

News Release

“Exploring Our Sexualities” - Noted Author and Activist Robyn Ochs to Present Workshop and Interactive Presentation at U of M Crookston on Wednesday, April 22, 2009

By Elizabeth Tollefson on Monday, April 20, 2009

Speaker, teacher, writer, and activist Robyn Ochs, will be at the University of Minnesota, Crookston for a workshop and interactive presentation on Wednesday, April 22, 2009. The workshop, “Challenging Homophobia,” begins at 2 p.m., and the presentation entitled “Crossing Lines: Identity and the Sexuality Spectrum” is at 7 p.m. Both events will be held in the Sargeant Student Center Bede Ballroom. The event is co-Sponsored by the GLBTA Programs at the U of M, Crookston and the University of North Dakota Ten Percent Society. It is being co-hosted the Queer and Ally Student Group at the U of M, Crookston.

Challenging Homophobia Workshop at 2 p.m. in Bede Ballroom will focus on the following questions: What is homophobia? What is its effect upon each of us? How can we unlearn negative messages and misinformation? How can we be allies to gay, lesbian, bi and transgendered people? All are welcome.

This interactive and thought-provoking workshop will provide information to help answer these questions, and then, organize the shared knowledge into tools and tactics for intervening against homophobia.

Crossing Lines: Identity and the Sexuality Spectrum Lecture at 7 p.m. in Bede Ballroom examines how we assign labels to complicated and unique experiences, and at what point on the sexuality spectrum does heterosexuality turn into bisexuality, and bisexuality into homosexuality? During the evening, the uses and limitations of the Kinsey scale will be discussed along with sex/gender, time, and much more. This engaging presentation will transform your thinking. All are welcome.

For more information, contact Kim Jorgensen, GLBTA Programs Coordinator at the U of M, Crookston at 218-281-8347.

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