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**OUT at UCSF**  
**IN our communities**



Karon has been a UCSF employee since 2001. She has been out nearly 3 years and identifies as a bisexual woman. Her home town is Oakland. She serves the missions of UCSF as an AAll in pediatric hematology/oncology at the UCSF. As a member of the support staff, she works behind the scenes on projects that facilitate what the doctors and nurses do.

### **What Karon likes about working at UCSF:**

I like being part of something that matters.

### **How Karon is OUT, IN the UCSF Community:**

Aside from being listed on the LGBTI website, I think the only OUT thing that I do is gently remind my coworkers that tolerance is important.

### **How Karon defines community:**

A group of people with common interests and/or requirements

### **What communities Karon identifies with:**

I identify with the LGBTI community, the large person community, the asthma and fibromyalgia sufferers communities.

### **How Karon is OUT IN the community:**

I am what you would call 'very nearly out'. I am out to friends online and to a trusted few at work. I openly discuss gay rights with everyone who will listen, but I don't always come out and say that I'm referring to myself.

### **Karon's cultural heritage:**

I am half Italian, but my features favor my German and Irish blood. I identify most with being Italian, because I grew up surrounded by the Italian part of my family.

### **Who Karon considers her role models:**

I have never given much thought to role models, and have always sort of blazed my own trail.

### **How Karon would change at UCSF to improve the quality of life for LGBT people:**

I don't know; I've never seen any problems with UCSF and the LGBTI community.

### **What Karon would change in the LGBT community to improve the quality of life for LGBT people?**

I would definitely want marriage to be legal for the LGBTI community, and both marriage and domestic partnerships to be recognized equally for all people.

## **UCSF LGBT Visibility Project**

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