

Transforming Gender Conference

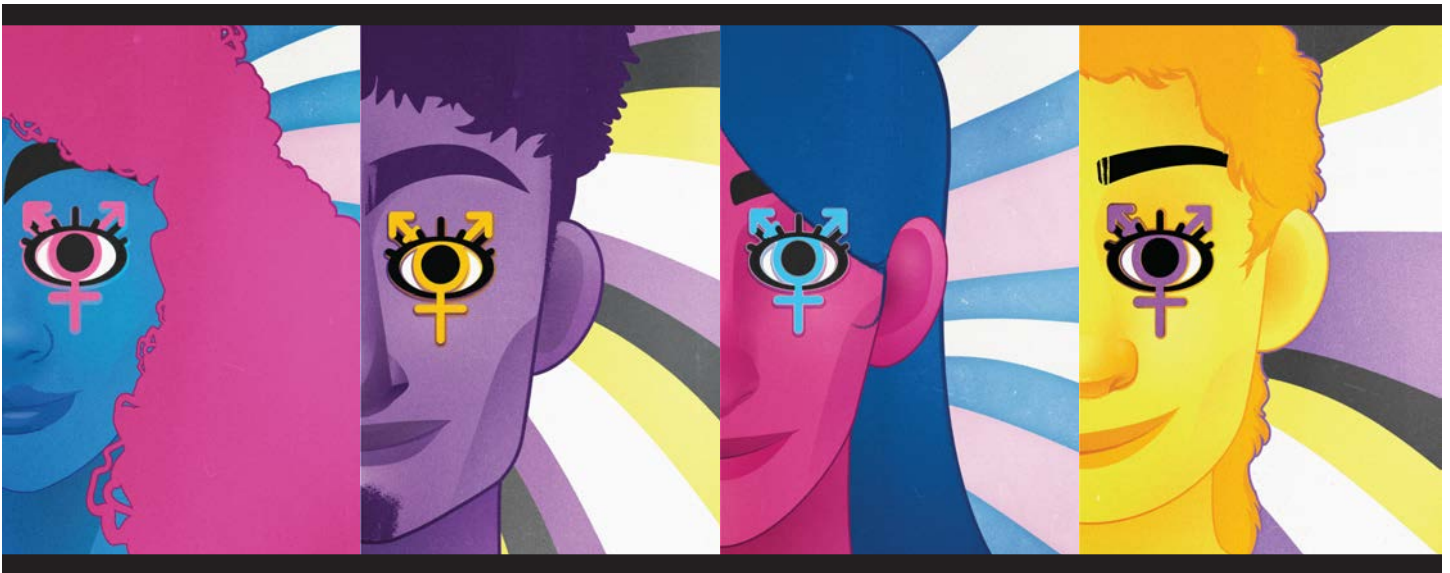
March 18 - 19, 2023
University of Colorado Boulder

"You ain't seen nothing yet!"



Welcome to the 17th Annual Transforming Gender Conference!

If you have not yet registered, please stop by the registration table on the second floor and sign up to get a nametag and access to the conference app.



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TRANSFORMING GENDER CONFERENCE

Saturday Dinner

**WITH
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SAT, MARCH 19 • 6:30 - 8:30PM

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Conference Schedule

SATURDAY

Time	Event	Location
8:30 - 9:30 AM	Attendee Check-In	Registration Area
9:30 - 10:45 AM	Session I	Various
11:00 AM - 12:15 PM	Session II	Various
12:15 - 1:30 PM	Lunch	C4C Dining Hall
1:30 - 2:45 PM	Keynote: Raquel Willis	KOELBEL 123/125
3:00 - 4:15 PM	Session III	Various
4:30 - 5:45 PM	Session IV	Various
6:30 - 8:30 PM	TGC Dinner with Out Boulder County	3340 Mitchell Lane, Boulder, CO 80301

SUNDAY

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3:00 - 4:15 PM	Session VII	Various
4:30 - 5:45 PM	Session VIII	Various

Conference Features

Gender Affirming Haircuts

Get a free haircut or hair consultation here at TGC!
Visit KOELBEL 232 (located near the registration tables) to sign up for a haircut slot. Hair services are first come, first serve.

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Clothing Swap

Looking for clothes? Visit our clothing swap on the first floor of Koelbel!

The clothing swap is provided by Out Boulder County, a community organization that, independently and in collaboration, facilitates connection, advocacy, education, research, and programs to ensure LGBTQ+ people and communities thrive in Boulder County and beyond.



Considerations

Restrooms

All restrooms in the Koelbel Building will be considered gender-inclusive for the duration of the Transforming Gender Conference.

Photography Policy

TGC will have a photographer onsite. Please wear an **orange** or **red** lanyard if you do not wish to be photographed. Photos may be used for the marketing of next year's TGC.

Pronouns

Please do not make any assumptions about people's pronouns. We want everyone at the conference to feel respected, recognized, and welcome. If you are unsure about someone's pronouns, just ask!

Food & Dining

C4C Dining Hall:

All-you-can-eat, award-winning dining hall. We have reserved the Colorado Room in the main dining hall where you can join other conference attendees for lunch. The Colorado Room is located across from the Persian food station.

