CAUCUSES

Lawyers, Legal Professionals, and Policy Advocates Meetup
Get to know others working in the legal field and policy work.
Track: Allyship, Corporate/Career/Professional Development, Legal/ Law/ Policy
Presenters
Michael Nguyen, Chair, GAPA
John Nguyen, Political Action Committee Chair, GAPA

Proud of Our Family
LGBTQ API parents will talk about all the ways in which people perceive our families, reflect on how this impacts us and learn new skills on how best to respond. This will be a space for people to share personal experiences, joys and struggles of parenting, family acceptance, parenting roles, and share coping strategies in the face of various oppressions in our lives and family journeys. This group is open to kids, LGBTQ API parents, and expecting/potential parents.
Track: Parents/Family
Presenters
Our Family Coalition

Queer Professionals
Navigating the corporate world as your authentic self
Track: Corporate/Career/Professional Development
Presenters
Ty Lim, GAPA Foundation

Towards a Half-Century of Queer AAPI Organizing: A Strategy Session
Queer AAPI organizing has evolved since the 1970s. This history both offers lessons and raises new questions for today’s activists, about priorities and inclusion, culture change, and coalition building, to name a few. Activists and historians Alice Y. Hom and Eric C. Wat will share examples from their work dealing with identity-based, HIV/AIDS, marriage equality, and trans rights movements and facilitate a discussion about strategies for organizing Queer AAPI communities in the next half-century.
Track: Allyship, Identity/Culture, Organizing, History
Presenters
Eric C. Wat, Community Historian & Activist
Alice Y. Hom, Soros Equality Fellow

You’ve Got To Be Kidding Me! Expanding Our Families With Babies and More
This networking caucus brings together folks with children and folks interested in growing their families through having, fostering or adopting little ones. Come to share stories and advice about conceiving via sperm donors or surrogates, being a single or partnered queer parent, parenting while trans, and more, or just come to listen and learn.
Track: Parents/Family
Presenters
Mandy Hu
Alison Lin, APIENC
Poona Kapoor
Nina Chantalat
Monica Davis
Christopher Punongbayan

Adoptee Caucus
Being adopted is a complicated experience. While many of us may have been adopted into loving families, there is no denying the trauma of being taken from one's birth family and country. Within this caucus, queer and trans adoptees will have an opportunity to connect with one another and discuss the complexities of our lives. Discussion topic will be lead by the group.
Track: Ethnic focus (e.g., South Asians, Southeast Asians, West Asian/Middle Eastern, Pacific Islander), Gender (e.g., Women, Feminism, Men, Masculinity, Trans), Health & Wellness, Identity/Culture, International Issues, Organizing, Parents/Family, Religion/Faith, Youth, Support

Presenters
Grace Nichols, Southerns On New Ground
So-Yung Mott
Liv Lunardo

Filipinx Caucus
This caucus is for Filipin@ leaders to come together to discuss leadership development, civic engagement, and advocacy in the Filipin@ American community.

Track: Ethnic focus (e.g., South Asians, Southeast Asians, West Asian/Middle Eastern, Pacific Islander)

Presenters
Jason Tengco, National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA)

Giving Circles Caucus
This networking caucus is for only members and donors of API LGBTQ Giving Circles to learn from each other, discuss different models, share structural and operational challenges and best practices, and how to make impact grants with high return. A workshop for grant seekers of those interested in starting an API LGBTQ Giving Circle should attend the public workshop.

Track: Corporate/Career/Professional Development, Identity/Culture, Organizational Development, Fundraising

Presenters
Alice Y. Hom, National LGBTQ API Giving Circle
A. Sparks, Executive Director, Masto Foundation

Korean Queer & Trans* Caucus for Folx of the Korean Diaspora
A safe space for LGBTQ-identified people of Korean descent and parents of LGBTQ Korean children to meet and network, find support, discuss relevant issues, and learn about work being done by queer and trans Korean community organizations

Track: Ethnic focus (e.g., South Asians, Southeast Asians, West Asian/Middle Eastern, Pacific Islander), Identity/Culture

Presenters
Min Cho, KQTcon, GAPA Foundation
Jackie Kim, KQTcon
John Won, KQTcon

More than Enough: Multiracial/Biracial Caucus
Even being in a QTAPI space at the National Conference, sometimes, it’s hard to still be fully seen. This caucus is a CLOSED SPACE for those who self-identify as multiracial/biracial. Facilitated by two biracial Chinese/white Chicagoans, they understand that their voices are not the only experience. Participants are encouraged to transform the space into whatever they need, but the facilitators will bring in some questions to get us brainstorming. This space exists to validate your full selves, to be seen as more than what people perceive you as, and to find community with one another.

Track: Ethnic focus (e.g., South Asians, Southeast Asians, West Asian/Middle Eastern, Pacific Islander), Identity/Culture

Presenters
Tia Adams, former Program Assistant, NQAPIA
Liz Haas, Invisible to Invincible: API Pride of Chicago

Parents/Caregivers of LGBTQ+ Children Caucus
This will be a space for parents and caregivers of API LGBTQ+ people to connect, share experiences, and support each other

Track: Allyship, Parents/Family

Presenters
Laurin Mayeno, Consultant/Author, mother of gay son
Sung Tse, mother of trans masculine son
Polyamory Caucus
This caucus is for people who are living in alternative relationship structures like polyamory, non-monogamy, open relationships and solo polyamory. This will be a space where we can have honest talk about managing jealousy, creating poly families, building relationship agreements, finding balance and staying committed. We will talk about the aspects of polyamorous relationships that the caucus is most interested in exploring.
Track: Sex/Sexual Liberation
Presenters
Asha Leong, Sexual Liberation Collective, Dreaming Desires

QT Healers Meet-up
This caucus is intended for queer & trans movement healers (both practicing and aspiring) to share space and healing & disability justice strategies as we work toward collective liberation. What healing work have you brought into movement spaces? What do you do to keep yourself grounded and healthy as you hold space for others? What is our responsibility as healers to one another and our communities, and how can we deepen our access intimacy and interdependence? Also, let's eat snacks & stay hydrated together.
Track: Health & Wellness, Organizing, healing justice, disability justice
Presenters
Audrey Kuo, NQAPIA Program Steering Committee, Healing Justice LA, VigilantLOVE

Queer & Transgender Asian Masculinity
This is for folks of Asian descent who identify as transmen, gender non-conforming, non binary, masculine of center, trans-masculine, butch, female-to-male (FTM) and more.
Track: Gender (e.g., Women, Feminism, Men, Masculinity, Trans), Identity/Culture, Organizing
Presenters
Total Nguyen, QTAsian Masculinity Meetup
Eli Chi, QTAsian Masculinity Meetup

Queer Middle Eastern and North African Caucus
Queer Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) people are organizing and mobilizing across the nation. Join fellow MENA queers as we share stories and learn from each other's experiences as well as share ideas for building a strong national (and international) movement of MENA Queers. If you are Queer and Arab, Kurdish, Iranian, Turkish, Assyrian, Berber, Middle Eastern and/or North African, we invite you to join us for this very important conversation. (Please note this is a closed and Zionism-free space.)
Track: Ethnic focus (e.g, South Asians, Southeast Asians, West Asian/Middle Eastern, Pacific Islander)
Presenters
Christina Chala

Trans and Gender Nonconforming Caucus
This is a closed affinity caucus for people who identify as transgender, gender nonconforming, nonbinary, or otherwise not cis to discuss and process the conference.
Track: Gender (e.g., Women, Feminism, Men, Masculinity, Trans)
Presenters
Trans Justice Working Group