



# LAVENDER CAUCUS



## LAVENDER CAUCUS MONTHLY MEETING

**Wednesday, March 13**

**5:30 - 6 p.m. (Dinner) and 6 - 8 p.m. (Meeting)**

Union Office, 5228 E. Pine Ave.—Unity Hall

*(Off Peach between Olive & McKinley)*

**Please RSVP at (559) 447-2579**

*Meetings are held the **2nd Wednesday** of each month*

### Agenda:

- Meet & Greet
- Guest Speaker: Melissa Knight (*see her bio on back*)
  - LGBT Civil Rights
  - LGBT Sensitivity in the Workplace

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### **FUTURE MEETING DATES:**

- April 10
- May 8
- June 12

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# GUEST SPEAKER

## Melissa Knight

Melissa Knight brings a strong background in the fields of organizational psychology and public relations, with a keen focus on the complexities of diversity. Ms. Knight's diverse educational background, private, public and nonprofit work experiences. A nationally-certified trainer (BoardSource *and* Achieve Global), specializing in diversity, strategic planning, public affairs, communication. Ms. Knight is completing a doctorate in Organizational Development at Alliant International University (2013), holds a Master's in Organizational Behavior from the California School of Professional Psychology (1996), and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism / Public Relations and minors in African American Studies and Women's Studies from California State University, Fresno (1992).

Ms. Knight has been a **faculty member** in the **Women's Studies Program of the College of Social Sciences** at California State University, Fresno since 1999, and adjunct faculty at Fresno City College since 1996. Ms. Knight's areas of pedagogical expertise and scholarship include *women and leadership, women, violence and public policy, women's health and wellness*, including *breast health, HIV/AIDS and STI /STD prevention, and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning and Intersex Studies*, all with an intersectional emphasis on the unique position of *women of color, poor women and women with disabilities*.

Community service is an integral part of Ms. Knight's life. Over the years she has served on multiple state, county and city boards and commissions and on the board of directors of several human service nonprofit organizations focusing on issues pertaining to women, children and families. She is passionate about civil rights for all people, and works diligently to that end on behalf of persons with disabilities, women, people of color, the LGBT community, and poor/indigent persons. She is a past president the **Central California AIDS Foundation** board, a member of the University's **Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Task Force** for six years, and serving as *Grand Marshall* for the *Fresno Rainbow Pride Parade* in 2005.

A lifelong resident of the Central San Joaquin Valley, Ms. Knight currently resides in Fresno with her children, ages 24 and 16, and their rescue dogs, Cozy and Peanut.