To purchase a dining card in advance at a small discount, visit our merchandise table on the first floor of the KOELBEL building.

The C4C is located southwest of Koelbel. For directions, please ask any TGC staff member or volunteer or follow the lawn signs outside of Koelbel.

TGC 2023 T-Shirts

If you have already pre-ordered your TGC t-shirt, you can pick it up at our merchandise table on the first floor of the KOELBEL building.

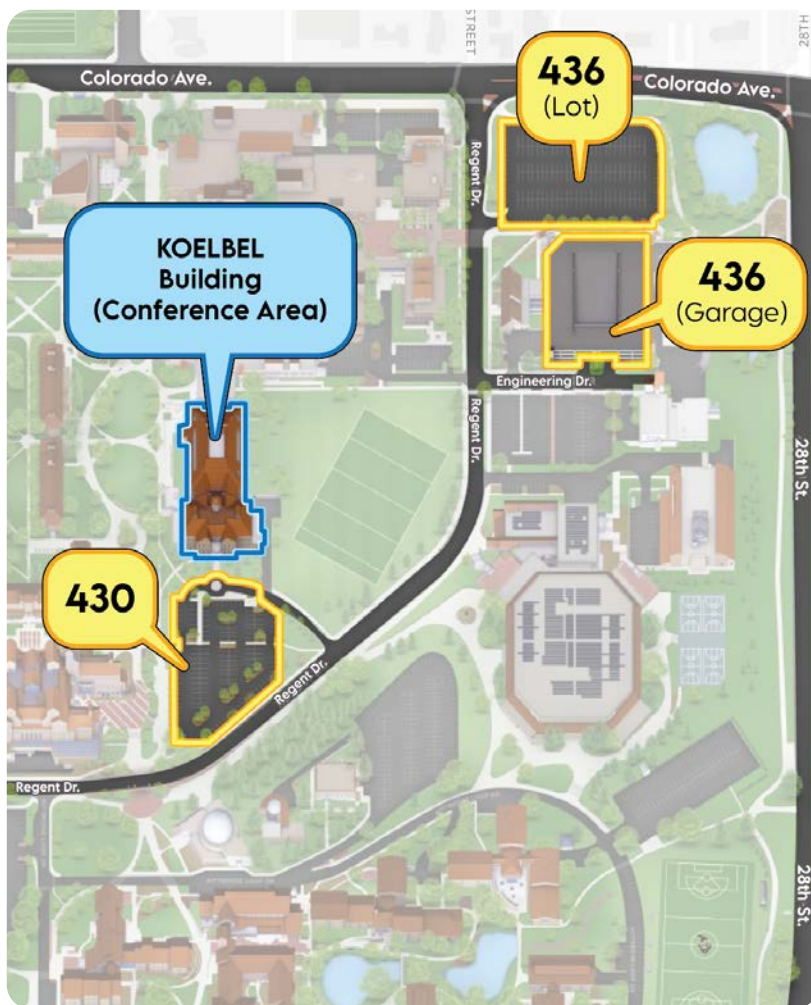
To purchase a t-shirt, visit the merchandise table and our staff will help you find our online TGC storefront.

Parking

Free parking is available in Lots 430 and 436 with a waived parking permit.

Lot 430 is the main TGC parking area, located directly in front of the Koelbel Building on Regent Drive. **Lot 436** (divided into a parking lot and parking garage) can be used for overflow parking if Lot 430 is full. 436 is located on Regent Drive, close to the intersection of Regent Drive and Colorado Avenue.

In order to park for free, you must “purchase” a free parking permit from CU Parking Services for **each day** of TGC:

