



The Gandhian Forum *for Peace & Justice*
William Paterson University

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Jeanne LoCicero

Deputy Legal Director of the ACLU of New Jersey
speaking on

The Path to Marriage Equality

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Earlier this very semester – on Friday, September 27, 2013 – a state Superior Court Judge ruled that New Jersey's constitution required the Garden State to allow same-sex marriage. Governor Chris Christie immediately announced that he would appeal the ruling to the State Supreme Court. A decade ago, the legalization of same-sex marriage and even of civil unions seemed impossible, yet today we are on the verge of a historic moment.

How did we get to this point? How did the struggle for marriage equality join other great struggles for social justice across the nation and in the Garden State?

We are pleased to have a leading expert and advocate speak to us on this issue. **Jeanne LoCicero** is the Deputy Legal Director of the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey – the local affiliate of the national ACLU – that works throughout the state to defend liberty and fight for equal treatment, fairness, and privacy rights.

She litigates, advocates, and speaks on a wide range of civil liberties issues, including freedom of speech and religion and the rights of LGBT people, youth, and prisoners. She is a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association where she serves in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights Section and the Individual Rights Section. She also serves on the Essex



County LGBTQ Advisory Board. LoCicero began her legal career as a legal fellow at the ACLU of Alabama after graduating with highest honors from Rutgers School of Law – Newark. She then spent three years in private practice in New York and joined the ACLU of New Jersey in 2004. In 2012, she was named a “New Leader of the Bar” by the New Jersey Law Journal.

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