



Welcome to the TRANSforming Gender Conference!

We are glad you found us. This conference offers a wide variety of workshops, presentations, panels and academic papers, but we are always looking for more varied topics. If you have any suggestions that you would like to see covered in the future, please make a note on one of our evaluation forms that are distributed at each session.

Please Register

Please make sure you register at one of our tables on the second floor where we can give you a name tag and one of our conference stickers. It also gives us an accurate count of attendees, which helps us improve the conference for next year. We also have resources and are available can help answer any questions.

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Baseline and Broadway Shopping Center (1 block	Baseline and Highway 36 (about 5 blocks south
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Starbucks	Café Mexicali
Einstein Bagels	Mo's BBQ
Wendy's	Cosmo's (pizza)
Taco Bell	Correlli's (Italian)
Brewing Market Coffee	Sprout's Grocery
Noodles	
Subway	
May Wah (Asian)	
The Taj (Indian)	

Food

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We ask that you refrain from taking photographs or video, unless consent has been given. Not everyone is out in their communities and we want to ensure that this conference remains as welcoming and comfortable for all who attend.

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Chase Strangio



Thursday, March 8th, 5:30-7:00pm Wolf Law, Room 204

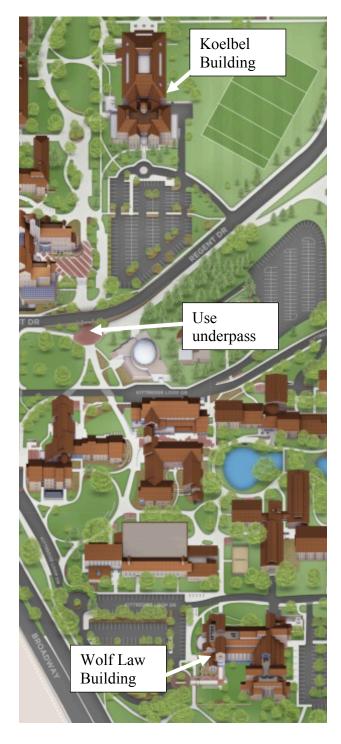
Chase Strangio is a Staff Attorney with the ACLU's LGBT & AIDS Project. Chase's work includes impact litigation, as well as legislative and administrative advocacy on behalf of LGBTQ people and people living with HIV across the United States. Chase has particular expertise on the treatment of transgender and gender non-conforming people in police custody, jails, prisons, and other forms of detention.

Prior to joining the ACLU, Chase was an Equal Justice Works fellow and the Director of Prisoner Justice Initiatives at the Sylvia Rivera Law Project, where he represented transgender and gender non-conforming individuals in confinement settings. In 2012, Chase founded the Lorena Borjas Community Fund, an organization that provides direct bail/bond assistance to LGBTQ immigrants in criminal and immigration cases. Chase is a graduate of Northeastern University School of Law and Grinnell College.

"We Just Need to Pee: The Trans Body in the Political Legal Realm"

Situating trans bodies in social and legal discourse. In the talk I will explore the development of a trans rights discourse and the way in which our political and legal strategies have situated trans bodies in precarious ways that will have long-term negative health consequences for all trans people, particularly non-binary people.

Some Friday sessions will be held in the Koelbel building. It is a 5-7 minute walk.



Room	Friday, Session I
	2:00-3:15pm
Wolf Law	Individual Hair Consultations
327J	
Dani Bee	Still navigating hair presentation? Join us for free hair consultations, including styling tips and product walkthroughs with a professional and trans positive hairdresser.
Koelbel 210	Transforming Pedagogy – Empowering
	Trans/Queer Voices through Digital Storytelling
Jim Walker Fletcher Friday Sy Baker Nate Nickrent	Three trans/queer CU students share their digital narratives which bring to life stories from their lives, elevate the profile of trans/queer experiences, challenge binaries, and expose the omnipresence of gender. They discuss how the process of creating them helped them find their own identities and/or own their found identities. Their cis-identifying faculty member will describe the assignment which led to the videos and facilitate discussion and interactive activities around how others (faculty/staff/students/community members) may use a similar approach to reflect deeply on their lived experiences and amplify their or their students' voices through similar multimodal productions.
Koelbel 230	Student Experiences and Critical Analysis of
	State and National Education Policies for LGBTQ
	Students
Austin Lukondi	As LGBTQ rights continue to gain salience in the social and political realm of the American consciousness, institutions are challenged with finding new ways to accommodate queer and transgender students like never before. Among these institutions include schools, where teachers, administrators, policymakers, and others are creating environments that
	they believe best suit queer LGBTQ students. However, it is important to question whether the intentions and promises of national and state policy are truly having a positive impact on the lived experiences of queer and transgender students. In this session we will better understand how and if these policies are effective in schools as well as understand what they actually mean, recognize what roles they play in the protections of queer

and transgender students, and discuss efforts to support students more effectively.