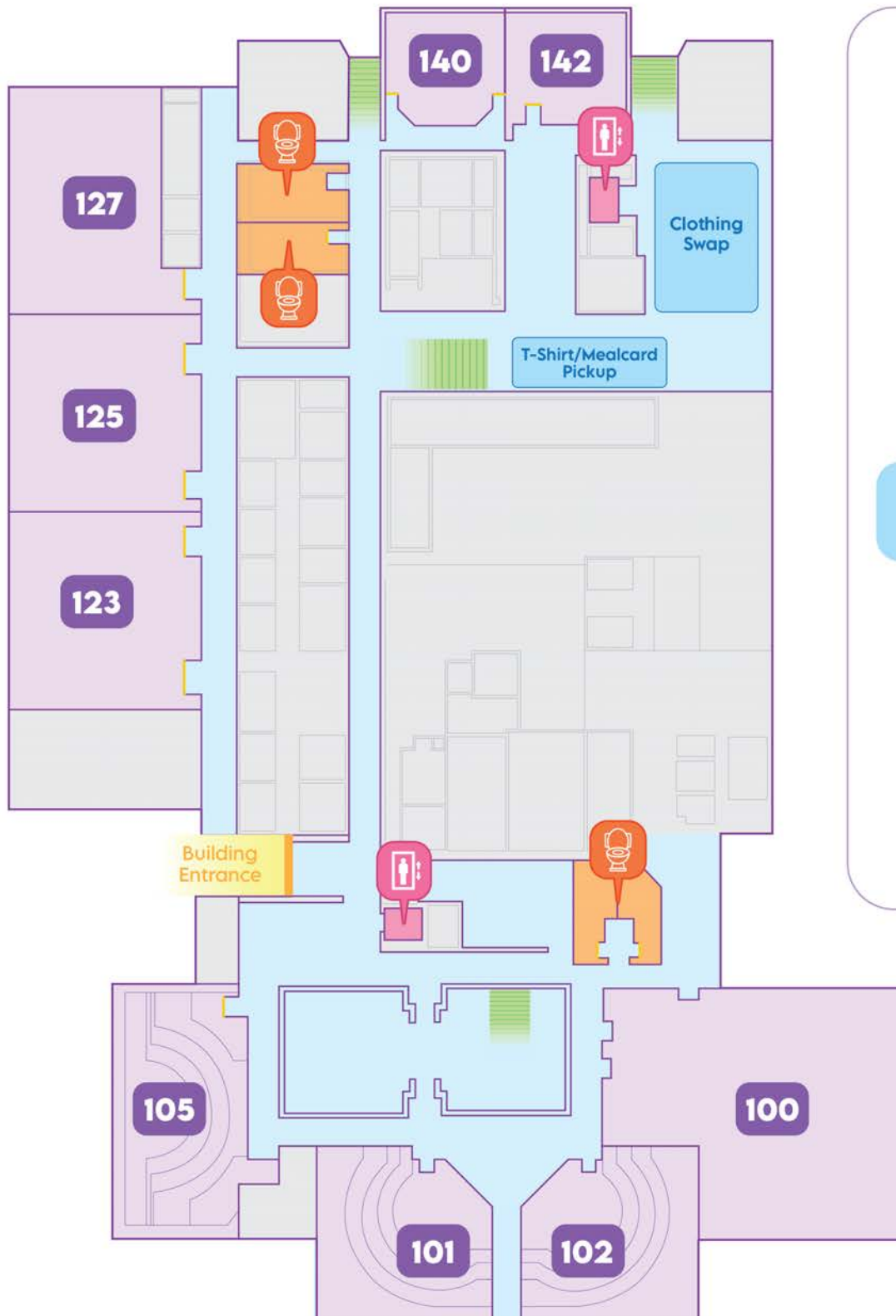


- Go to CU’s Parking Reservation page at cuboulder.pmreserve.com
- Select the Transforming Gender Conference for Saturday or Sunday
- Select your preferred parking lot and click Add to Cart
- (the \$5.00 fee will be waived in the next step)
- At Checkout, enter code **TRGC3073**
- Continue the checkout process to enter your vehicle information
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Conference Area

