I interviewed Turner Arrington at the LGBT Center in New York City the day the Supreme Court rulings on DOMA and Prop 8 were made public. Turner grew up in Lynchburg, Virginia, graduated from William & Mary in 2000, and lived in Norfolk until moving to New York for medical school earlier this summer. Turner, who married his partner several years ago, had largely positive experiences as an openly gay man at William & Mary and in Virginia since. His education in W&M English and Women’s Studies courses as well as casual debates outside of class helped him embrace his identity. He has happily witnessed social change in Virginia and the country as a whole, and discusses with me the important role he believes the internet has played in propagating change.

-David Pratt, July 9, 2013