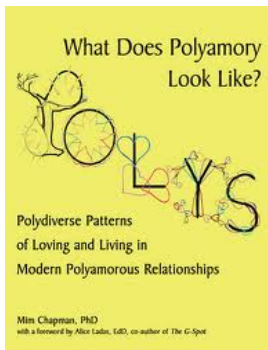


## Polyamory As Self-Determination 10/19/11- Wed Gathering in Rockville

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This Wednesday we will learn about a new and transformative perspective on polyamory that can create relationship connections in your own life to people you never thought possible.



Polyamory isn't about how many relationships are active at any moment, and not at all about sex. Rather, it's about truly knowing that we all have the right to choose whatever relationship structure works best for us (in honest communication with all other immediate stakeholders).

So polyamory is really about self-determination: the right to live your own life your own way. But so are lots of things. Women's suffrage, sit-ins at lunch counters, the right to marry who you love, much more. So polyamory isn't a separate thing, but rather an example or special case of something much larger: the right to live your own life your own way.

A good example of this is the remarkable success of the BmorePoly (<http://www.meetup.com/BmorePoly/>) group. By taking this approach, BmorePoly has rapidly grown to become the largest open relationship meetup in the DC/MD/VA area, with a huge area-wide calendar of events spanning the whole sex positive spectrum, plus social activities like dinners, winery trips, a poly parents group, and parties.

Come learn how this perspective can create remarkable success in your own poly life as well, and open yourself to relationship connections in your own life to people you never thought possible.

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Barry and Cathy for many years presented all sorts of community events in the San Francisco bay area. Since moving to the mid-atlantic two years ago they have been offering similar activities here, including a monthly open relationship discussion group, quarterly Deepening Connections erotic touch events, workshops with national leaders, and more. They are members of the

Polyamory Leadership Network, served on the final Board of Directors of the late Chesapeake Polyamory Network, have led workshops for groups and conferences, and are active with BmorePoly (<http://www.meetup.com/BmorePoly/>).

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