

# RICH ELKINS, AARON LUCIER, SUMMER WISDOM, JOHN B. O'BRIEN, and DR. MELINDA KANE



We celebrate diversity by creating spaces at ECU for LGBTQ support, advocacy, research, and education. We have each worked to create these spaces through the establishment of LGBTQ-themed courses and research projects, the first officially recognized LGBTQ student group on campus, and the LGBT Resource Office. As current and past faculty, staff, and students, we have served as formal and informal resources and support for the ECU community. We also celebrate the many other LGBTQ and Ally faculty, staff, and students who have worked to improve the climate for LGBTQ people at ECU and throughout the region.

Rich Elkins '96, Student Founder and Co-Chair of Bisexuals-Gays, Lesbians, and Allies for Diversity (B-GLAD) 1994-1996. Aaron Lucier, Director of Housing Operations, Advisor to B-GLAD/Spectrum/GLBTSU (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Student Union), 1995 to present. Summer Wisdom '10, Master of Arts in Sociology student whose research led to the creation of the LGBT Resource Office, founding Assistant Director of the LGBT Resource Office. John B. O'Brien, DMA, Professor of Music, founding Advisor to B-GLAD 1994-1998. Dr. Melinda Kane, Associate Professor of Sociology whose research and teaching focuses on the LGBTQ community, member of Summer Wisdom's practicum research committee.