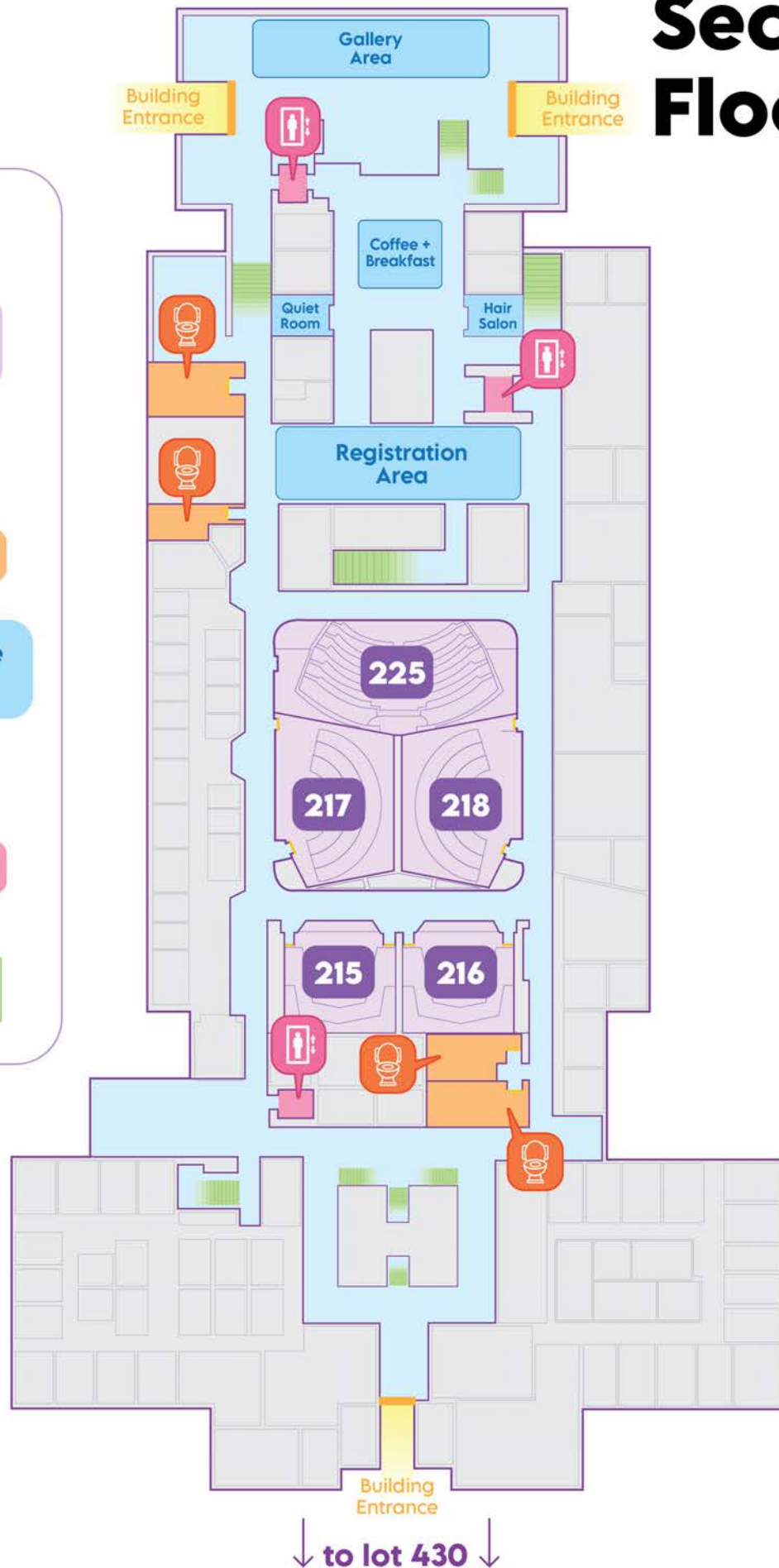


Elevator

Stairs



Second Floor



SESSION I 9:30 – 10:45 am

Supporting Your Littles in the Classroom: Cultivating Inclusive Trans*-Affirming Classrooms

Location: KOELBEL 101

Presenter: Briannah Hill

Awareness around Transgender identities and language is vital for creating healthy spaces—the truth is no space can ever be a safe space. But what might it look like when we begin to cultivate tools to foster brave spaces for our littles in the classroom? Join educator and poet Briannah Hill in this workshop to explore how to manifest trans-affirming classrooms. This will be an invaluable learning opportunity for teachers, parents, school-board professionals, and space-holders looking to broaden their understanding of gender and gender-based dynamics.

The Biology of Gender: Why It's Not as Simple as Male/Female

Location: KOELBEL 102

Presenter: Fawn Oates

Do you regularly want to explode when hearing, “What gender are they REALLY?” or “Biologically, there are only two genders”? This session will help you understand the intricacies of how biological gender is formed. A concrete model of biological sex is given with a handout that can help you explain it to others who haven't been exposed to these ideas and why gender is more complicated than just male and female. Intersex conditions will be discussed to help illustrate how we understand each piece of the gender puzzle. Attendees will be left with the skills to educate others while also advocating for all gender variance and diversity.

Gender Affirming Care for Eating Disorder Treating within the College Student Population

Location: KOELBEL 218

Presenter: Quinn Haisley

Studies have found that LGBTQIA+ identified college students, especially those who are transgender or gender non-conforming, are at increased risk for developing eating disorders. These students have special considerations when it comes to establishing affirming eating disorder treatment. In this session, we will get a better understanding of the various types of eating disorders, learn about how gender dysphoria and marginalized identity can contribute to the development of an eating disorder, and discuss how to create affirming eating disorder care for trans and gender non-conforming students. Quinn Haisley (she/they) is a non-binary and queer registered dietitian who has worked at the PHP, IOP, and outpatient levels of care in eating disorder treatment, and currently owns their own private practice specializing in the treatment of eating disorders and disordered eating for LGBTQIA+ and neurodivergent folx. They approach eating disorder treatment through an inclusive and anti-carceral lense, with a focus on how social justice interplays with eating disorder treatment.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

SESSION I 9:30 – 10:45 am

Trans Antagonism: A Roundtable On Making Safer Spaces For Gender Expansive People

Location: KOELBEL 127

Presenter: Reily McGee

In the wake of the Club Q attack in Colorado Springs, tons of misinformation about the trans victims has spread online. Many trans, non-binary, agender, genderfluid, and other gender expansive individuals face the results of the spreading misinformation. Beyond this, death by a thousand needles leads to many gender expansive people being worn down by targeted harm and simple missteps. This roundtable seeks to be a space for gender expansive individuals to vent aggressions faced due to misinformation and microaggressions. This roundtable will also work with allies towards ways to normalize gender expansive lives. Together, we can make safer spaces for all gender expansive people.

Lion House: A Model for LGBTQ+ Housing Services

Location: KOELBEL 217

Presenter: James Moran

In this session, participants will learn about running a housing services program for LGBTQ+ people who are unhoused. Participants will get an overview of Our Spot KC's Lion House program, which is the only LGBTQ+ specific housing program in the Midwest with transitional housing for LGBTQ+ youth. In this overview, participants will learn about the Housing First model of housing services, how we have adapted it to serve the needs of the LGBTQ+ community, and what strategies we use to serve LGBTQ+ people facing houselessness. We will also provide our Dos and Don'ts of Congregate Living, which has been utilized at a city level to guide mainstream housing providers in best practices for serving LGBTQ+ in their programs.