Koelbel 330 Alternative Narratives of Trans/Gender Non-Conforming Experience

Jessie Read In the first half of this presentation, we will draw on narratives collected from trans and gender nonconforming folks to explore our favorite things about ourselves and how that relates to having non-normative gender experiences. We will use these collective narratives to re-conceptualize what it means to be trans and/or gender nonconforming and change the dialogue that perpetuates the privilege of cisfolks. In the second half of this workshop, we will discuss what trans/GNC folks want mental health professionals to know about our identities. We will use these alternative narratives to counter the deficit model that dominates the mental health profession. All genders are welcome and anyone involved in a therapeutic relationship (as client or provider) is encouraged to join.

Koelbel 340 Recognizing and Interrupting Sexism while Trans, Genderqueer or Nonbinary

	This interactive training introduces concepts of sexism, using the 4 "I's"
Women's Resource	model ideological, institutional, interpersonal, and internalized. The training
Center	aims to raise discussion about the complexities of sexism and transmisogyny
	for trans, genderqueer, and non-binary people. Participants will engage in
	small and large group discussions to identify examples of sexism in their lives
	or in an institution they participate in. They will learn strategies for
	interrupting sexism as well as discuss the role of context and gender
	presentation in negotiating when to act.

Wolf Law 301 Voice and Communication Training to Express Gender

	Voice and other speech/language/communication behaviors are important
Jen Walentas Lewon	factors in perception of gender. Individuals may elect to change their
Shelley Sheppock	communication style to express their gender identity. This workshop will
Lisa Beckelhymer	include:
Jocelyn Su	-characteristics typically associated with feminine and masculine voice
Katie Bode	and communication
Stanley Carson	-overview of voice modification options, including audio samples -interactive demonstration of voice assessment tasks and voice training techniques, including possible training features for voice feminization -education regarding community and online resources for vocal health and voice training

Wolf Law 304	Trans Allyship 101
GSC Peer Education Team	Do you have questions about what "transgender" is all about, or how about all those other gender identities listed on Facebook? Perhaps you have a question you have always wanted to ask but didn't know how to

phrase or who to talk to? Come to this session and get your terminology on! We will cover basics and beyond and make sure you are set for the rest of the conference.

Wolf Law 305 Radical Community as a form of Resistance

Kaitlyn Lafferty Over the last year, there have been many instances of intentional division and general feelings of distrust and fear in this country. Recent examples include Trump's decisions on DACA, the plan to penalize sanctuary cities/states, and the recent tragedy in Charlottesville following a white supremacist rally. It is important to build and maintain relationships in our community to sustain ourselves and those we care about. Holding love, support and accountability for members of our communities is necessary to come together in resistance to systems of oppression that allow such things to occur. The intention of this list is to compile questions and consider actions as we continue to build our communities in the face of oppression. If we combat things such as racism, misogyny, transmisogyny, heteronormativity, xenophobia, and Islamophobia every day in our lives, through the action of intentionally building community and support, we can move closer together while working to dismantle the current systems of hate and division we live under.

Wolf Law 306 Pronoun Defense

Oliver Stagliano We've all been in a situation where our pronouns are disrespected or disregarded, no matter our efforts. Self-defense is all about learning how to protect yourself when you feel unsafe. Pronoun defense is a facet of that; learning how to fight for yourself and others when their pronouns are being disrespected. The goal, then, of this workshop is to work together in learning how to deal with these situations, either for ourselves or for the people we are allied with. This session will help empower us all to create safer spaces. Join us for a discussion/workshop on how we can all better ourselves in tough situations like this.

Wolf Law 307 Dialogue on the Role of the Arts in Trans Empowerment and Societal Change

Phoenix, Colorado's Trans Community Choir In a time of societal upheaval when people are feeling unsafe, disconnected, and bombarded with relentless and distressing information, it can be hard to know who/what to trust and where to turn. In this context, music and the arts can play a crucial role in creating nurturing and empowering community, as well as educating and touching a public not able to assimilate more information. Come share your ideas and experiences--or simply be uplifted-at this community dialogue hosted by Phoenix, Colorado's Trans Community Choir.

Wolf Law 300	OSTEM's Science Fair
Out in Science,	This workshop is brought to you by Out in STEM at CU, a queer and trans
Technology,	group on campus providing professional and social opportunities for
Engineering and	LGBTQ students in the sciences. Come join us and learn about symmetry
Math	in three dimensions, circuit design, and evolutionary biology. In the first

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(This is a double	LEDs controlled by micro controllers. For the second half of the workshop
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	appearing on other planets. Each will begin with a short intro about the
	science and math behind them.

This workshop is open to all ages.

