



Pam Spaulding - Biographical Snapshot

Pam Spaulding is the editor and publisher of Pam's House Blend (pamshouseblend.com), honored as "Best LGBT Blog" in the 2005 and 2006 Weblog Awards. The Blend, which averages 110,000 visitors a month, was launched in July 2004 as a personal response to the anti-gay state of the political landscape.

A regular contributor to the progressive blog Pandagon.net, Pam has also guest posted at the national blogs Firedoglake, The Rude Pundit, and has written for *The Independent Weekly*.

With roots in North Carolina and the New York City, Pam considers herself to have "dual citizenship" status as a Southerner and a Yankee – and brings that perspective and voice to her blog, which focuses on current political events, LGBT and women's rights, the influence of the far Right, and race relations.

Pam's House Blend is ranked in the [top 100](#) progressive political blogs. Michael Rogers, editor and publisher of gay blog PageOneQ.com: "Pam is certainly the most important lesbian blogger in America. She's a lesbian in a gay blogging world that is overwhelmingly gay men. She's a blogger as a woman in an overwhelmingly male-dominated world and she's of color and the internet is so skewed to the privileged." Mike Airhart of Ex Gay Watch says, "Thanks to efforts by bloggers such as Spaulding, XGW can spend less time analyzing the religious right and more time focusing on exgays."

Pam has spoken at national forums, and performed the first-ever live-blogging event for the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network's annual dinner in May 2006.

Spaulding has a B.A. in Media Studies from Fordham University and in the non-virtual world, serves as Information Technology Manager at Duke University Press. She is a board member of [The Institute of Southern Studies](#), which publishes the award-winning investigative journalism publication *Southern Exposure*, and the blog Facing South. Pam is on the organization's Media Advisory Group.

She lives Durham, NC with her wife Kate -- [they legally married in Vancouver in 2004](#) -- and their two dogs.

Panel and media appearances, speaking and blog engagements

- **Servicemembers Legal Defense Network's 15th Annual National Dinner** (March 24, 2007). Liveblogging and interviews. [\[Link\]](#)
- **National Black Justice Coalition's Second Annual Black Church Summit** (March 10, 2007). Liveblogging and interviews. [\[Link\]](#)
- **The Agenda with Joe Solomonese** (March 5, 2007). Radio interview on Ann Coulter and 2008 presidential candidates. [\[Link\]](#)
- **Metro Weekly's State of the Movement Panel** (February 22, 2007). Panel discussion about the organized and informal gay rights movement and the next political steps. [\[Link\]](#)
- **Michelangelo Signorile Show** (February 16, 2007). Radio interview on Tim Hardaway and racial tensions over performer Shirley Q. Liquor. [\[Link\]](#)
- **Gay & Lesbian Leadership Institute's International Gay & Lesbian Leadership Conference** (November 18, 2006). Panelist, "Election Strategists Roundtable," with Ari Shapiro of National Public Radio. [\[Link\]](#)
- **CNN Election Night Coverage** (November 7, 2006), invited participant, E-lection Nite Blog Party, covering returns. [\[Link\]](#)
- **John Edwards blogger dinner** (September 14, 2006), invited participant. [\[Link\]](#)
- **National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association's Annual Meeting** (September 9, 2006), panelist, "Advocacy + Personality + Journalism = Blogging." [\[Post\]](#) and [audio link](#)

- **Servicemembers Legal Defense Network's 14th Annual National Dinner** (May 13, 2006) Pam's House Blend provided the first-ever live-blogging coverage of this major event, which presented audio, video and commentary features in real time. [[Link](#)]
- **Southwest Durham Rotary Club** (October 5, 2006), featured speaker, "Blogs - the personal and the professional view."
- **Duke University Medical Center:** (2003-present, three times a year), featured speaker, "Diabetes and PCOS," at the invitation of Ann J. Brown, M.D., director, Academic Program in Women's Health, associate dean for Women in Medicine and Science. [[Link](#)]

