

## 2010 Out & Equal Workplace Summit

October 5–8 in Los Angeles



### Plenary II

Thursday, October 7

8:30 – 10:30am



### Selisse Berry

Selisse Berry is founding executive director of Out & Equal Workplace Advocates, the nation's only national nonprofit organization specifically dedicated to LGBT workplace equality.

During her tenure at Out & Equal, Selisse has tirelessly met with executives, human resources professionals and LGBT employees to expand LGBT equality in workplaces across the country and globally.

Under her leadership, the organization has created numerous programs to advance its mission, including the annual Out & Equal Workplace Summit, the annual Executive Forum, the LGBTCareerLink job development website, LGBT diversity training courses, the Town Call speaker series, the regional affiliate program and the largest registry of employee resource groups in the country.

Her clear and unwavering vision has been instrumental in creating an internationally recognized organization whose philosophies reflect the importance of treating all colleagues in the workplace with respect and dignity. Since her first job as a guidance counselor, Berry has maintained her commitment to justice as a teacher and as executive director for several social service organizations prior to founding Out & Equal.

She has master's degrees in education and theology from the University of Texas and San Francisco Theological Seminary. She also has extensive experience as a diversity trainer and often consults on LGBT diversity issues.

Selisse and her partner, Cynthia Martin, were married in July 2007 and celebrated their first anniversary with a legal ceremony during the five-month window of marriage equality in California.