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Olivet College to host nationally known advocate for gay rights

OLIVET, Mich. — Sean Kosofsky, director of the Triangle Foundation in Michigan, will speak at Olivet College Wednesday, March 14 at 1:30 p.m. in Mott Auditorium. The lecture, titled “The Queer State of the State,” is free and open to the public.

Kosofsky has been an advocate for gay rights since 1994 and has become one of the most visible, recognizable and accomplished gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) activists in Michigan, and is known nationally for his work.

He is a GLBT diversity trainer in Michigan for law enforcement professionals, but also has extensive experience training social workers, school professionals, attorneys, business professionals and service providers. Kosofsky conducts trainings on critical activist skills such as message development, media advocacy, lobbying, grassroots activism and youth/student advocacy.

Kosofsky works at every level of public and private policy development in Michigan to advance pro-GLBT policies. He is on the board of the Equality Federation, the largest GLBT lobbying and activist entity in the nation. He works closely with national leaders and colleagues in every state and territory in the U.S. to bring about equality for GLBT people.

The event is sponsored by the Betsy Dole Women’s Resource Center, the Multicultural Education and Initiatives Office and Common Ground, Olivet’s student organization for GLBT students and their allies.

For more information, contact (269) 749-7169.

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