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Koelbel 210	Navigating Intersectional Transfeminism
Jackson Reinagel	Practice striking a balance between holding space and taking it up by joining a discussion about intersecting privileges and oppressions. Learn to build bridges within and across communities so that we can all become better allies to each other.
Koelbel 330	Where Language Bends: Trans Poetics and
	Storytelling
Mary McDonough & Joy Young	Poetry is a space that allows us to queer and transcend the traditional confines of language. It offers a space where our stories come through us as history and lineage. Where language is ours, where we name ourselves and one another. In this workshop we will explore trans poetry as a healing practice, tender ritual, and dynamic medium for a queer and trans future.
Koebel 340	¿Como Que Latinx? What do You Mean Latinx?
Xajés Martinez	There's growing dialogue and debate about Latinx (said "la-teen-ex" or "la- teen-equis") and in what ways our communities are using or avoiding its use. While some continue this course of discussions to address inclusion, it is merely the surface of understanding the depths of gender identity, spiritual identity, and other identities within the trans community. Join us in naming the importance of language, and shaping a future for all Latinx folx around the world.

Wolf Law 304	The Sex Ed You Did Not Learn in School: New
	Ways to Talk and Think about Bodies
GSC Peer Education Team	Join our Peer Education Team for a presentation on sex that applies to your body and the gender you embody. Learn about different ways to talk about trans bodies, the parts you have and how you can make sure everything stays and fun. Come with questions and don't hesitate to ask!
Wolf Law 301	Unlearning the Racial Biases in the LGBTQIA+
	Community
Bri Hill	Throughout the years QTIPOC (Queer, Trans, Intersex, People of Color) have been consistently speaking out about racist experiences with dialogues, literature, music, etc. Much like the Stonewall riots, the LBGT movement: Queer and trans people of color have been silenced, pushed to the backlines, discriminated against. Now it's time for White and cisgender-heterosexual people to go to work, I will give you the tools you need to learn, and battle against the racial biases and microaggression you might have perpetuated or hailed onto the QTIPOC community. In this session, you will also learn the various ways of becoming a better ally. Allyship doesn't just stop at saying you support the community, you have to put in work and be consistent with your dedication to be an ally.
Wolf Law 305	Creating k-12 Schools that are Affirming of
	Gender Diversity: Exploring Barriers and
	Solutions
Liz Meyer	This session is designed for anyone working to support and advocate for greater inclusion of gender-diversity in K-12 schools. The presenter will share current research on the barriers and facilitators for trans and non-binary students at school as well as model policy language and promising practices that can inform school and classroom-level changes. Participants will have an opportunity to brainstorm and collectively problem-solve specific challenges they are experiencing in their school communities.
Wolf Law 306	Sexual Violence and Our Community
William Bates	This session is about sexual violence and how it impacts the trans, queer, and gender nonconforming communities at higher rates. Since this is a horribly depressing topic, the main focus of the session will be on safe places in Colorado to receive help, and how to help our fellow community members if they are impacted by sexual violence.
Wolf Law 307	Singing During the First Two-Years on
	Testosterone
Tessa Romano	The first two years of testosterone treatment present interesting vocal changes: the voice drops, the singing range fluctuates and the voice can feel hoarse or unreliable. This session is about the changes that occur in the

	vocal anatomy, what kind of vocal production to expect and how to approach singing during the first two years of testosterone treatment.
Koelbel 230	But Words Will Never Hurt You: A History of Medical Language Describing Trans Identity
Sloan French	This presentation explores the way transgender identity and experience has been medicalized and stigmatized in social contexts from Harry Benjamin's 1953 lecture (and his three-point scale of describing the experience of transgender people) to the DSM-5 today. Taking a look at how the language used to understand gender identity has changed over the last three editions of the DSM (Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders), allows us to see a tandem development in acceptance of gender identities and how the social and medical contexts changed over time.
	Language is always stretching to encompass new experience and identity, and in the case of trans identity, words that go beyond the linguistic limitations of binarism when talking about essentialist ideas of men and women, or homosexual and heterosexual, are essential. Through this brief historical presentation on the ways words like "gender dysphoria" were used to (inadequately) describe transgender people, we will see the inadequacy of contemporary language generally to describe trans experiences and ideas in the expansive and progressive ways necessary to think about and be as we are in our many striations or variations of a glorious, polymorphous gender and sexuality.
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Sam Bullington



Friday, 5:00-6:30pm Main Courtroom, 1st Floor

Sam Bullington is a college professor, shamanic healer and counselor, and founder and director of Phoenix, Colorado's Trans Community Choir. Sam has been involved in trans politics in the US since 1995 and in South Africa since 2006, working with Gender Dynamix, the first trans organization on the African continent. Sam was the first trans professor at the University of Missouri, co-chair of the second ever trans choir (TransVoices in Minneapolis), and in 2015 started his own trans choir here in Colorado. Sam's keynote on the role of trans people in humanity's evolution and our collective transformation draws from his recently completed book, *Transgender Wisdom: What I've Learned about Gender and Life from Living in the Grey Areas.* The book--part memoir, part gender studies, and part spiritual teaching--uses Sam's gender journey, as well as professional reinvention, to model how to respond to our collective invitation to change, helping people grapple with their fears of change through exploring how Sam transcended his own resistance to change.

