

Episode 44: "Beyond Binaries" Preview
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[00:00:07.62] TORAL PATEL: Hello, this is Toral.

[00:00:08.79] ANTHONY SIS: And this is Anthony.

[00:00:10.26] TORAL PATEL: We wanted to give you a sneak peek at our new series Beyond Binaries.

[00:00:14.67] ANTHONY SIS: Through this series, we will interview Cornell staff who identify as LGBTQ to share what pride means to them and celebrate the diverse lived experiences among members of the LGBTQ community here at Cornell.

[00:00:29.40] TORAL PATEL: You'll hear stories about parenting...

[00:00:31.53] MICHELLE WESCOTT: One thing that has been important for my daughter ever since she was a baby is seeing herself in the books that she's reading. And that means something different as she gets older.

[00:00:43.65] ANTHONY SIS: And stories about culture....

[00:00:45.57] CHRISTIAN BALMASEDA: Machismo played a huge role in the delay in me coming out. I felt like, by me saying that I was a gay man, that I was less than. That I was going to be viewed as not a man.

[00:00:59.58] TORAL PATEL: You'll also hear stories about their upbringing...

[00:01:01.83] COLE JOHNSTON: Pride was something that, at an early age, I was socialized to think very negatively of. So in that sense, it's a word that was very challenging for me initially as I grew older and realized I was gay and what that meant.

[00:01:15.21] ANTHONY SIS: And inspirational journeys around how one comes to accept their own identity...

[00:01:20.70] SUE BRIGHTLY: I have felt nothing but accepted and like I belonged. And that was just magnified when I started going to the CNG meetings, because I'm in my 50s, and I discovered I am not the only one.

[00:01:36.60] TORAL PATEL: This series will be produced in collaboration with Cornell's LGBTQ Colleague Network Group.

[00:01:42.57] ANTHONY SIS: Be sure to subscribe to our show and stay tuned for new episodes every Friday during the month of June. We'll see you soon.

[00:01:50.73] [TORAL AND ANTHONY:] Happy Pride Month!