

# RIVER HUNTER VOORIS, PhD (they/them)

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## SUMMARY

10 + years in education and the summer camp industry. Experienced workshop facilitator, youth mentor, curriculum developer, and researcher, with substantial experience working with LGBTQ youth. Fluent in Spanish. Intermediate knowledge of ASL.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Co-Facilitator of PFLAG Weekly Youth Group** 2020-present  
Salisbury PFLAG, Zoom

- Co-Lead zoom meetings for youth aged 11-18, and facilitate discussion (verbal and text)
- Create space for youth to build friendships and a sense of community
- Provide mental health support and information about gender and sexuality

**Chair of Women's, Transgender, and Queer Studies** 2022-2024  
Wells College

- Managed the program budget
- Revised and updated major and minor curriculum
- Taught all the core WTQS courses, and advised all majors and minors
- Collaborated with colleagues to create student programming on campus

**Assistant Professor of Women's Studies and LGBTQ Studies** 2012-2022  
UMD, Amherst, Dickinson, DePauw University

- Developed courses about feminist, anti-racist, and LGBTQ history
- Facilitated discussion, assess learning through writing, and archival projects
- Collaborated with colleagues on curriculum, field-trips, film-series, and social events

**Camp Aranu'tiq Art Director and Bunk Counselor** (July/August) 2015-2019  
Harbor Camps, New Hampshire

- Created arts curriculum for Camp Seneb (kids w/ dwarfism) & Aranu'tiq (trans kids)
- Taught kids age 3-16 about self-expression with fiber arts, paint, clay, collage, etc.
- Managed total of 10-15 Art counselors; supervised teams of 2-4 counselors per class

**Brave Trails LGBTQ Leadership Camp, Admin** August 2019  
Maryland

- Provided administrative support to exec board and counselors
- Organized workshop materials, set-up and broke down workshop sites, and
- Led a workshop on LGBTQ History

**LGBT Equity Center Affiliate Staff** August 2015- May 2016  
University of Maryland, College Park

- Organized weekly discussions for *Safe Space* & monthly potlucks/game/movie nights
- Conducted outreach across campus; collaborated with other campus orgs

## VOLUNTEER/ORGANIZING EXPERIENCE

**Bucknell's LGBTQA Alumni Association, co-president** 2011-2014, 2017- 2024

**Showing Up for Racial Justice: Greenline Chapter, co-founder** 2016-2018

**Interventions: A Feminist Symposium, Planning and Grant Writing** 2013, 2015

## EDUCATION

**PhD in Women's Studies, University of MD, College Park** 2016

**MA in Women's Studies, University of MD, College Park** 2014

**BA in English & Women's and Gender Studies, Bucknell University** 2009

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

2024 “Creating Gender-Inclusive Spaces” *Housatonic Valley Waldorf School*. Connecticut.

2023 “Gender Diversity!!” United Ministries of Aurora Community Workshop, New York.

“Explaining Gender” Poplar Ridge Quaker Friends Meeting Diversity Workshop, New York.

“Disability Inclusive Pedagogy Workshop” *National Women's Studies Association*, Baltimore, MD

2022 “Accessibility Beyond the ADA” *Faculty Development Workshop*. DePauw University.

2021 “Queering Pedagogy and LGBTQ Inclusion in the Classroom.” *Faculty Development Workshop*. DePauw University.

“Creating Gender-Inclusive Spaces in Elementary School” Teacher Development Training. *The Primrose School*. New York.

2020 “Trans History Art Workshop for Middle-Schoolers” *Gender Conference NYC*. October.

2019 “Gender 101/Talking with Children about Gender.” Dimensions of Gender Event. *Housatonic Valley Waldorf School*. Connecticut.

2017 “Self-Care for LGBTQ Youth” (co-facilitator) *Leading With Pride Conference*. McKinney High School, Washington DC.

2016 “There’s a ‘Boy’ in the Girls’ Locker Room” Addressing Concerns about Trans Students in School. *Baltimore Student Diversity Leadership Conference*. Maryland.

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Vooris, J. “When Did You Know You Were Straight? Teaching With The Heterosexual Questionnaire.” *Radical Teacher*. Vol. 118. University of Pittsburgh Press. 2021.