



### **Tari Muñiz**

Tari Muñiz attended Michigan State University from 1988-1990 and majored in English. She now works for the State of Michigan in the Office of Services to the Aging where she says she does “a lot of training and work with folks in the field of aging services.” She says that she and her colleagues are “trying to define some of the issues about LBGT older adults and how they are different from older adults who are straight.”

She remembers her time at MSU as being extremely busy between academics and her infant son, saying, “It was a lot of work. It required being very mindful. I was also poor, so I had to pick the two days I could afford to have my son in daycare and build my classes around that schedule, or if I could take classes in the evening when my partner was home.”

While she does remember that there was definitely an LBGT presence on campus she said, “It was not organized, at least not in any way that I was aware of.”

However, she now describes herself as “very involved in the lesbian community in Lansing.” Going on to say that she is usually asked to come to MSU to participate on a panel and to talk about her experiences as a member of the LBGT community, “Usually at some point during the school year they ask me to come in as an “old head” and talk about my experiences and I’m always grateful for the opportunity to be in their energy.”

When asked if she had any advice for the current LBGT community at MSU she said, “I don’t know if I have any advice, but I have a lot of admiration... I’m very pleased and proud of the younger queer generation at MSU and the way they’re making their presence and their voices heard and their inclusiveness with communities of color.”