"Trans People are Here to be Teachers and Leaders."

This is our time, the time for trans/genderqueer/non-binary folks to step forward and show others the way. We are living in a society that is dying and in desperate need of visionary leadership. It is time for us to fully move beyond medical models that represent us as broken or deficient, societal narratives that pose us as threatening or ridiculous, and political goals of assimilation into a dysfunctional culture to step into our rightful place as path-forgers, shapeshifters, and way-showers. It is time for us to move beyond surviving to build a world in which we can truly thrive, modeling new ways of being and loving and organizing, helping our culture move beyond dualistic and fear-based thinking. In a historical moment generally characterized as extremely discouraging and enraging, Sam explores the gifts of this societal moment and the role of trans people in bringing about needed collective paradigm shifts.



When: Friday, March 9th from 7:00PM to 8:00PM Where: OBC Pridehouse (2132 14th Street, Boulder)

Out Boulder County is partnering with the Gender and Sexuality Center of CU Boulder to host a dinner and conversation after the Transforming Gender Conference on Friday, March 9th. This event is open to presenters, attendees, and allies. Though the conference is free, **you do not have to attend in order to come to the dinner afterwards**. Food and drinks will be provided!

All sessions are in Wolf Law	Session III Saturday, 10:00-11:15AM
205	Facilitating and Organizing a Peer Led Trans Support Group
Jennifer Molde	This workshop will address the facilitation and organization of transgender support groups as a peer and non-therapist. We cover how to make people feel welcome, the creation of space that is as safe as possible, how to enforce boundaries and rules, resolve conflict, recruit and train new facilitators, address issues with different gender identities, generational differences and the benefits of not segregating different gender identities into different groups.
206	Supporting Trans Families: Achieving Paid Leave for Transgender Working People
Mark Lee	Every year, countless transgender Americans face significant life events requiring them to take time off from work, including welcoming a child, caring for a sick loved one, or managing their own health. Unfortunately, transgender working people continue to face challenges when taking family and medical leave, including under-recognized medical needs, unequal relationship recognition, and unjust employment discrimination. In February 2018, the Human Rights Campaign Foundation released the results of a groundbreaking survey of more than 5,400 LGBTQ adults, covering their experiences taking paid and unpaid leave. This session will share the results from the more than 1,100 transgender and non-binary respondents in the survey. Some are employees who previously sought time off to pursue transition-related care and recovery. Others are parents or partners who needed time off to be there for loved ones. You'll hear both harrowing and uplifting stories from trans working people from across the country, as well as how you can help to ensure that all trans Americans have access to this critical safety net.
207	Beyond "Born this Way" and "Born in the Wrong Body" Tropes: What Do Alternative Arguments for Transgonder Bights Look Like?
Doug Cloud	Transgender Rights Look Like? Many have advanced the idea that LGBTQ people deserve legal protection because they do not choose to be that way. Transgender rights advocates

have sometimes deployed their own version of this argument via phrases like "born in the wrong body." These phrases and the ideas behind them--we were born that way, we cannot change--represent some but not all queer peoples' experiences. Moreover, scholars and activists have argued that relying solely on these kinds of arguments may not be the best way to advance human rights. Examining public rhetoric surrounding the identity category transgender, I ask, what might alternatives to these essentializing, low-agency human rights arguments look like? I analyze the pejorative attribution of agency in six antitransgender petitions, some formulaic born-this-way rejoinders, and an alternative option drawn from transgender memoirs. The option chronicled here is to move beyond etiology (causes), focus on the agency involved in enacting identity category membership and redeem that agency by giving it a positive character. Three positive characterizations are offered: conviction, authenticity and transcendence. This talk does not attempt to tell transgender people how to talk about their lived experiences--its implications are primarily aimed at cisgender allies who may wish to offer better arguments for transgender rights when transgender voices are unavailable.

301	FTM Top Surgery/Chest Masculinization
	Techniques
Paul M. Steinwald, MD	Plastic Surgeon Paul M. Steinwald, M.D based in Golden/Denver CO - is one of the nation's leaders in FTM Top Surgery/chest masculinization techniques. You are invited to join him as he describes his evolution in developing these techniques, especially the inverted-T/nipple-attached/sensation-retaining techniques he champions, and for which he is widely known. The indications for, advantages and potential disadvantages of each type of approach will also be reviewed, with several dozen sets of "before and after" photos utilized to illustrate his points. There will be time for questions and answers throughout, and additionally, one of Dr. Steinwald's prior patients has agreed to appear to share his experiences and perspective with the audience.
304	Gender Expression: Let's Talk
Sylas Fox & Ray Blons	Sylas and Ray are youth that want to help others feel more comfortable in their skin through an interactive workshop that discusses the ins and outs of gender expression, and how there are no rules! This panel is a safe space, where you can wear or bring any clothing, hair style, or makeup you'd like without fear of criticism. There will be a crash course in androgynous fashion including all sorts of clothing for anyone to try on. All are welcome!
305	Transgender Awareness: The Basics
Paul Gross	A Transgender 101 primer that talks about history, Sex vs Gender, Transgender vs Cisgender, and a lot of really good information for people new to the transgender community.

