A Colloquium on Rural LGBTQ+ Families and the Meaning of Community

Dr. Ramona F. Oswald

"Better than it used to be!"

How Non-Metropolitan Communities Have Changed for LGBT People

Dr. Ramona F. Oswald, a nationally renowned scholar of LGBT family life and processes, will examine non-metropolitan LGBT life in one Midwestern region, downstate Illinois. Using two waves of Rainbow Illinois data, Dr. Oswald will share her analysis of how communities have changed since 2000, what makes communities “supportive” rather than tolerant or hostile, and what aspects of community climate are linked to health and well-being of LGBT people. Policy and practice implications will be discussed.

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