

#fiveFilms4freedom – New York City Speakers

Mike Roemer, Group Head of Compliance, Barclays



Mike Roemer is the Group Head of Compliance and Executive Sponsor of the LGBT agenda. He joined Barclays in January 2012 as the Head of Barclays Internal Audit.

He has a BS degree in Accounting from St. John's University and completed the Tuck Executive Program at the Tuck School of Dartmouth College in 1998.

Michael joined Barclays from CIT Group where he was the Chief Auditor, reporting directly to the Board Audit Committee and having global responsibility for CIT Group's internal audit function.

Michael has 27 years' experience in internal audit, with 23 years of that time spent at JPMorgan Chase. Michael currently serves on the Advisory Board of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Metro New York where he is Audit Committee Chair. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Ronald McDonald House of New York, Inc. where he is also Audit Committee Chair.

Ambassador Matthew Rycroft, UK Mission to the United Nations



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Matthew Rycroft CBE is the British Permanent Representative to the United Nations

From March 2011, Matthew was the FCO's Chief Operating Officer. In that role he oversaw the running of the FCO and its network of 270 posts around the world.

Matthew was born on 16 June 1968, and brought up in Southampton and Cambridge. He has a degree in maths and philosophy from Merton College, Oxford.

Matthew joined the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in 1989. After a few months at the UN in Geneva and then on the NATO desk in London, he spent four years in the British Embassy in Paris.

In 1995-96 Matthew was head of the political section of Eastern Adriatic Department in the FCO. In this role he was a member of the British delegation to the Dayton peace talks on Bosnia.

After two years in the FCO's Policy Planning Staff covering European and trans-Atlantic issues and brief secondments to the US State Department and US Congress, Matthew joined the British Embassy in Washington, following US domestic politics from 1998 to 2002.

From 2002 to 2004, Matthew was Private Secretary to the Prime Minister for Foreign Affairs, covering all foreign, European, Northern Ireland and defence issues in No10. He received a CBE for this work.

He was British Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina from 2005 and the FCO Europe Director from 2008.

Charles Radcliffe, Director, UN Free & Equal Campaign



Charles Radcliffe is head of Global Issues and Intergovernmental Affairs at the United Nations Human Rights Office in New York. He also serves as senior UN human rights adviser on sexual orientation and gender identity, and directs UN Free & Equal -- a global United Nations campaign for lesbian, gay, bi, trans and intersex equality. Prior to joining the UN in 2006, Charles helped found and develop the International Crisis Group, serving for seven years as the organization's vice-president.

Jessica Stern, Executive Director, OutRight Action International



Jessica Stern leads the only US-based LGBTIQ non-profit with status to consult at the United Nations. After over 25 years working all over the world to change hearts, minds and laws on LGBTIQ issues, OutRight is the longest running non-profit to do truly global work - focusing on the Global South in Asia, the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean as well as Africa. OutRight's work ranges from changing laws in the Philippines to security trainings for activists in Tunisia and Turkey and from altering media frames in Iran to supporting activists in Uganda; it both works on the ground directly with activists as well as side-by-side with agencies and governments at the UN to make global policy changes that affect so many lives in our community. OutRight holds an annual conference and week of advocacy at the UN December 3-10, culminating in the annual OutSummit (coinciding with International Human Rights Day), bringing activists together with international and national leaders to plan and organize for the year ahead. Visit OutSummit.org to learn more.

Siri Rødnes, filmmaker



Born and raised in Edinburgh, Scotland, Siri Rødnes is a director and writer of fiction whose films thrive on stylized metaphor. Rødnes got her MA in Directing Fiction from the National Film and Television school and has participated in the Berlinale Talent Campus, Edinburgh International Film Festival and Reykjavik International Film Festival Talent Labs. Her short film, *Take Your Partners*, was one of those chosen for the online LGBT film festival "Five Films 4 Freedom." Rødnes' other short films include *Grimm Street*, for which lead actor Sarah Miele won Best Female Performance at the 2016 BAFTA Scotland New Talent Awards, as well as *Asking For It*. She is currently working on her debut feature film, *Nine Lives*.

Ross Murray, Director International Programmes, GLAAD



Ross Murray is GLAAD's Director of Programs, focusing on global and the US South. The GLAAD Global Voices program aims to build support for LGBT equality across the globe by sharing culture-changing stories of LGBT people and families in national and international media. The GLAAD Southern Stories initiative tells the stories of LGBT people and their allies in the South to create that cultural shift.

Ross works with individuals and organizations who are bringing LGBT equality to their own environments through their advocacy or their mere presence. He helps them craft a media strategy and prepares to be able to tell that story effectively, and in a way that calls others to action.

Ross has been consecrated as a deacon in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, with a specific calling to advocate for LGBT people and to bridge the LGBT and faith communities.

Ross has secured national media interest in stories that bring examples of LGBT equality across diverse communities in America. He specializes in relationship between religion and LGBT people. He has written and appeared on numerous media outlets, including CNN, MSNBC, Al Jazeera, The Washington Post, Huffington Post, and Religion News Service. In 2014, he was named one of Mashable's "10 LGBT-Rights Activists to Follow on Twitter."

Ross is also a founder and director of The Naming Project, a faith-based camp for LGBT youth and their allies. The Naming Project has also been the subject of much media, including the award-winning film Camp Out, as well as the controversial episode "Pray the Gay Away?" of Our America with Lisa Ling.

Jon Hurst, Director of the LGBTQ Student Center, New York University



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Jon Hurst is the Director of the LGBT Student Center at New York University. Previously, Jon served for three years as the Director of the LGBT Resource Center at the University of Georgia, where he was responsible for conceptualizing, developing, and overseeing the implementation of LGBTQIA education, outreach and advocacy programs. Prior to his time at the University of Georgia, his professional experience included positions in Wellness Education Services at the University at Buffalo, Enrollment Management at Central State University, 6 years of nonprofit work in the area of HIV/ AIDS Education, Outreach and Prevention, as well as a stint in electoral politics as a campaign staffer for then Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin.

Jon is a social justice educator and experienced student affairs practitioner committed to student success and providing safe sustainable spaces of self-discovery and life affirming student experiences. A member of the Consortium of Higher Education LGBT Resource Professionals, and past member of the planning committee for the National Creating Change Conference in Atlanta, GA, he also served on the board of directors of the Northeast LGBT Conference and as an executive board member for Athens Boybutante AIDS Foundation.