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**Weekend gay/lesbian conference at IU to draw 1,500 people  
Conference is Friday through Sunday**

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More than 1,500 people are expected to turn out for the Midwest Bisexual Lesbian Gay Transgender Ally College Conference Friday through Sunday at Indiana University.

In its 17th year, the conference is each year hosted at a different Midwestern locale. This is Bloomington's first time to host.

"It is the oldest and only one of its kind in the country," and people are coming from as far away as Ireland and Germany, said Julia Napolitano, an IU student and conference co-chair.

"The workshops are really the heart of the conference," she said. The workshops are led by students, faculty, and professionals who aim to educate and motivate students to action. Participants can attend workshops covering topics such as safe sex, activism basics, and creating change on your campus.

Also not to be missed is the Saturday morning resource fair in the Indiana Memorial Union's Alumni Hall, where students can network, Napolitano said.

There are three distinguished keynote speakers, she said. "We worked really hard to get these people."

They are ESPN columnist LZ Granderson, Indiana State University professor Kand McQueen, and "The L Word" writer, director and producer Rose Troche.

Featured conference entertainment will be provided by OUTmedia's Queer Riot! and dragapella beautyshop quartet The Kinsey Sicks, among other acts.

Online registration for the conference is closed, but on site late registration is available for \$75 Friday and Saturday in the Union, 900 E. Seventh St. People not interested in attending the entire conference may buy tickets for the lectures and entertainment acts separately from the IU Box Office by calling 812-855-1103, or Ticketmaster.

This conference will be wheelchair accessible and will have ASL interpreters at main events. A complete conference schedule is online at [www.mblgtacc.org](http://www.mblgtacc.org).