Death Cafe: Transgender End-of-Life Issues and How to Protect Trans Dignity in Death

Location: KOELBEL 215

Presenter: Faith Haug

Mortuary Science Professor Faith Haug discusses end-of-life issues the transgender community faces. Using case studies from the funeral industry, this session informs the community about end-of-life options, the unique situations faced by queer and trans communities, and how to best protect one's identity and dignity in death. Faith Haug, MBA, is the Program Chair of the Arapahoe Community College Mortuary Science Department and full-time professor. She and her trans partner also own Good Judy Garage in Denver, Colorado's only "out" fully queer owned and operated auto service and repair shop.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

SESSION II 11:00 am - 12:15 pm

Honoring Indigenous Queer and Two Spirit Relatives

Location: KOELBEL 101

Presenter: Byron Tsabetsaye

This session will honor Indigenous Queer and Two Spirit relatives by creating space for greater understanding and visibility. Participants will learn about the traditional, political, and historical connections to names and labels used to identify Indigenous queer people. The presenter will discuss the balance of navigating two worlds (Indigenous and Queer) and the complexities of outwardly expressing their identities and experiences. Opportunities for learning and cultural sustaining relationships with Indigenous Queer relatives will be provided.

Beyond Affirming:

Nutrition + Body Image Considerations During Transition

Location: KOELBEL 215 (virtual presentation)

Presenters: Kellan Morgan, Jacs Scheinman

Navigating queer body archetypes while undergoing transition often feels defeating and overwhelming, especially for folks who have done a lot of internal work to fight against systems of power and oppression. We live in a society where every inch of our bodies are gendered, nit-picked, and criticized. In this session, we aim to challenge these ideas by asking ourselves: How do you navigate feelings of gender dysphoria while maintaining a lens of body liberation? How do body dysmorphia and gender dysphoria increase risk for eating disorders and disordered eating? How do hormones impact this process?

Identifying Institutional Barriers to Equitable Trans Professional Experience at CU

Location: KOELBEL 102

Presenter: Aisha Nammari

In this two part facilitated discussion targeted towards trans CU system employees including graduate students, faculty, and staff, we will work to identify areas of improvement for equitable trans experiences related to CU. Participants are encouraged to share their experiences at CU and will come away with a better collective understanding of areas in which trans people are disproportionately affected by institutional policies in various areas related to CU: including access to and availability of health care through CU provided insurance, and other institutional policy barriers to a safe and affirming work and learning environments. After identifying barriers, we will then discuss avenues to work to break down these barriers.

While the session is open to everyone this is not intended as an introduction to issues facing trans people at CU but rather a deep dive into institutional policy and its effects on the trans community and individuals in that community.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

SESSION II 11:00 am - 12:15 pm

What is Vaginoplasty? Preparation, Healing, and Recovery

Location: KOELBEL 217

Presenter: Cristina Michaels MS. L.Ac.

Please join the author of *Vaginoplasty: A Trans Woman's Guide to Healing* for a discussion of what vaginoplasty is and what the healing looks like after surgery. As a practitioner of complementary medicine (massage therapy and acupuncture), Cristina will explore a multitude of ways to heal more quickly during your recovery period. Hear the highs and lows of her experience.

Queer Joy! We Are All In This Together

Location: KOELBEL 218

Presenter: Tyrell Rae

In this workshop, the audience will be polled on topics similar to the Privilege Walk in order to gain an understanding of themselves and their peers. Each individual will be encouraged to engage in story sharing and deep, meaningful conversations regarding their identities and experiences.

Film Screening: *Framing Agnes*

Location: KOELBEL 225

Agnes, the pioneering, pseudonymized, transgender woman who participated in Harold Garfinkel's gender health research at UCLA in the 1960s, has long stood as a figurehead of trans history. In this rigorous cinematic exercise that blends fiction and nonfiction, director Chase Joynt explores where and how her platform has become a pigeonhole. *Framing Agnes* endeavors to widen the frame through which trans history is viewed — one that has remained too narrow to capture the multiplicity of experiences eclipsed by Agnes'.

Beating Back the Backlash: Caring for Ourselves and Our Communities

Location: KOELBEL 127

Presenter: Glenda Russell

For at least three years, there has been a concerted backlash against LGBTQIA+ gains. Transgender and non-binary people have been most visibly targeted through both institutional and legislative actions. A big part of the strategy of anti-LGBTQIA+ forces is to wear us down, discourage us, and make us retreat. We refuse to retreat. But we need tools to take care of ourselves and our communities as we continue our efforts to make positive social change for all communities. In this workshop, we will discuss and work with tools that have been demonstrated to work to protect us and, even more, to help us to flourish even in the face of political attacks. Join us to feel stronger and to increase your resilience.

Saturday Session Feedback

Please take a few moments to fill out a feedback form! This information is extremely valuable for TGC organizers in planning future conferences.

To access the assessments, scan the QR codes below.
Links to TGC assessments can also be found online at ***bit.ly/tgcsurveys***.

