

*LGBTQ2 Well-Being  
Education Series:*

*“LGBTQ2S Advocacy,  
and Nativeout ”*

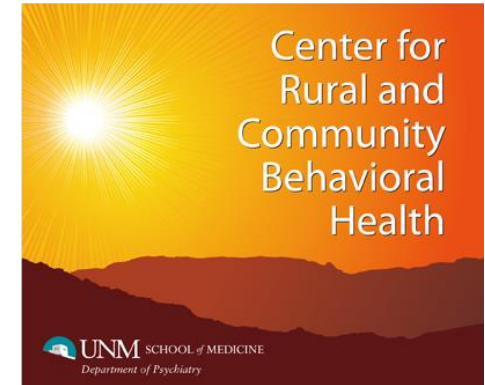
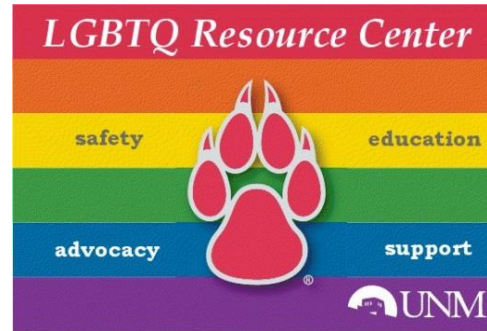
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# LGBTQ2 Well-Being Education Series

- Goal: to educate, inform, empower, and engage providers regarding the well-being of the American Indian/Alaska Native LGBTQ2 community

# LGBTQ2 Well-being Series Educators

- ❖ **Adrien Lawyer**, Director, Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico
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- ❖ **Beverly Gorman** (Diné), MCSW/MBA, Researcher & Program Manager, UNM CRCBH
- ❖ **Chris Fore** (Choctaw), PhD, Albuquerque HIS
- ❖ **Harlan Pruden** (First Nations Cree), Co-Founder North East Two Spirit Society (NE2SS)
- ❖ **Jason Jones** (Mestizo), LISW, Five Sandoval Indian Pueblos Inc. Behavioral Health
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*LGBTQ2S Intimate Partner Violence*

Presented by Terra Matthews-Hartwell

*What's next?*

Possible future funding to take this series to a larger audience through tele-health.

If the series is presented to a larger audience, the team would like to invite tribal leadership, state constituents, tribal schools, tribal churches, etc. Any others?

If sites are interested in future training, please inquire at the end of the session.



**LGBTQ  
Well Being  
Education  
Dates, Topics,  
and Presenters**

# Objectives

At the end of this session presenters will be able to:

1. Discuss the history of Indigenous LGBTQ/Two-Spirit people.
2. Identify concerns related to Indigenous LGBTQ/Two-Spirit people.
3. Recognize the importance of connecting to Indigenous LGBTQ/Two-Spirit groups and International Two Spirit Movements.
4. Identify Indigenous LGBTQ/Two-Spirit people organizations and allies.
5. Identify websites and/or technical support within Two Spirit Organizations.
6. Utilize the information gained to increase outreach to Indigenous LGBTQ/Two-Spirit people and their communities.

# What is nativeout?

- NativeOUT was originally founded in 2004 as a social group named the Phoenix Two Spirit Society, by Corey Taber, Ambrose Nelson, and Victor Bain in Phoenix, Arizona. Although we are no longer a Two Spirit society, we support Two Spirit societies around the United States and Canada. We are not incorporated yet, it is a goal we intend to achieve in 2015. Through our website, video productions, social networks and in-person presentations, we educate the world about the Indigenous LGBTQ/Two Spirit people of North America. Our funding comes from community donations and fundraising efforts through our CafePress store.



**2004 members**

**Corey Taber, Ambrose Nelson, Victor Bain, Tally Hale, Louva Hartwell**

# Two Spirit Term

- The Two Spirit term was adopted in 1990 at an Indigenous lesbian and gay international gathering to encourage the replacement of the term berdache, which means, “passive partner in sodomy, boy prostitute.” (dictionary.com)
- A Two Spirit person is a male-bodied or female-bodied person with a masculine or feminine essence. Two Spirits can cross social gender roles, gender expression, and sexual orientation.
- Since Europeans arrived in the Americas, they’ve documented encounters with Two Spirit people. In many tribes, Two Spirit people were accepted and respected, but that changed with colonization. The colonizers, through forced assimilation efforts, changed acceptance into homophobia in many indigenous communities.
- Within most tribes there is a term, in their language, to describe a Two Spirit person. On the NativeOUT website we provide a sample of these terms.



# Two spirit terms

| TRIBE  | TERM   | TRANSLATION                         |
|--------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Navajo | 3 <sup>rd</sup> gender: Nádleehí<br>4 <sup>th</sup> gender: Dibaa' | "permanently changing,<br>emergent" |
| Lakota | Winkte   | "Would be Women"                    |
| Zuni   | Lhamana  | "girl/boy"                          |
| Osage  | Mixu'ga  | "Instructed by the moon"            |
| Ojibwa | Agokwa<br>Ogichidaakwe   | "man-woman"<br>"warrior-woman"      |

# NativeOUT Media

- NativeOUT Media is the education and news media arm of NativeOUT. We write articles about Two Spirit topics and people, publishing them in the NativeOUT.com blog and social media websites. We also provide educational in-person presentations about Two Spirit topics.
- Since 2005, the website is accessed by the media, students, educators, academics, libraries, and the general public to research, write, and learn about Two Spirit people. The website is also utilized to connect Two Spirit people and their allies to expand the social network of people supporting Two Spirit people.
- NativeOUT writers, Louva and Terra Hartwell are both members of the Native American Journalists Association and NLGJA, the Association of LGBT Journalists.

