

**Thursday, June 9, 2016 10:00am EDT**  
**Jefferson Auditorium**  
**South Building**  
**Washington, D.C.**



United States Department of Agriculture

**USDA Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender (LGBT) Pride**

## **2016 USDA Pride Observance**

Sharon McGowan is a Deputy Chief in the Appellate Section of the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). She supervises attorneys working on a broad range of civil rights matters in the U.S. Supreme Court and Federal courts of appeals. She advises DOJ leadership on complex and sensitive issues relating to the enforcement of Federal laws prohibiting race, sex and national origin discrimination in employment, housing, education, and credit. Sharon has served as co-chair of the Division's Lesbian, Gay Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex (LGBTI) Working Group, advising the DOJ on litigation and policy matters relating to sexual orientation and gender identity.



Previously, Sharon served as Acting General Counsel and as Deputy General Counsel for Policy at the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM). She played a leading role in OPM's implementation of the Supreme Court's decision invalidating the provision prohibiting Federal recognition of same-sex couples' marriages. Earlier in her career, Sharon was a Staff Attorney with the ACLU where she was lead counsel in *Schroer v. Billington* (D.D.C.), which resulted in a landmark ruling that Title VII's prohibition on sex discrimination also protects transgender individuals.

Come hear Ms. McGowan discuss recent victories and ongoing challenges facing the LGBT community.

**The Pride Observance is from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 9th  
in the Jefferson Auditorium.**

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