Session I



Session II



Session III



Session IV



Saturday Keynote: Raquel Willis

1:30 - 2:45 pm in KOELBEL 123/125



Raquel Willis is a Black transgender activist, award-winning writer, and media strategist dedicated to elevating the dignity of marginalized people, particularly Black transgender people. Throughout her career, Raquel has held impactful positions like Director of Communications for The Ms. Foundation, executive editor of Out magazine, and a national organizer for Transgender Law Center (TLC).

In 2018, she founded Black Trans Circles, a project of TLC, focused on developing the leadership of Black trans women in the South and Midwest by creating healing justice spaces to work through oppression-based trauma and incubating community organizing efforts to address anti-trans murder and violence.

During her time at Out, she published the Trans Obituaries Project to highlight the epidemic of violence against trans women of color and developed a community-sourced 13-point framework to end the epidemic. This project won a GLAAD Media Award.

Raquel is a thought leader on gender, race and intersectionality. She's experienced in online publications, organizing marginalized communities for social change, non-profit media strategy and public speaking while using digital activism as a major tool of resistance and liberation.

She will be releasing her debut memoir about her coming of identity and activism with St. Martin's Press in 2023.

Follow Raquel on Twitter [@RaquelWillis_](https://twitter.com/RaquelWillis_) and Instagram [@raquel_willis](https://www.instagram.com/raquel_willis).

SESSION III 3:00 – 4:15 pm

Zines for Youth to Document Their Gender Journeys

Location: KOELBEL 100

Presenter: Tamara Williams Van Horn

With the goal of playfully showing up as “fierce archivists of our spaces,” (Maurice Ka of Rosehouse Botanicals), youth participants will be guided in exercises that will result in crafting a personal 8- panel zine from a single sheet of folded paper. This is “Youth-affirming craftivism,” with all materials provided. The session is best suited for folks who can use their hands unassisted; and to provide the most spaciousness, will be closed to “youth,” self-defined.

Finding Direction: Navigating Health Resources as a Transgender Person and Being the Future of Medicine

Location: KOELBEL 102

Presenter: Erin Austin

So you, someone you know, or someone you love has come out as transgender and is wanting to undergo social and medical transition. That’s amazing! So...what happens now? Everyone’s transition is different and there is so much information, so many recourses, how do you begin to parse through it all to create a plan? What does receiving healthcare as a transgender person look like, and how do you advocate for yourself and your loved ones? Attend a session from a trans woman who is shaping herself to be a leader in medicine and has been through it all to learn more about how we as transgender people are changing medicine for the better, and detailed tips for navigating a complicated medical and social process along the way!

Ballroom History

Location: KOELBEL 127

Presenter: LeeLee James

This session will teach the history of ball culture, the ballroom scene, and the continued importance of ballroom culture here in Colorado for queer & trans bipoc youth & young adults with the mother of the Colorado chapter of the very first house in ballroom history, the royal and iconic House of LaBeija - LeeLee LaBeija!

LeeLee James (she/her), aka LeeLee LaBeija, is channeling her engineering education, figure skating training, and resourcefulness through queer, femme, and Black identities into a wild and wonderful expression of her STEAM art through her YouTube series, “Twirling Tech Goddess.” As a computer science major at CU Boulder, LeeLee’s vision imbues for those who are historically marginalized that greater access to technological information, skills, and experiences is of the utmost importance in creating an equitable future for all. She is also the proud Mother of the Colorado Chapter of the pioneering and iconic Royal House of LaBeija, and hopes to stimulate greater interest in STEM to those within the ballroom community.

SESSION III 3:00 – 4:15 pm

“Don’t Expect Us to Use That Name”: When Trans Acceptance Falls Short

Location: KOELBEL 217

Presenter: Cassie LaBelle and Felix Lefevre

Coming out as trans means bracing for the worst. You know that once you say those words, your spouse might leave you, your boss might fire you, or your parents might kick you out of the house. But what happens when your loved ones don’t disown you, but don’t fully accept you either? What happens when you are asked to compromise your identity for your loved ones’ comfort, or you are merely tolerated instead of wholeheartedly accepted? In this presentation, Cassie LaBelle and Felix Lefevre will explore how to navigate relationships with friends, family, and co-workers who haven’t disowned you, but haven’t fully accepted you, either.

From Trauma to Thriving: How to Transform Your Struggles to Strength

Location: KOELBEL 101

Presenter: Fawne Oates

Gender transition can be a whirlwind of emotional experiences for the person transitioning, and for their friends and family members as well. Sadly, many people experience trauma during this transition. This session will help give you 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.

Effects of U.S. state gender-oriented legislation on minority stress and resiliency in transgender adults

Location: KOELBEL 218

Presenter: Erika Baron

There has been a dramatic increase in the past decade in introduced and passed state legislation in the United States (U.S.) that were discriminatory to transgender (trans) people or seeking to limit or eliminate their rights (ACLU, 2021). From 2016 to 2022, more than 300 anti-trans bills have been introduced collectively in all states (FFAA, 2022). In 2020, many states introduced legislation to criminalize gender-affirming medical care for trans youth with punishments including misdemeanors, felonies, fines, and child abuse investigations (Abreu et al., 2022). Missouri, Tennessee, and Texas rank among the top 5 states with high quantities of proposed anti-trans legislation, and California, Colorado, and New York rank among the bottom 5 states (ACLU, 2021). This study aims to explore the mental health effects on trans people living in three U.S. states with high anti-trans and low pro-trans legislation.

