

Being Out in the Workplace

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Wednesday, October 17, 2018, 6 – 7:30pm
Center for Career Education Conference Room

Moderator



Sitara Herur

Columbia University, School of General Studies, current

Pronouns: she/her, they/them

Sitara is a self-described "senior-ish" at the School of General Studies, majoring in Human Rights with a focus on Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. She is currently on the board of Queer Awareness Month at Columbia University, and has experience in the queer nonprofit world as a volunteer for the Equality March DC, Capitol Pride, and NYC Pride. She is passionate about LGBTQ+ issues in politics, having previously worked as a Victory Congressional Intern at the House Democratic Caucus and as a casework intern for US Senator Kirsten Gillibrand.

Panelists



Caitlin Lowell

Columbia University, Columbia College 2015, Columbia Law School, current

Pronouns: she/her

Caitlin is a 1L Greene Public Service Scholar at Columbia Law School. Prior to law school, Caitlin was the Program Coordinator of the Legal Network for Gender Equity at the National Women's Law Center, where she managed the intake process and pro bono program of the newly-launched TIME'S UP Legal Defense Fund. Previously, she was an Emerson Hunger Fellow through the Congressional Hunger Center, where she first was a women's labor organizer at 9to5 Colorado, and then worked on TANF policy at the Department of Health and Human Service's Office of Family Assistance.



Carlos Cruz

Columbia University, Columbia College, 1988

Pronouns: he/him

Carlos holds a degree from CC in Economics. He has led a varied career in admissions (at Columbia!) and in merchandising, product development, and supply chain at brands such as Ralph Lauren, Banana Republic, and Target. He is currently a Director of Global Product Development at Gap. He serves on the boards of the Latino Alumni Association of Columbia University and Columbia Pride where he is president.



Ramond Curtis
Columbia University, School of General Studies, 2018
Pronouns: he/him

Ramond Curtis is a US Army Combat Veteran working in veteran advocacy and activism. He currently works as a national organizer and spokesperson for Common Defense PAC, a non-profit focused on organizing veterans to promote progressive policy and candidates. As one of the co-founders of The Food Pantry at Columbia, he now leads the data/and research team, and hopes to publish the findings of the food pantry within the next year. In his spare time he enjoys volunteering as a political commentator with Radio Free Brooklyn, and staging and reading of new plays with Stripped Scripts in Long Island City.



Sean Ryan
Columbia University, Columbia College, 2017
Pronouns: he/him

Sean Ryan is a second year business analyst at McKinsey & Co. out of the New Jersey office. As a generalist, Sean has worked on projects across a number of industries and functions, including university strategy, HIV-drug market entry, medical devices, M&A, and organizational health. He's also currently serving as McKinsey's North America GLAM Ambassador, leading LGBTQ recruiting efforts at the undergraduate level this cycle.



Stevie Aligbe
Columbia University,
Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science, 2012
Pronouns: she/her

Stevie is an experienced Automation Tester, Game Developer, general Software Engineer. She takes pride in being a multifaceted programmer and is always up to new challenges. In her spare time, she also enjoys volunteering as a mentor for Girls who Code and an instructor of the Columbia Taekwondo team.