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**Institute on Aging and UCSF Division of Geriatrics, Northern California Geriatric Education Center present the conference:  
LGBT & Aging: Equality—Opportunities Now**

**San Francisco, CA, October 14, 2013** The third and final part of this groundbreaking conference series, “**LGBT & Aging: Equality—Opportunities Now**” takes place on Wednesday, October 23, 2013, 8 am - 5 pm at Techmart, 5201 Great America Pkwy, #122 Santa Clara, CA 95054.

With the LGBT & Aging conference series, Institute on Aging brings together leaders in LGBT issues and providers to improve their individual and agency level care, their understanding of older LGBT adults, and their approach to serving this community.

"There are an estimated 25,000 older adults living in San Francisco who identify as LGBT. When they were coming of age, they faced years of discrimination, prejudice and harassment in their lives," says *Karyn Skultety, PhD, VP, Home Care and Support Services, at the Institute on Aging*. "Even with the positive changes in our society and laws in the past ten years, LGBT seniors have a hard time trusting that society and service providers will have their best interest at heart." In addition, this climate of discrimination has led not only to higher rates of isolation and poverty (as LGBT families were and to some extent still are discouraged), but also other measurable health disparities.

The striking down of DOMA (Defense of Marriage Act) makes new benefits available to the LGBT community, making it imperative that professional care givers are informed. One of the speakers on the subject of law is Daniel R. Redman, an associate at DLKLawGroup, PC, focusing on elder law. Before coming to DLKLawGroup, Daniel headed up the Del Martin Memorial LGBT Elder Advocacy Initiative at the National Center for Lesbian Rights.

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Additional information and registration is available at [www.ioaging.org/lgbtconf](http://www.ioaging.org/lgbtconf).

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