

The Guide to Gay Symbols



In the early 1970s, in the wake for the Stonewall Rebellion, New York City's Gay Activists Alliance selected the Greek letter Lambda, which Tom Doerr suggested from its scientific use to designate *Kinetic Potential*, as its emblem.

The Pink Triangle was used by the Nazis to signify homosexuals. Although homosexuals were only one of the groups targeted for extermination, it is unfortunately the group that history often forgets. The Pink Triangle defies anyone to dent history.



The first Rainbow Flag was designed in 1978 by Gilbert Baker, a San Francisco artist, who created the flag in response to a local activist's call for a community symbol. Baker dyed and sewed the material for the first flag himself - in the true spirit of Betsy Ross. The colors of the flag symbolize as follows:

- Red - Life
- Orange - Healing
- Yellow - Sun
- Green - Nature
- Blue - Harmony
- Purple - Spirit

SPECTRUM

Visit our office in room 244 of the University Center during 11am-3pm (Mondays-Fridays). The office is located to the left of the stairs as you come up, and down the halls. We're the one all the way in the back.

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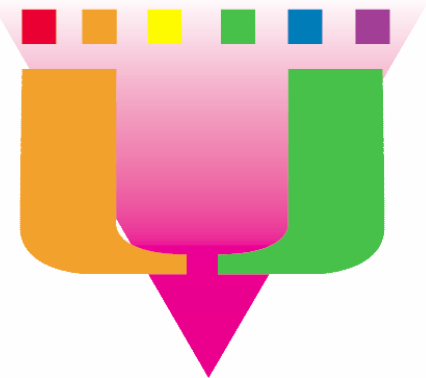
Smith-Tucker Involvement Center

University Center, Room 209

SpectrUM is a University of Miami organization registered with the Council of Students Organizations (COSO) and receives funding from the Student Activities Fee Allocation Committee (SAFAC).

The First Look Inside

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The University of
Miami's Gay, Lesbian,
Bisexual, Transgender,
Straight Community

The Beginning

SpectrUM formally known as the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Community (GLBC) was created in 1992. SpectrUM works on providing a safe and supportive environment for students, regardless of their sexual orientation or identification.

Primarily a social organization, SpectrUM holds a number of events and programs geared towards promoting friendship, education, and acceptance within the campus community, both straight and queer.



Here and Now

SpectrUM holds weekly meetings that serve as a time for members of UM's GLBT community to meet and mingle in a safe environment, as well as be informed on events, committees, and political causes that effect the gay community. Activities for each week are planned by the Executive Board. Weekly activities for the group have included:

- Movie Night
- Bowling Night
- Game Night
- Arts & Crafts Night
- Coffee Talk

A weekly e-mail is sent out to members through spectrUM's listserv, notifying members about the group's planned activities. The website is also updated to reflect any future events planned for the group.

EVENTS

Aside from the weekly meetings, spectrUM arranges and hosts two major campus events: Coming Out Week (COW) for the Fall Semester, and Spring Education Week (SEW) for the Spring Semester.

For Coming Out Week, activities are planned around the National Coming Out Day, and members of the UM community are invited to participate in events such as the famous Candle Light Vigil held in remembrance of Hate Crimes and the campus-wide Coming Out Day.

During Spring Education Week, activities are planned around the National Day of Silence, and members of the UM community are invited to participate in events such as the soundless Day of Silence, followed by "Breaking the Silence" block party!

Who Are Your Executive Officers?

President: _____

Vice-President: _____

Secretary: _____

Treasurer: _____

Senator: _____

Who Are Your Committee Chairs?

OUTspoken UM: _____

Public Relations: _____

Outreach & Education: _____

Support Group: _____

* SpectrUM holds office hours which are staffed by the Executive Board and office assistances, giving all members and non-members alike an opportunity to have lunch, do work, or socialize in a safe environment.

SpectrUM's Committees

OUTspoken UM

This bi-partisan organization is the political monitor of spectrUM. OUTspoken has assisted with campaigns, participated with the AIDS walk, lobbied against legislative issues that hinder the movement for homosexuals, and advocated same-sex marriages with "Marriages At The Rock".

Public Relations

The advertising powerhouse for spectrUM events, programs, and informative dissemination. This Committee creates and designs banners, fliers, newspaper publications, PSA, etc.

Outreach and Education

Undertakes the planning and implementation of all spectrUM events, programs and fundraisers such as Coming Out Week and Spring Education Week. Also coordinates potential co-sponsorship working with other student organizations and allowing spectrUM to participate in wider

Support Group

For those who still feel uncomfortable about sharing their sexuality or feel that a smaller, more supportive environment would be more appropriate for them, spectrUM sponsors a support group held in the campus Counseling Center. The support Group serves as a positive, non-condemning, and 100% confidential environment for those uncomfortable with large group situations.

Safe Space UM

Working with faculty and student leaders, spectrUM has identified allies within the UM community, both straight and gay, to provide support to members of the gay community outside spectrUM. Offices and buildings have been designated as 'Safe Spaces' by the group to serve as "safe-houses" for non-straight students, and also as a sign of support from within the UM community.