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OUT at UCSF IN our communities

Julie has been a UCSF employee since 1998. She has been OUT since she was 22 and identifies as a mixed race black/white bisexual woman. She considers Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to be her home town.

Julie serves the missions of UCSF as Web Developer in Public Affairs at UCSF. The Public Affairs office provides coverage of newsworthy developments taking place in all areas of UCSF.

What she likes about working at UCSF:

I love living and working in San Francisco, which is a beautiful city and supportive of all kinds of lifestyles. I like that I work for an organization with a mission of advancing health, and not just another company competing to make better-selling widgets.

How Julie is OUT, IN the UCSF Community:

I feel free here to talk about being bisexual and about alternate lifestyle choices. I have met many out queer people here and feel that UCSF is very supportive in this area.

How Julie is OUT, IN the community?

The great thing about living in San Francisco is that it is so welcoming to

people of different kinds of lifestyles. However, bisexuals like myself who are married to a member of the opposite sex can be invisible, and are sometimes met with distrust by the queer community. So I am open about being bi and answer questions about my lifestyle honestly when anyone asks.

Communities with which she identifies:

I identify as bisexual and polyamorous. I don't feel the need to seek out bi and poly community events specifically, because I have so many friends who identify that way that they naturally become my community.

How Julie would change UCSF to improve the quality of life for LGBT people:

We could work harder at overturning laws that unfairly prevent many queer

people from donating blood, or at least increase the visibility of this issue during our many blood drives.

How she would change the LGBT community:

Be more welcoming of people who are somewhere in the middle of the Kinsey scale. :-)

UCSF LGBT Visibility Project

The UCSF Visibility Project aims to increase visibility of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender communities at UCSF by profiling faculty, staff, and students who work to support UCSF's mission of patient care, education and research. For podcasts and more information, visit <http://www.ucsf.edu/cge/lgbtr/visibility.htm>