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**Dr. Beth Firestein to speak at Antioch University Los Angeles**

*Leading voice in Bisexual Psychology will appear at the Culver City campus on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009*

CULVER CITY, CA – April 17, 2009 – The LGBT Specialization in Clinical Psychology at Antioch University Los Angeles will sponsor an evening with Dr. Beth Firestein, renowned psychologist, bisexuality expert, and editor of *Becoming Visible: Counseling Bisexuals Across the Lifespan*, (Columbia University Press, 2007). The free public event will take place on Tuesday May 5, 2009 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Culver City campus.

Her talk is entitled “Bisexual Realities: Intersections of Sex and Culture” and will feature a question and answer discussion period. According to Dr. Firestein, her talk will focus on how “... bisexuality deconstructs cultural myths of duality, providing the spaciousness needed to allow individuals to define and redefine their identities and relationships” and how “bisexual, queer and gender fluid realities provide all of us with refreshing and sometimes startling vantage points for expanding dialogue around contemporary issues of sex and culture.”

Antioch University Los Angeles’ LGBT Specialization Director Douglas Sadowick, Ph.D. will open the event, and LGBT Specialization Associate Professor Steven David, Ph.D. will introduce Dr. Firestein.

“Beth Firestein is one of the few leaders in the area of Bisexual Psychology,” adds Dr. David, “This opportunity to learn from, and interact with her should not be missed.”

Beth Firestein is a licensed psychologist in private practice in Loveland, Colorado. She specializes in providing therapy and consultation services to the bisexual, lesbian, gay and transgender communities and others living alternative lifestyles. She is the author of two books on bisexuality as well as a number of book chapters and journal articles. Her newest book, *Becoming Visible: Counseling Bisexuals Across the Lifespan* expands perspectives on sexual orientation and gender diversity.

The event is scheduled to take place in room A1000 of AULA’s Culver City campus, located at 400 Corporate Pointe. There is no charge for the event, and refreshments will be served.

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