

**Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance of Washington, DC**

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## **GLAA Announces 2014 Distinguished Service Awards**

The Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance of Washington, D.C., is pleased to announce its 2014 Distinguished Service Award recipients. GLAA presents awards to local individuals and organizations that have served the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community in the national capital area. The awards will be presented at **GLAA's 43rd Anniversary Reception** on Wednesday, **April 30** from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Policy Restaurant and Lounge at 1904 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW (at T Street). Tickets are \$55 and can be purchased at <http://www.glaa.org/anniversary/> or calling (202) 667-5139; a range of donor levels is also available.

GLAA's 2014 Distinguished Service Award recipients are:

- Jerry Clark
- Alison Gill
- Earl D. Fowlkes, Jr.

**Jerry Clark** is Chair of the D.C. Statehood Coalition, political director of D.C. for Democracy, and a board member of the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence. He has served as a trustee for the Law and Society Association, co-chair of the Whitman-Walker spring gala, and member of the Democratic National Committee's Gay and Lesbian Leadership Council. He has served on the board of directors of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, including as co-chair. He was appointed to the Mayor's Committee on the Fiftieth Anniversary of the March on Washington. He earned his J.D. from the University of Chicago and his undergraduate degree from Princeton. He is a health benefits consultant.

**Alison Gill** is Government Affairs Director at The Trevor Project, the leading national organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to LGBTQ youth, where she coordinates advocacy for LGBTQ youth mental health and well-being through policy initiatives at the federal, state, and local level. Prior to joining The Trevor Project, Alison was Public Policy Manager at the Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network (GLSEN), where she focused on state and local safe schools policy issues. Alison also engages in local trans advocacy in Washington, DC, through Trans Legal Advocates of Washington (TransLAW). Alison is a graduate of Rutgers University, and received her J.D. from the George Washington University Law School.

**Earl D. Fowlkes, Jr.** is President and CEO of the Center For Black Equity, Inc. (formerly the International Federation of Black Prides), the only Black LGBT international organization in the world. Earl founded IFBP in 1999 as a coalition of Black Pride organizers the United States, Canada, United Kingdom and South Africa to promote a multinational network of LGBT Pride and community-based organizations. There are over thirty Black Pride events with over 450,000 attendees each year. IFBP became the Center For Black Equity in 2012 with an expanded mission "to promote a multinational LGBT network dedicated to improving health and wellness opportunities, economic empowerment, and equal rights while promoting individual and collective work, responsibility, and self-determination." Earl previously served as executive director of the DC Comprehensive AIDS Resources and Education Consortium (DC CARE Consortium) and Damien Ministries. He was licensed as a Social Worker in New Jersey, and has worked on HIV/AIDS and LGBT issues for twenty-five years. Earl serves on seven nonprofit boards, and is chair of Mayor Vincent Gray's GLBT Advisory Committee. Earl attended Rutgers University with degrees in history and business.

A list of previous award winners can be found on the GLAA website at [www.glaa.org/resources/awardshistory.shtml](http://www.glaa.org/resources/awardshistory.shtml).

Founded in 1971, the Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance of Washington (GLAA) is an all-volunteer, non-partisan, non-profit political organization that defends the civil rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in the Nation's Capital. GLAA lobbies the D.C. Council, monitors government agencies, educates and rates local candidates, and works in coalitions to defend the safety, health, and equal rights of LGBT families. GLAA remains the nation's oldest continuously active gay and lesbian civil rights organization.

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