How To Work Together: A Workshop on Building an Intersectionally Minded University For Trans Rights

Location: KOELBEL 101

Presenters: Dr. Sophia Sangwanthong and Dr. Ana Lopez

This session will identify methods, strategies, and actions that students, faculty, and staff can use to build an intersectionally-minded university. We'll be thinking holistically about members of the campus community, their needs, equity, and justice. Led by NMSU's Director of Chicano Programs and NMSU's Director of LGBT+ Program/ Interim Director of Asian and Pacific Islander Programs, this workshop will look at how to create programming, policy, and education across departments, technologies, and university spaces to be inclusive of transgender, nonbinary, and gender diverse individuals while being inclusive of race, disability, sexuality, class, and ethnicity. This workshop will include many practical rhetorical, technological, and programming tools that activists in other fields will also be able to apply to the fields they work and participate in.

WHO ARE YOU: Trans* Narratives within Poetry

Location: KOELBEL 102

Presenter: Briannah Hill

Who are you, really? Behind closed doors, in class or work settings, how does your full authentic self show up? Typically when we think about this, several narratives become true simultaneously.

Join educator and poet Briannah Hill in this workshop to teach queer writers tactics for writing voices based on lived experiences of creative self-formation, trans and non-binary gender expression, and gender transition. We will also read works by Essex Hemphill, Jayy Dodd, J Mase III, Danez Smith, Bay Davis, Jewelle Gomez, and others.

Gender Dysphoria and Mental Health Care

Location: KOELBEL 127

Presenter: Tara Doudy, MA, LPCC

Gender Dysphoria and Mental Health Care: a conversation on gender dysphoria, including the ways dysphoria impacts gender non-conforming folks and how to reach a level of radical acceptance wherever you are in your journey. This conversation will include mental health statistics on dysphoria as well as evidence I've seen in my practice as a queer allied therapist. I will also include an introduction to trans inclusive validations.

Internalized oppression and gender expression

Location: KOELBEL 218

Presenter: Joyous Crouse

In this training we will start with talking about and exploring the idea of identity development. First I will level set and we will have an interactive review of vocab words relating to gender and some for sexuality. This is to help get people up and moving and affirming the knowledge they are walking into the room with. I will also do a brief review of pronouns in a matrix to also level set the collective understanding in the room. We will review the 5 stages based off of Atkinson et al. Model. Then I move into the question that we have all encountered at some point, "am I queer enough?". We will look at Spectrum theory using the gender unicorn and talk about internalization of gender rules, performance, and your own do's and don'ts in relation to your gender expression. We will then link the concept of internalized rules of performance to their externalization and how they can be projected on others in the form of conscious and unconscious policing. When applied to ourselves or others this can look like using the measurement of 'enoughness'. Then we will do breakout groups and talk about how these show up in the learners' lives.

Access To Gender Affirming Care & Trans American Identity

Location: KOELBEL 217

Presenter: Sam George Bailey

Trans people navigate citizenship in a landscape of state surveillance and scrutiny. A trans student of political science, data, & LGBTQ+ studies explores answering the question: How do current political debates around access to gender affirming care affect trans American identity?

SESSION V 9:30 – 10:45 am

Gender Diversity and Medical Transition: From Gatekeeping to Empowerment

Location: KOELBEL 100

Presenter: Li Brookens, LCSW

This session is for mental health providers and Transgender and Gender Diverse (TGD) community members. We will look at best practices for mental health providers supporting TGD adults in our community. We will cover the basics of social, spiritual, and medical transition recommendations based on the recently published World Professional Association of Transgender Health (WPATH) Standards of Care 8 (SOC 8). Using examples from the facilitators' personal life and clinical experience, participants will gain practical skills in assessment, talk therapy, and letter writing. The discussion will also include tips for collaboration with local resources and referral networks.

Allies and Accomplices for Trans People and Communities: A Workshop for Cisgender People of all Sexual Orientations

Location: KOELBEL 102

Presenter: Glenda Russell

Transgender and non-binary people and communities are undergoing multi-pronged attacks throughout most of the country. These communities have made great strides in increasing their visibility and influence, and the backlash against them is increasingly severe. This workshop will focus on what cisgender people (including heterosexual, lesbian, gay, and bisexual) people can do to stand as active and committed allies and accomplices with trans and non-binary communities. The workshop is based in research findings, both with allies and with gender and sexual minority individuals and organizations. The research is solid but the findings are practical and doable. We'll talk together about what we can do to stand with members of our community who are under siege.

