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Are We Post-Gay Yet? Changing LGBTQ Communities and Kinship

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Presented by

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In an era of marriage equality and increasing visibility for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) people, is LGBTQ community needed these days? To answer this question, Dr. Clare Forstie will discuss results from her research with

LGBTQ people and allies in a small, Midwestern

city where drag shows were hugely popular but gay bars had closed in recent years. Although the rural Midwest may seem "hostile" to LGBTQ people, participants explained that they felt "safe" but unable to find a sense of community and friendship in their small city. Results suggest some similarities between LGBTQ communities in the rural Midwest and Long Island, and Dr. Forstie will challenge assumptions about acceptance and safety in seemingly inclusive spaces.

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