306	Moving trans* families and loved ones towards
	acceptance: Clinical strategies for helping clients
	navigate grief and fear
	When a transgender individual comes out, there can be painful challenges within the family/relational system. Considering the vulnerabilities of trans*
Nora Ahmed-	persons, it is essential for clinicians to have a framework with which to work
Kamal	that will support both the trans* individual as well as their loved one(s).
	Clinical work can have a significant impact in helping family members and/or
	loved ones move toward deeper acceptance. In this session, practical tools are provided that you can begin to use with family members or partners.
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307	The Benefits of Acupuncture for the Transgender
	Population
Crissy Michaels-	This lecture will explore the need for acupuncture in the transgender community. We will look at how acupuncture will assist with psycho-emotional
Smidt	and or physical trauma for transgender individuals; educate individuals as to
	how, when, and why it may be utilized in the transgender community; explore
	where to find acupuncture in your community and the costs. We will lightly explore some pros & cons of Western, Chinese and other complementary
	medicines.
204	Navigating Health Queer Relationships
	In this session, participants will actively engage in a discussion and role-play
Rowen Thomas & Lisha Amin	around the topic of consent and how to navigate healthy queer relationships. Participants will be able to practice using language and engaging in
LISNA AMIN	conversations around consent and navigating relationships in many contexts.
	Participants will leave with experience, skills, and resources to assist them in
	the navigation of healthy queer relationships.
300	Trans Clothing Exchange, Business attire and up
All day	Are you in need of clothing that better suits your identity? Do you have clothing that no longer fits you (be it physically or identity wise)? Bring your business/formal
Saturday	wear- as well as binders/shapewear to give to others and drop by if you are in need.
327H	Free HIV testing by Boulder County AIDS Project
02111	(BCAP)
10-12:30pm,	Trans folk are at an increased risk of HIV and we encourage you to take the
3:30-6pm	opportunity to get tested and know your status. BCAP has been a great ally to our community and will be providing free, confidential testing. To schedule
0.00-0411	a future appointment at BCAP visit atlas.bcap.org

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RoomSession IVSaturday, 11:30-12:45pm204Intersex and The Invisible Movement

Jonathan Leggette Ever thought about what the "I" stands for in LGBTQIA*? It surely doesn't stand for invisible! Actually, about 1.5% of the population is born intersex. We're not rare, just invisible. What is Intersex? Come learn exactly what being intersex means and how to be an inclusive ally to the community. Help fight everyday erasure even in the Trans and Queer community, while looking at people who hold intersexional identities, specifically being Black and Queer. Bring your questions and get answers from someone who is intersex, black, and queer. These questions can be from a range of different perspectives. This includes hitting points ranging from inclusion in your Biology classes to how to navigate bringing in resources for intersex people into your student health center on campus. Learn what resources are out there, i.e., InterAct, AIS/DSD support group, OII-Australia, and more.

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Weaving Anti-bias Work into an Elementary School Tapestry – With a Lens on Gender Inclusivity

Beth Chiasson

The session will aim to provide a framework that looks to increase student's, educator's, and school staff member's understanding around the basics of gender, and will help brainstorm ways to introduce the gender spectrum to students. The focus will be on breaking away from the binary and embracing the gender spectrum, where there is room for all to exist. Opening activities and discussions will allow attendees to reflect on their own experiences with gender and the gender spectrum. The goal of opening activities will be to help them access a deeper level of understanding when it comes to gender expansive youth. Having taken steps to understand the basics of gender, we will then look at strategies that successfully allowed a school to be more inclusive towards gender expansive youth, faculty, and members of the LGBTQ+ community. Motivated by gender expansive students in their community, members of the Buckingham Browne and Nichols Lower School have undertaken a number of initiatives that focus on creating a gender inclusive school for all of their students. The Lower School has been working over the years to grow based on the needs of their community members. These transformative years have inspired endeavors designed to create a welcoming school for all. The session will focus on initiatives that were student driven, classroom driven, and an administration driven.

