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OUT at UCSF IN our communities

Jennifer has been with UCSF since 2005 and OUT for 13 years. She identifies as a queer woman of Eastern European decent. Jennifer serves the research mission of UCSF as postdoctoral scholar in the department

of pathology, where she conducts molecular biology research. She is interested in epigenetics, studying the regulation of gene expression at the epigenetic level.

What she likes about working at UCSF:

UCSF is a world-renowned health science research institute. I am lucky to be here. I also love San Francisco. I love working in the Mission and having gay and lesbian co-workers! It's *awesome!*

How Jennifer is OUT, IN the UCSF Community:

I'm out everywhere. At UCSF, I am now a contact for AlliedOUT, a group for LGBTI fellows, postdocs and residents to connect and have our specific needs met in the UCSF community. I really like events that make everyone feel included!

How Jennifer is OUT, IN the community:

I go out to queer events such as the entire pride weekend lineup from trans march to the dyke march to the pride parade and festival on Sunday. I have marched in parades and other political

events. I'm physically identifiable as queer and I am honest with myself and others about my sexuality.

How she defines community:

A group of people that feel a common connection together.

Communities with which Jennifer identifies:

LGBTI, queer, women, gender-queer/trans, scientific, artistic.

What she considers her most OUTstanding, INcredible achievement:

Running a half-marathon.

Jennifer's role models:

My mom. She has always been my best friend. Also, my middle school English teacher, because he made me feel special. I think he's amazing because he made each of us feel like we were the

most special one of all—I still feel that way.

How Jennifer would change UCSF to improve the quality of life for LGBTI people:

Have more networking and mentorship opportunities for everyone in the LGBTI/UCSF community.

How she would change the LGBTI community:

We do a lot of things that mirror the straight community. I think our power is in the fact that we don't have to follow those rules anymore. I think that's the connection we can make with people in the straight community—help everyone think out-of-the-box. Making connections outside our community is actually the way we'll eventually improve our quality of life. That is how we will eventually tear down discrimination and get the rights we deserve.

UCSF LGBT Visibility Project

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