

PFLAG Madison

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Meeting Place:

Friends Meeting House, 1704 Roberts Court, Madison, WI

Meeting:

2:00 to 4:00 PM, 3rd Sunday of the month, Sept. to May

National PFLAG Website: <http://www.pflag.org>



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Founded in 1973, PFLAG is the first and largest organization dedicated to supporting, educating, and advocating for LGBTQ+ people and their families.

Next Meeting - Sunday, January 19, 2025 - 2:00PM

Our guest speaker will be Eric Ely-Ledesma who is currently a Teaching Faculty and Research Administrator in the Information School at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He received a PhD in Information from the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Information School. His teaching and research focus on diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility in academic libraries. His research centers students and explores the role of libraries – academic and public – in the lives of college students. He teaches courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels and his teaching experience includes foundations of library and information studies, library services to diverse populations, and information in contemporary society.

2:00 - 3:00PM Guest Speaker Eric Ely-Ledesma, PhD, Research Administrator & Teaching Faculty, UW Madison

3:00 - 4:00PM Optional Sharing/Support time

Overflow parking is free and available next to the Madison Public Library, 1705 Monroe St. Everyone is welcome!



Meeting Summary - December 15, 2024

Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford both entertained and inspired us. As a well-known comedian, her spunk and sense of humor was on display as she shared with us her past and current lives. She was born and raised in Texas in an Evangelical family and eventually found her way to Madison where she was at last able to transition and be herself. In 2023 she became the first transgender woman elected to office in Madison and currently serves on the Common Council as Alder for District 15 on Madison's Eastside. In addition to public service and comedy, she leads faith-based "Light of Love Fellowship". While talking about her spiritual leadership, she shared with us her profound hopefulness for the future of all of us that was very inspirational.

Book & Movie Suggestions

If you have suggestions on references, reading material or movies, please let us know: pflagmadison@gmail.com.

In-Person Meetings Resume

We're excited about the topics for 2024-25 that have been scheduled so far and encourage your ideas. Meetings will be January 19, February 16, March 16, and May 18. Because of Easter, there will be no meeting April 20.

Speaker meetings are held from 2:00 - 3:00PM followed by an optional hour of sharing/support time at 1704 Roberts Ct, Madison. Overflow parking free and available at the Madison Public Library, 1705 Monroe St. Everyone is welcome and we looking forward to see you.

Membership Renewal

Annual dues, \$30 per person or \$40 per couple are due October 1, 2024. See the membership form at

<https://www.pflag-madison.org/MembershipCurrent.pdf>

and submit payment online through our website "donate" button or send your payment directly to our Treasurer, Paul Wertsch, 4221 Venetian Ln, Madison, WI 53718.

When submitting payments using PayPal or credit cards, please provide the following information via email to Paul Wertsch, Treasurer, pwertsch@gmail.com:

- Your complete name, mailing address for a tax receipt, and email address to receive the monthly newsletter.
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A lot of people like snow.
I find it to be unnecessary freezing of water.

John Geddes