207	Academic Paper Presentations
Allison Blakeney	This session will focus on research being written about transgender topics by local students, grad students and faculty. Each paper will include a 15-
Davy LeJones-	minute reading and the session will end with Q & A.
Nguyen	
Kamila Kinyon	"Navigating Trans Teen Transition Rhetorics on the Internet and Beyond." Kamila Kinyon
	"Ballet, Faeries, and Letting Trans Feminine People Die." Allison Blakeney
	"Moving with Trauma, Tension and Difference: On the Universality of Transgendered Identity." Davy LeJones Nguyen
330	Queer Storytime for Youth
Marika Barth Arin Moriarty	Kids and "kids at heart," join us for a fun interactive story time featuring awesome books and a fun craft. We'll be reading aloud three fabulous picture books about trans and two spirit characters and their friends and families. In between books, we'll be making cute rainbow bookmarks to take home. Folks of all ages and abilities are welcome.
305	Addressing Our Fears, Grief and Ignorance on the
	Path to Acceptance: A Conversation for Allies and
	Parents
Reaca Pearl Karen Axe	Based on our feedback from last year's session we've created this primarily Q&A session for parents and loved ones of transgender youth. The panel will consist of parents who will briefly share their stories, followed by the rest of the session for audience-participants to ask questions of each other and our parent panel.
	CLOSED SESSION, FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES ONLY
304	Decolonizing Your Body through Poetry and Self-
	Expression
Ayla Sullivan	In an age where trans* and gender non-conforming identities are arguably most publicly questioned and condemned politically and socially, it is important to understand the role of how the gender binary is inherently used to colonize bodies both now and historically. The purpose of this workshop, led by curren Denver Youth Poet Laureate: Ayla Sullivan, is to explore how we can challenge these preconceived notions of gender, celebrate the narratives of queer and trans identifying folks, and use poetry to garner visibility of honest trans stories.
	While the focus is for trans* identifying artists, any gender identity is welcomed so long as they are respectful and interested in the topic.

301	Bursting the Binary Bubble
Beit Gorski	Whether referring to gender identity or biological sex, the conversations about gender and sex diversity often stay neatly in the confines of binary thinking (male/female/something in the middle), both contributing to the erasure and dehumanization of those whose identities, bodies, and/or experiences exist outside of that small bubble and also perpetuating a form of scientific thought that is limited, inaccurate, and ultimately biased. Ready to burst the bubble? This lecture with visual aids and some experiential learning will pop all the barriers to appreciating and celebrating true gender and sex diversity.
306	Trans Romance Panel
Out Boulder County	Are you curious about what it's like to be trans in a relationship or be in a relationship with someone who is trans? Join us for a panel discussion in which binary and non-binary trans community members will share their perspectives, experiences, and insights of being transgender in relationships. Attendees will gain greater understanding of trans experiences and learn about being respectful of prospective or current transgender romantic/sexual partners. A variety of trans identities and diverse relationship combinations will be represented.
307	Beyond They/Them/Theirs: What Nonbinary
	Clients Want You To Know as Their Mental Health Provider
Dara Hoffman-Fox, LPC and Savanna Manfredonia- Foster, MFTi	
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12:45-2:00pm	Graduate Student Lunch
Tree House room in C4C dining hall	Join LGBTQ+ identified graduate students for lunch in the C4C! Come eat with us if you're looking to build campus networks, meet new people and discuss campus-specific issues related to LGBTQ+ issues. Campus-related feedback generated at this event will inform the Gender and Sexuality Center's future communications with the grad student population at CU Boulder. ***Closed to Grad students only***

Kat Blaque



Kat Blaque is an Animator, Illustrator and Youtuber from Southern California who has been openly blogging about her life for the past 10+ years on Youtube. Experiencing the ups and downs of New Media, she has ultimately concluded that Social Media is a powerful force for change and awareness. She currently uses her platforms on Youtube (114k subscribers), Facebook (180k with an average weekly reach of 4,000,000 people) to speak about the topics she's passionate about as well as spread information, and cultivate conversations that encourage education across intersections. She playfully refers to herself as "intersectionality salad" as she embodies various identities and experiences. As a woman and survivor of rape and sexual assault, she is very passionate about fostering conversations where survivors and victims can feel as though they have a voice. As an outspoken feminist, she's often on the receiving end of online harassment that she's had to learn to accept as a woman who dares to have an opinion. As a black woman, she is invested in starting conversations about white supremacy and how it's impacted her own life as well as various others. As a Trans woman, she believes that speaking about her growth and acceptance of self is vital in a world where trans people aren't seen as valid and their possibilities are often seen as limited.

She currently contributes to Everyday Feminism, Pride.com, the Huffington Post and has appeared on Buzzfeed, MTV News and MTV's Decoded."

"Intersectionality Salad"

In her organic colorful talk, Kat will explore topics such as race, transphobia, sexual assault, and current events as it relates to what it's like living in the landscape of today as a transwoman of color.

12th annual

TRANSforming Gender Conference

Room Session V Saturday, 3:30-4:45pm

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Fenix Grace

What is your authentic gender expression? How do you connect to it? What is the relationship between gender and soul? What is the relationship between the gender binary and colonial white supremacy?