# Nativeout Productions



# NativeOUT Productions

- NativeOUT Productions is the creative arm of NativeOUT. The production studio creates all multimedia and design supporting NativeOUT's mission.
- This studio produces websites, graphic design, presentations, photography, public service announcements (PSA), short films, slideshows, and documentaries focused on Two Spirit people and inspiring examples of the Indigenous decolonization process in action.

# Two-Spirit Resource Center

- NativeOUT Media's Two Spirit Resource Center is an international blog and resource website providing reliable information and articles for and about Two Spirit people.
- Blog -In the blog you will find summary posts about news articles, multimedia, and events. At the end of each post you'll find the article citation in MLA
- Booklist- This booklist contains bibliography information for books that are recommended by Two Spirit community leaders as being the most accurate.
- Collections- This is a list of collections with Two Spirit historical items and documents.
- Film list- This film list provides information on films created by Two Spirit filmmakers or about Two Spirit people.
- Historical Two Spirits- Who were the Two Spirit people before, during, and after colonization? This is a list and information on well-known Two Spirit people.

# Two-Spirit Resource Center (cont.)

- Tribes Marriage Equality Resource- Tribal same-sex marriage laws (for or against) and grassroots campaigns working for marriage equality
- Tribal Marriage Equality- Dine Marriage Act of 2005: This is information accumulated by the Dine Coalition for Cultural Preservation during the Dine Marriage Act of 2005 on the Navajo Nation.
- Presentations & Educational Multimedia- These presentations were created by community leaders to teach about Two Spirit issues and history.
- Two Spirit Hate Crime Murders -This is a list of Two Spirit people murdered around the world in hate.
- Two Spirit People Traditional Names (in indigenous languages)
- History of Two Spirit Movement- A timeline of the Two Spirit Movement.

# Design – Web & Print

- Graphic Design
- Web Design
- Websites are essential to outreach to any community. In response to this need, NativeOUT created the Website Design Award to help nonprofit groups, societies, and organizations that support Two Spirit people. If you are interested in the website award, please contact [Lhartwell@nativeout.com](mailto:Lhartwell@nativeout.com).
- Past Recipients
  - Two Spirit Society of Denver – Website Redesign
  - Bay Area American Indian Two Spirits – Website Redesign
  - Balancing Factors – Film Website for Two Spirit filmmaker & activist Carrie House
  - Navajo AIDS Network
  - Gallup Pride
  - 20th & 21st Annual International Two Spirit Gatherings

# Video Productions

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- View examples of our work and current project Two Spirit Warrior Women:
  - Documenting Events
  - Interviews
  - Promotional Videos
  - Public Service Announcements
  - Two Spirit Warrior Women



# Photography

- NativeOUT professionally documents the Two Spirit events they attend. Here samples from past projects.
  - Tulsa Two Spirit Gathering
  - 2013 Tulsa Two Spirit Gathering
  - Montana Two Spirit Gathering
  - 2013 Montana Two Spirit Gathering
  - Miss Indian Transgender Arizona Pageant
  - 2010 Miss Indian Transgender Arizona Pageant

# Presentations

- How does one utilize social networks to educate, outreach, mobilize, and connect with their community?
- We currently are providing the following presentations.
- Social Networking for Two Spirit Causes & Groups
- Using the Free Web & Software Applications to Outreach to Your Community
- What FREE web tools can community groups use to outreach in their community by learning how you can use these tools to create websites, flyers, website forms, photo galleries, and online event registration and learn about online collaboration, crowd-sourcing, and video production tools.
- De-Colonizing Our Bodies is about empowerment through Indigenous Knowledge. Sharing lived experiences, identifying how Settler Colonialism shapes our daily lives and what we can do to re-indigenize our lives, our family and our communities is the focus of this presentation.

# Nativeout website screenshot



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## Annual Gatherings

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Events that have developed out of the Two Spirit movement are the Two Spirit Gatherings. Native LGBT/Two-Spirit people often times report feeling more refreshed and empowered after attending these gatherings.

Some of the activities at Two Spirit Gatherings include a talent show, talking circles, various healing ceremonies, discussions on Two Spirit issues, health, mental health issues, sweats for male, female or combined, activities for youth involvement, early morning run/walk, sacred fire, traditional dances (i.e. Stomp Dancing and Round Dancing), and a Pow Wow.

Navajo AIDS Network's Summer Gathering is a little different from other Two-Spirit gatherings as they focus primarily on HIV/AIDS prevention, but they do have traditional activities such as making traditional meals and listening to storytellers. They also provide an opportunity for Native LGBTQ people to show off their talents in a drag show and HIV/AIDS prevention skits.

## Annual Gatherings Menu

- » [Navajo AIDS Network Summer Gathering](#)
- » [Tulsa Two-Spirit Gathering](#)
- » [San Diego Women's Twin-Spirit Gathering](#)
- » [International Two-Spirit Gathering](#)
- » [Montana Two Spirit Gathering](#)

'TWO SPIRITS' FILM TRAILER



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# NActiveOUt Resource Center

- Link - <http://nativeout.com/twospirit-rc/>
- There you will find:
  - Blog
  - Booklist
  - Collections
  - Film list
  - Historical Two Spirits Education Materials
  - And more

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