

Podcast #2 Transcript

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Jaida Clouden: “Hello everybody, and welcome back to the G&S Podcast. Today, we have a special guest, Bria Glenn, a former G&S intern and a student here at City Tech. During this podcast, Bria will be sharing her insights on the Gender and Sexuality around City Tech. Without further ado, let’s begin this podcast.”

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Jaida Clouden: “Hello, welcome to the podcast. Would you please introduce yourself?”

Bria Glenn: “Hi, my name is Bria. I'm currently a senior at City Tech, and my major is Professional and Technical Writing.”

Jaida Clouden: “Have you taken any G&S classes? If so, which classes were they, and what was your experience like?”

Bria Glenn: “So my minor is in Gender and Sexuality studies. I wanted to explore the idea and the education on Gender and how we view it today and how it exists in you know today's society and I felt like these courses would help me get to that point and it definitely have. So I fulfilled all 12 credits for the minor so I took Blacks in Media, I took Gender, Culture, and Society, Intro to Women Writers, and Studies in Identity and Orientation and each course um offered a different perspective but they all meshed together in the end and in one class when I was finished with that class I would find something to relate it to in another class and I found that they all connected and they all intersected one another and I had a great experience with my Professors um and their ability to make it open conversation and open dialogue between us and um my classmates. There was never a time where we were silenced, or there was any aggression or anything like that. I found that each course I was just learning so much, and my world was being opened in a way that I have never experienced because Gender and Sexuality can be kind of taboo in certain cultural spaces, and so just learning more about it, I go into the world differently, and I experience different people, and I know how to interact with them, and I understand that at the end of the day, we are all humans and we have different experiences we have different feelings but that doesn't change the way we should treat one another.”

Jaida Clouden: “How do you perceive the atmosphere of gender and sexuality on campus?”

Bria Glenn: “City Tech is a commuter school, meaning a lot of people, well, most of the students commute back and forth from home, work, and to the school, and so a lot of times, you know we probably don't take time to sit in the school, and you know, experience the events that are going on and things like that. I feel like because we exist in a city where it is a melting pot, I think in City Tech, there have been advances made to protect Gender and Sexuality diversity. I think we still have ways to go, but I don't think that it's ever been in a negative light. I have never experienced any harsh treatment of anybody that considered themselves outside of the, you know, typical gender identities. I think there could definitely be more of a highlight on Gender and Sexuality.”

Jaida Clouden: “What are your thoughts on the gendered bathrooms on campus? What accommodations do you think the campus should offer for transgender and non-binary students?”

Bria Glenn: “When it comes to transgender and non-binary individuals, who may not feel comfortable going into these gendered bathrooms, and they may not feel comfortable going into the opposite gender bathrooms, there should be a few designated singular bathrooms that can be used for this purpose. I noticed that we have faculty bathrooms and then we have the larger bathrooms for the men's and women's restrooms. Just recognizing that these are spaces that can be occupied not only by women going into a women's restroom, or men going into a men's restroom, but those who are non-binary and those who are transgender, they should feel comfortable to exist in these bathrooms too because that is their right.”

Jaida Clouden: “What events do you think the G&S program should offer?”

Bria Glenn: “As far as events, I think so far, the G&S program has definitely had a lot of creative and fun events. I can't really think of any **right now** at the top of my head, but I think just continuing to put the program out there and make sure people know about the program. I know the program did a t-shirt-making class, which I think is really fun. That can, you know, bring people in and get people to know more about the minor program.”

Jaida Clouden: “Have you taken a look at the G&S Instagram account? If so, what are your thoughts?”

Bria Glenn: “Yes, I've definitely taken a look at the Instagram for the Gender and Sexuality Studies program. I love it, I think it's very colorful, which I think is very important. It pops out as a page. Jaida, I know we've talked about this, you introduced it to us in our internship class, and I immediately followed so I've been keeping up with the events you guys have been having. I know you guys had the Wikipedia Edit-a-thon recently and I think you're doing a great job with updating the page and just keeping us up to date with the announcements. I love the fact that you know there's a highlight for you and Professor Westengard, I think that's very important people know your face and know her face as well

especially because you've put a lot of work into the website and you put a lot of work into the Instagram page.”

Jaida Clouden: “What year were you a G&S intern? What was your experience like? What did you learn?”

Bria Glenn: “So, I was a G&S intern for the Spring semester of between 2022 and 2023. My main responsibility was updating the website, keeping it up to date with the course information and the events, and I definitely liked working with Professor Westengard. I learned editing skills, I learned computer skills, I learned how to edit a website, and worked the functions of OpenLab and WordPress. I hope that I created something that was a great foundation for continuing interns such as you and those who are gonna come after you to have something to work with. That was my intent to create a great foundation and have it be something that can be built upon and continuously updated and just look new and young and vibrant and so I think that was my main intent.”

Jaida Clouden: “What advice would you give to the next intern?”

Bria Glenn: “Any advice I would give to next semester's interns, I would say don't be afraid to think outside the box. Those who've come before you have laid a great foundation for you to build on top of, but there's always more ideas, more ways to do something. Don't be afraid to ask questions, don't be afraid to change things, don't be afraid to research something if you don't know how to work a function or you know create something. So I think just always think about what you can do to make it great and continuing that legacy of the work that has been done before you is really important.”

Jaida Clouden: “Alright, and that was the last question.”

Bria Glenn: “Thank you so much for having me as a guest. I really appreciate it. I definitely did some thinking of my own as I was answering the questions, just going back down memory lane thinking about when I did my internship with Professor Westengard for the G&S Program. Jaida, you have been doing a great job with the internship and just creating great things, and yeah, keep up the great work.”

Jaida Clouden: “Thank you for the kind words, and thank you for joining. This has been episode 2 of the G&S Podcast. Stay tuned for more interviews! This has been Jaida, Bye!”

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