Media coverage

- **The Advocate:** "Who's gayer: behind the gay-friendly faces" (April 10, 2007). [[Link](#)]
- **Curve Magazine:** "Out in Front." Profile (November 2006, page 11). [[Link](#)]
- **QNotes:** "Pam Spaulding Durham resident captures nationwide attention with website." Interview (November 4, 2006). [[Link](#)]
- **AfterEllen.com:** "Pam Spaulding Blogs Her Way to the Top." Interview (October 25, 2006) [[Link](#)]
- **Independent Weekly:** "Making it Legal: How same-sex couples can protect themselves." Interview. (September 27, 2006) [[Link](#)]
- **Washington Blade:** "Brewing a spirited debate: Pam Spaulding takes on religious right, gay issues in her blog" (May 24, 2006) [[Link](#)]
- **Duke Today:** "Brewing up a Blend: Employee's blog wins praise from readers" (July 28, 2006) [[Link](#)]
- **MTV.com:** "Diary to the Masses: Blogging Teens Learn Pros and Cons of Publishing to the Web" [[Link](#)]
- **PlanetOut:** "Black gays protest homophobic AIDS concert," [[Link](#)]
- Pam's House Blend was featured on CNN's "**The Situation Room**" (January 30, 2006) [[Link](#)]
- References to Pam's House Blend editorials in electronic media and top blogs include: the [Columbia Journalism Review](#), [Slate](#), [[1](#), [2](#)], [CBS News: Public Eye](#), [The News Blog](#), [Eschaton](#), [Americablog](#), The Hotline's Blogometer [[1](#), [2](#), [3](#)], [Mother Jones](#).

Guest blogging and writing

- *Out in Asheville*, "Former President Gerald Ford Dies," (January, 2007). Print feature. [[Link](#)]
- *Firedoglake*, "Late Night FDL: Educating Wolfie" (April 4, 2006). Guest blogging. [[Link](#)]
- *The Rude Pundit*, "It's all about the sex" (August 4, 2006) Guest blogging. [[Link](#)]
- *The Independent Weekly*, "My how things have changed since Stonewall," (June 21, 2006). Print feature. [[Link](#)]
- *Facing South*, blog of the Institute of Southern Studies. Guest blogging (March 31, 2006). [[Link](#)]
- *And They Cook, Too*, a fundraiser for Doctors Without Borders (Lulu Press). Contributor. [[Link](#)]

Interviews for Pam's House Blend

- **Margaret Cho**, 2006 North Carolina Gay and Lesbian Film Festival (August 10, 2006) [[Link](#)]
- **Tab Hunter**, 2006 North Carolina Gay and Lesbian Film Festival (August 11, 2006) [[Link](#)]
- **Brian Fricke**, former Marine Corps sergeant and Iraq veteran, SLDN Dinner, on "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" (May 13, 2006) [[Link](#)]
- **Lt. General Claudia J. Kennedy** (ret.), the first woman promoted to three-star general in the United States Army, SLDN Dinner (May 13, 2006) [[Link](#)]
- **Virginia Delegate David Englin** on the state of Virginia politics and LGBT rights (April 24, 2006) [[Link](#)]
- **Academy Award-winning actress Marlee Matlin** (March 24, 2007) [[Link](#)]
- **Former American Family Association columnist Joe Murray** (March 24, 2007) [[Link 1](#), [Link 2](#)]

Blog awards

- "Best LGBT Blog" in the 2006 **Weblog Awards**. [[Link](#)]
- "Best LGBT Blog" in the 2005 **Weblog Awards**. [[Link](#)]
- Semi-finalist, 2004 **Koufax Awards**, "Deserving of Wider Recognition" [[Link](#)]

Other awards

- 2006: recipient of the [Distinguished Achievement Award](#) from [The Monette-Horwitz Trust](#) for making significant contributions toward the eradication of homophobia.
- 2005: recipient of the [Paul Green Multimedia Award](#) from the North Carolina Society of Historians, for the Old West Durham Neighborhood Association web site
- 2003: Recipient of the [Duke University Employee Service Award](#) for work with Old West Durham Neighborhood Association, Friends of South Ellerbe Creek and Partners Against Crime.
- 2003: Received national recognition and Certificate of Commendation from the [American Association for State & Local History](#) / History Channel for the Old West Durham Neighborhood Association Web Site (2003) adding to its collection of awards, including: the [Pyne Historical Preservation Award](#) (2000) the statewide [Carraway Preservation Award](#) (2000) and by WRAL in "[Communities Using the Web to Keep Connected](#)" feature (2000)
- 2002: Awarded Old West Durham's Pinhook Prize for "outstanding contributions to the diversity, harmony and community" in the neighborhood.
- 2001: Featured profile as webmaster for the Old West Durham Web Site in [Raleigh News & Observer interview](#).

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