships • friendships • sex, sex and more sex • as well as other issues within Gay, Bisexual, Two-Spirit and Transgender Men of Color communities, who can resist jumping into the discussion? Often at times, issues get debated which spice up the evening even more.

The greatest aspect of the group is the level of support, healing and *realness* that all of the participants bring. When all is said and done (& we're ready to go home), we are no longer simply the MOC group's participants, we are brothers!

The MOC Discussion group meets at ALP every 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Refreshments are served.