Exploring and Empowering Gender Creativity

So many of us were harshly disciplined or shamed as a child for our gender expressions and did not feel safe enough to explore our unique gender(s). As we grow up, we realize we live in a world where it is still not safe to be fully who we are.

This workshop begins with touching in to the vast history of the gender binary as a colonial and white supremacist ideology. Drawing on knowledge gathered by folks like jkharij (my gender is My Gender) and Pınar Ateş Sinopoulos-Lloyd ((http://youthpassageways.org/blog/2017/12/28/queer-futurism-denizens-of-liminality/), intentionally obscured stories emerge of gender creativity across cultures. The rest of the session focuses on arts-based ways of exploring stories of gender and gender resilience in these times. Exercises that prompt participants to draw their gender(s) right now and share it to the circle as well as creating gender collages to take home and keep are given. A part of the session is dedicated to an optional and brief healing visualization focused on connecting to one's inner child and giving this child permission to be themselves. This somatic visualization is inspired by the work of Dr. Diane Ehrensaft as well as the many wounds we endure as trans and/or non-binary children in expressing our unique gender. It is a small and contained way to bring love and healing to these wounds.

This workshop is accessible to trans, non-binary, gender creative, and cis folks.

307 Violence and Suicide in the Trans Community

Paul GrossViolence and suicide have been very prevalent in the transgender
community for a long time. Our current political climate has done nothing to
help this state of affairs. We will explore the different types of violence, how
it leads to mental health issues and even suicide. We will also explore
different methods of suicide prevention and increased mental health self-
care.

306	Ruby and Star and the Rainbow Scouts: A Novel
000	Series for Transgender, Non-Binary, and Two
	Spirit Children, Poster and Audio Presentation
Kai McKenzie	Transgender, non-binary, and two spirit people are largely depicted as either comic characters or tragic figures in the mainstream media, and transgender, non-binary, and two spirit children are rarely depicted at all. I am writing a novel series for my children, who are transgender and genderqueer, and for children like them everywhere, who need to see healthy images of strong caring courageous joyous transgender people that they can look up to and feel inspired by. In my novels a group of children, The Rainbow Scouts, travel magically to many different times and places to experience and confront the challenges that trans people have faced and continue to face, to build vibrant communities, express their power and passions, and confront bigotry with love. Come share the journey with them, to undersea mermaids, to the outer planets, into the North American past, and into the heart of the self.
	Joyous, Empowering, Healing
207	Trans People of Color Panel
Kat Blaque Bri Hill Ayla Sullivan Rowen Thomas	The QTIPOC community faces unique challenges in both cis and LGBTQ communities. The individuals on this panel all have multiple intersectional identities and will speak to their experiences and some of the issues they face. Join us to become better educated about these identities, gain new perspectives and learn how to be more inclusive within our own community networks.
301	Queering Sex Ed
Sara Connell	When we think about "comprehensive" sexual education for middle and high school students, we usually mean sex ed that discusses LGBTQ people, safe barrier methods, and accurate information without shame, but what if we dreamed bigger?
	What if we included social and emotional health in our conversations of sex? What if we gave youth the tools to accurately communicate about sex and relationships? What if our sexual health was radically inclusive of trans and queer bodies, polyamorous relationships, and kink? What if we didn't say "men and women" as a code for "penis and vulva"?
	My name is Sara and I'm the host of Queer Sex Ed, a podcast focused on shifting our conversation on sexual health to be centered around the marginalized identities we hold that limit our ability to advocate for sexual agency in a white, cisgender, capitalist heteropatriarchy. Would you like to join me?

304	Legal Name Change in Colorado
David Bradley	Come learn the process, step by step, for changing your name in Colorado This session is followed up with the opportunity to get your fingerprints done on site for \$69. David has been a great ally to the Trans community. We have been working with him for years and fully endorse his company Colorado Fingerprinting.
206	Beyond the Deep Dark Night
Beit Gorski	"Until you make the unconscious conscious, it will direct your life and you will call it fate." -CG Jung
	Many of us have experienced the Deep Dark Night of the Soul as we transition, groping cautiously and nervously through the thick shadows of dysphoria, invalidation, and violence as we try to sort ourselves through the thick and clouded lens of normativity. Sometimes, we emerge from those shadows having internalized the distortions of that lens. This conversational lecture aims to help us all in better understanding and more confidently expressing our gender(s) by making conscious the function of normative gender archetypes, using a Jungian perspective. My hope is that all participants will leave the lecture with a deeper appreciation for their gendered experience and a renewed permission to be expansive and exploratory!
205	Identifying and Navigating through Male Privilege
Cole Hart Marika Barth Sam Bullington Ravyn Wayne	Join a panel of Trans men / Trans masculine individuals as we explore both the positive and negative aspects of male privilege and explore together how to navigate male spaces. We will also discuss the often-predatory view of masculinity and how this impacts our own Trans voices that were originally molded by traditionally feminine expectations.
	This is part 1 of a 2 part session although you may attend either session separately.

