Jody Thompson (L) and his partner Jesse Adams, of Asbury Park, New Jersey, hold hands at a 2006 rally at The Unitarian Church of Montclair.

- How do some state initiatives to ban or legalize gay marriage apply to the issues in Lawrence v. Texas?

- Some scholars suggest that the majority in Lawrence did not adopt the reasoning used by Justice Sandra O’Connor in her concurrence, because O’Connor’s equal protection argument could have opened the door to constitutional claims to a right to gay marriage. Evaluate this assertion.