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*Lesbian Grandmothers
From Mars*

ONE COUPLE'S JOURNEY TO MARRIAGE EQUALITY

Film:

*Lesbian Grandmothers from
MARS: One Couple's Journey
to Marriage Equality*

Featured Speakers:
Carrie and Elisia Ross-Stone

G-24 Eiesland Hall
Monday, April 3rd, 2006
8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Free and open to the public.



Carrie Ross-Stone, J.D. (WVU women's studies certificate recipient, WVU College of Law graduate) and **Elisia Ross-Stone**, R.N., are LGBT civil rights activists. They own and operate Rainbow Law (<http://www.rainbowlaw.com>), an estate planning education and information service for the LGBT community. This movie is an out-of-this-world story about a down-to-earth lesbian couple who got on their bicycles and rode **3,800** miles across America to rally support for same-sex marriage. From San Francisco to New York City, Elisia and Carrie, two lesbian grandmothers (from Mars, Pennsylvania!), rode across mountain ranges, through deserts and across prairies, struggled through the mud-slinging of election year politics, hateful protests and even death threats. Tired of all the regressive hate-mongering, and motivated by the threat of a federal anti-marriage amendment, the "Rainbow Grannies" set out to prove that they are *not* alien life forms who wreak havoc on society and destroy "traditional families." Using their own family as an example, they met face-to-face with politicians and regular folks living in the heartland to show that their life is not so different from the lives of other American families. **Their mission:** to raise awareness about equal civil marriage rights.

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