

Peter S. Theodore, PhD: Biographical Summary

Peter Theodore graduated from Lafayette College in 1997 with a bachelor-of-science degree in psychology, after having completed his honors thesis research on homophobia as a defense against perceived inadequacies about one's sense of masculinity among college-aged males. During college, he led the college's student group—Friends of Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals (FLAGB) as the only openly gay student on campus during his time at Lafayette, and he was active in college theater. Since his time at Lafayette, Peter earned his Ph.D. from the University of Miami in clinical psychology, he directed a methamphetamine-abuse treatment program designed for gay and bisexual men, for his post-doctoral work, and he is currently a licensed, practicing psychologist in Los Angeles and an associate professor in the Clinical Psychology Ph.D. Program of the California School of Professional Psychology. He continues to research the intersection of substance use disorders and HIV-risk behaviors among sexual and gender diverse communities, and trains others in providing LGBT-Affirmative and trauma-informed therapies. He recently accepted an offer to join AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA) Health as a psychologist and behavioral health specialist.