

# UCLA - LGBTQ Studies

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QGrad 2015  
**CALL FOR PAPERS**

## “‘Curing’ the Queer: From Pathology to Resistance.”

**Description:** UCLA’s 2015 Queer Graduate Student Conference will bring together the innovative and interdisciplinary research of graduate students in LGBTQ Studies. In April 2015, President Obama called for an end to conversion therapies for LGBTQ youth. Although California, Massachusetts, and Washington, D.C. are the only states/districts that have banned conversion therapies, these “treatments” are nonetheless practiced across the United States. QGrad 2015’s theme, “‘Curing’ the Queer: From Pathology to Resistance,” opens up a critical discussion on the (re)emergence of homo/queer/trans phobic culture under the guise of religious or medical restorative therapies and other queerphobic practices. We invite graduate students from *all* fields (social sciences, humanities, life sciences, and professional schools) to contribute and submit proposals that both question and challenge the discourses and practices that continue to pathologize and lead to hate crimes against the LGBTQ community in our nation.

Please submit proposals that examine these practices from the perspective of any academic discipline, including but not limited to, the following topics:

- To be or not to be.... gay?
- Too pretty to be a lesbian/too manly to be gay
- Queer utopia or dystopia
- Medical > Curing the Queer (Reparative Therapies)
- Legal challenges/petitions
- Religious > Saving the Queer (Faith-based therapies)
- Cultural homophobia/hate crimes/suicide
- Public policy/advocacy
- Keep it in the family
- Resources for LGBTQ

The conference will be held on Friday, November 13, 2015 at UCLA. To be considered for the 2015 QGrad Conference, submit your application, CV/Resumé, and 250-word Proposal by no later than **May 29, 2015**.

We are currently accepting papers from graduate students only.

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