Room	Session VI
	Saturday, 5:00-6:15pm
204	Non-normative Identities and Radical Possibilities
Jax Gonzalex Jasmine Suryawan A.J.	In an attempt to think outside the binary, this panel will reflect on non-normative gender identities and embodiments to theorize how radical refusal of the gender binary has the possibility to inform a queerer future (Muñoz). Transgender and nonbinary individuals hold the potential to refuse normativity and embody a queer politic by exploring new ways to do gender in everyday life. Panel participants explore these identities and embodiments through interdisciplinary methods with a queer eye on different social structures.
206	Buried Seedz of Resistance: The Power of Youth
Kenya, Mateo, Maxx, & Illene	BSEEDZ will show a brief video of RAINBOW WARRIORS that shows youth tapping into our creative practices, connecting with our own cultures and identities, we are able to tell a full story of what it means to exist in this world as queer, trans, gender non-conforming, two-spirit & multi-identity creatures. Our purpose is to reach out to radical QTPOC & remind them of the strength and beauty they hold. Come and meet BSEEDZ youth from the metro area share art, media, and resilience.
304	The Art of Endearment
Spirit McIntyre	The Art of Endearment: Are endearments important? Can they be used to build community? This workshop will teach attendees the importance of vulnerability and endearment to community and relationship building. Attendees will learn how to make meaningful connections with one another through song, community altar building, grounding exercises, storytelling, non-judgmental witnessing and compassion, this allows for more safety within our community in general and for TGNCNB folks specifically.
301	Creating Nonbinary Inclusive Work Environments
Felix Lefevre Dani Higgins	This session will cover some of the specific needs that nonbinary employees often experience in the workplace, exploration of frequent stumbling blocks and institutional barriers for employers to address, and ways that employers can make their workplaces more inclusive and accepting of nonbinary employees. It will also include discussion on the ways that the needs and

barriers for nonbinary employees can intersect with other needs and barriers common for individuals with intersecting identities.

305 Gender on the Autism Spectrum

Ayden Parish According to new research, autistic people are significantly more likely to be transgender than allistic (non-autistic) people. However, they are also likely to have their genders written off as mere obsessions or treated as asocial symptoms to be "normalized." This session is an introduction to autism and the neurodiversity movement from the point of view of an autistic trans person, including topics such as the stereotype of autism as a "(cis) male disorder" and the historical ties between autism behavioral therapies and anti-trans conversion therapy. We'll end with a discussion of ideas for making resources and communities more accessible to trans autistic people.

306 Coping with Loss Throughout Transition

Fawn Oates Gender transition can be a whirlwind of emotional experiences for the person transitioning, and for their friends and family members as well. Come to a better understanding of your personal experiences by giving space and acceptance to the feelings of loss that accompany any significant life change. Gain concrete understandings of the source of our reactions and ways to gain emotional growth and resilience through difficulties, rather than getting lost in the trauma and fear. This session is aimed at the person transitioning, but would be applicable for friends, family, and service providers as well.

205 Changing the Narrative: Using our Trans Masculine Voices to Fight the Toxicity of Masculinity

Cole Hart
Marika Barth
Sam Bullington
Ravyn WayneJoin a panel led discussion on how Trans men / Trans masculine individuals
can use our voices to change the narrative on what it means to be male in
today's society. We will discuss the ways in which Trans men / Trans
Masculine individuals are key to fighting toxic masculinity, and how we can
raise our voices to affect change in masculinity in our culture and in our
community.

This is Part 2 of two-part session. You do not need to attend both sessions.

330	Fingerprinting for Name Change
Colorado Fingerprinting	Fingerprinting for FBI and CBI background checks for legal name change. Fee is \$69 and covers delivery of fingerprints to FBI (electronically) and CBI. Colorado Fingerprinting is a strong ally to the trans community and are endorsed by TGC.

207	At the Intersections of Gender, Race, and Ability: Mental Health in the Age of Activism
Rowen Thomas	Media, in its many forms, has a large impact on the perception of identity and activism. In this session, participants will explore current media representations at the intersection of gender, race, and ability to unpack how mental health is perceived in the context of activism. Participants will critically reflect on these representations and discuss the impact these narratives may have on their own lives as activists. The session will conclude with participants creating a first draft of their own counter-narratives.

PFLAG Boulder County and TYES present the 3rd Annual Gender Expansive Fashion Show For youth ages 5-18 Saturday, March 17th, 2018 4:00 to 6:00 pm Cairn Christian Church in Lafayette, CO



For more information or to get involved please contact Kimberly Jackson at everythingscominguprainbows@gmail.com or text 303-725-6391.

<u>Special performance by Phoenix,</u> <u>Colorado's Trans Community Choir.</u> <u>All gender identities welcome.</u> <u>A reception will follow.</u>