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GAAPOR News

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About Us

GAAPOR is the social affinity group for LGBTQ AAPOR members. We organize conference sessions on topics including LGBTQ politics and measuring sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI). We also organize social events for our members at the annual conference, including a dinner outing in the gayborhood of our host city.

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Mailing List

If you'd like to receive updates on GAAPOR events and activities, please send an email to gaapor.affinitygroup@gmail.com to sign up.

Facebook Group

Are you a member of the LGBTQ community and want to stay connected? [Click here to join our Facebook Group!](#)

Contributors

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Member Updates

Nicole Lee was recently promoted to Program Manager within RTI International's Data Practice Area! In her new role, Nicole provides supervision and professional development guidance to 7 people. **Congratulations, Nicole!**

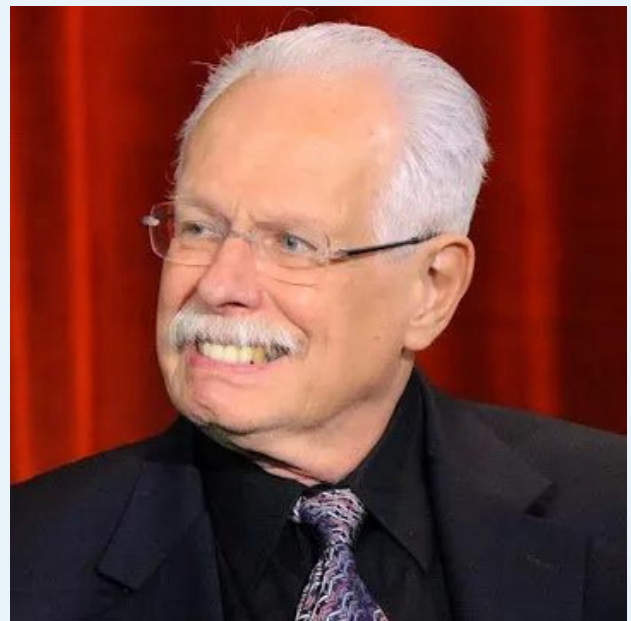
Jeff Henne and The Henne Group's Wyoming-based division Waller Hall Research have established a firm footing in Wyoming's LGBTQ+ community. The Waller Hall team has been regularly attending Pride month events for the past 3 years. Waller Hall now maintains an ever-expanding panel of more than 6,500 LGBTQ+ individuals to take part in research projects, 1,100 of which come from the state of Wyoming. On a personal note, Jeff has spent much of the last 3 years in NJ caring for his elderly parents. They have both recently died, so he's looking forward to discovering what comes next and reconnecting with all of his AAPOR friends. **Thank you for sharing, Jeff!**

Michael Lenmark recently completed his PhD in sociology at Stony Brook University. He is now the Senior Research Support Specialist at Cornell University's Worker Institute in New York City. Michael's primary responsibility in his new role is co-designing and analyzing the Empire State Poll, a representative poll of New York State focused on labor and employment issues.

Congratulations, Michael!

In Memoriam: Ken Sherrill

Ken Sherrill, GAAPOR member and noted LGBTQ scholar and activist, passed away this past December. Many of us will remember Ken as a funny and warm friend and colleague who attended many AAPOR conferences and GAAPOR dinners over the years. Our last newsletter in August 2023 highlighted the American Political Science Association's 50th anniversary of Ken's article "Leaders in the Gay Activist Movement: The Problem of Finding the Followers." The APSA also put out a [follow-up article](#) by Queer J. Thomas celebrating Ken's seminal work. Ken will be missed by many of us, but his legacy lives on.



2024 Conference Recap

Welcome Reception:

GAAPOR participated in the AAPOR Welcome Reception with the other AAPOR regional chapters and affinity groups. Our table was well attended (conveniently located near the food) and we gained 18 new GAAPOR members and 31 new subscribers to our annual newsletter!

Welcome to our new GAAPOR members!

As in past years, we held a raffle and selected 5 winners of a \$50 Amazon gift card. **Congratulations to this year's winners: Eva Aizpurua, Jordan Hinkle, Naomi Foreman-Katz, Wendy Brooslin, and Nadia Assad.**

Business Meeting:

Several GAAPOR members met during the conference for our annual business meeting. During the meeting we discussed recent GAAPOR activities and the potential for future activities and events. Additional volunteers are needed for GAAPOR activities at next year's conference! This includes participation in planning the annual dinner, manning the GAAPOR table during the Welcome Reception, and contributing to the annual newsletter. If you're looking for a way to get more involved with GAAPOR, please send us an email at GAAPOR.affinitygroup@gmail.com.

Annual Dinner:

The 2024 Annual GAAPOR dinner took place at JenChan's Pizza and Chinese. Located in a charming little neighborhood, this queer-owned, fusion restaurant had a homey and welcoming atmosphere, and our group had a fun time connecting with old and new friends.



AAPOR 2025: Call For GAAPOR Sponsored Panels

Do you have any ideas or are you working on LGBTQ+ research that's ready for presentation? We're asking members to consider participating in a GAAPOR-sponsored panel at the 2025 national conference in St. Louis next spring.

If interested, please send us an email at GAAPOR.affinitygroup@gmail.com by September 22.

GAAPOR members with presentation ideas on LGBTQ+ research beyond SOGI issues are strongly encouraged to reply.

Future Newsletters

Our next newsletter will contain information for all GAAPOR activities at the May 2025 conference in St. Louis, as well as member updates and accomplishments.

Are you interested in contributing? Please reach out to us at gaapor.affinitygroup@gmail.com for more information.