THE STARSHAK LECTURE

The Starshak lecture series is an annual event organized by the Gender Sexuality Alliance (formerly the Gay/Straight Alliance) to educate the Marquette community about different topics prevalent in the LGBT community and to highlight contemporary research in sexuality and gay and lesbian studies across the traditional disciplines. Through a donation made by the Starshak family, the GSA has the opportunity to bring a different speaker to campus each year.

2010—2011

Heather’s Mommy Speaks Out: A Presentation on Homophobia, Censorship, and Family Values

- Lesléa Newman
- Tuesday, April 26 at 3:30 PM
- Todd Wehr 121

Lesléa Newman is the author of sixty books for adults and children including the groundbreaking children’s classic, Heather Has Two Mommies and the award-winning short story collection, A Letter to Harvey Milk. An advocate for gay rights and LGBTQ equality for more than twenty years, she has received the James Baldwin Award for Cultural Achievement, the Continuing the Legacy of Stonewall Award, and the Hachamat Lev Award for “enduring commitment to justice and beyond.” A past poet laureate of Northampton, Massachusetts, Lesléa has received poetry fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Massachusetts Artist Fellowship Foundation.

2009—2010

Infighting and Insurrection: How Conflict and Culture Work in Gay and Lesbian Marshes on Washington

- Amin Ghaziani, PhD
- Monday, May 3 at 5:30 PM
- AMU 254

Amin Ghaziani is a postdoctoral fellow with the Society of Fellows and the Department of Sociology at Princeton University. In 2011, he will be on faculty in the Department of Sociology at the University of British Columbia. He holds a doctorate in sociology from Northwestern University and his first book, The Dividends of Dissent: How Conflict and Culture Work in Gay and Lesbian Marches on Washington, was published in 2009 by the University of Chicago Press.