Making Birth Safer for Every Body

Location: KOELBEL 217

Presenter: Cairn Yakey

The perinatal period is a vulnerable time for a birthing person and their family. Trans and nonbinary people face unique challenges in the journey to expand their families. Whether it's navigating a binary system not set up for gender expansive folx or difficulty in accessing affirming care in their community, trans and nonbinary birthing people navigate disproportionate impacts on their physical and mental health. This can lead to a lack of feeling safe and increased risk of adverse birth outcomes, birth trauma, and perinatal mood and anxiety disorders. There are many ways to increase safety for birthing people such as addressing bias in the medical system and advocacy for policy change. However, one of the most effective ways is through creating safety in relationships with providers and the systems in which gender expansive folx are giving birth. Where trans and nonbinary people may be a small percentage of birthing people, when we change a system to empower a marginalized community, we create a system that is safer for every body to birth.

SESSION V 9:30 – 10:45 am

Mainstreaming and financial inclusivity of the Kinnars of Odisha, India

Location: KOELBEL 218

Presenter: Vijaya Batth

The Kinnars (transgenders) of Odisha have witnessed exclusion not only from social and cultural involvement but also from economic and political participation. Almost all of them are not under any life or health insurance schemes because of a lack of knowledge or not being able to get enrolled in the schemes. Besides, there is a lack of livelihood options and employers deny employment for even qualified and skilled transgender people. This is the reason for majority of them to choose or continue to be in sex work (with its associated HIV and health-related risks) or begging. My paper deals with the Transgender community residing in the State of Odisha, their problems, which includes not only social exclusion but also the absence of financial inclusion and how the exclusion should be reduced by bringing in policy changes.

Queer/Trans Memoir: A Workshop

Location: KOELBEL 216

Presenter: Aimee Herman-Durica

Everyone has a story to tell. In this workshop, we will read some examples of queer and trans memoirs as a pathway toward our own language, our own memories. We will consider the maps inside us (places we have been, what led us to where we are, the roads we yearn to take toward finding ourselves). We will read, write, share, and explore our own queer poetics, archiving some of the stories from within.

Trans Surgery & Embodiment: Living into Selves Who Are Already There

Location: KOELBEL 215

Presenter: Bethany Beeler

A lot of trans and non-binary folks never undergo surgery and are at home in their bodies. Those who do choose surgery, though, do so for profound spiritual, physical, emotional, and mental reasons. It feels right. But what does it feel like to go through the process and live life after? Join award-winning trans author and artist, Bethany Beeler, for a fun and enlightening interactive exchange on the nuts, bolts, and sutures of trans surgeries and how they impact a life.

Discussion group: The future of the Transgender community

Location: KOELBEL 101

Presenter: Joni Cromer Trans Soup

This is an open discussion about the information that has been presented at the conference. We will bring up concerns, issues such as health care access, inclusion, social situations, current government policies, and community safety which affects the daily lives of the transgender community.

SESSION VI 11:00 am – 12:15 pm

Parents of Transgender Children

Location: KOELBEL 102

Presenter: Christine Gibbons

This panel will consist of 3 or 4 parents of transgender children. We will tell our stories of our children coming out and our reactions. We will talk about what resources helped us as parents. We will have a question and answer section after the panel has given their stories.

Trans Peacebuilding: A Collective Imagining Workshop

Location: KOELBEL 101

Presenter: Joscelyn Inton-Campbell

How can we build a peaceful world for trans and gender diverse people? Using frameworks from the fields of Peace Studies and Transformative Justice, this interactive workshop will use participatory analysis activities with participants to brainstorm and develop ideas of what peacebuilding for trans communities looks like in our current world. No experience or knowledge of the fields of peacebuilding or transformative justice are necessary, as short lessons on peace theory and frameworks will be presented in between rounds of interactive reflection among participants. This will be rooted in an intersectional transfeminist lens with an emphasis on queer liberation.

Why is a voice gendered? Computers Have the Answer

Location: KOELBEL 215

Presenter: Paulus van Horne

This workshop will propose the use of electronic sound technology as a means of extending the voice, bypassing the often-normative goals of voice therapy, to reach a more experimental (computer-aided) expression of one's own embodied experience of gender. We will start by explaining how gender is heard in a human voice, as well as relaying a brief history of electronic voice technologies. We will then demonstrate software tools for transforming and digitally synthesizing human voices, and present artwork which delves into the sonic synthesis of gender. These tools and examples will provide attendees with a deeper understanding of the relationship between voice & gender.

Sex and Transition

Location: KOELBEL 127

Presenter: Shanae Adams

The act of sex can bring joy, excitement, anxiety, fear, and confusion. For folx with trans identity, those emotions can be significantly heightened due to lack of representation and knowledge. Join sexologist Shanae Adams, PhD(c), in a dialogue on sex and transition. Participants will explore value, identity, body, emotional, relational, and mental health concerns.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

SESSION VI 11:00 am – 12:15 pm

Bachata con Orgullo

Location: Center for Community, Abrams Lounge
Meet up at KOELBEL 100 to walk to the C4C together

Presenter: Ruby Lopez

Bachata con Orgullo (Bachata with Pride) is an offering put out by Orgullo: Queer Afro-Latin Dance Club and Out Boulder County. Orgullo seeks to challenge the rigidly cis-heteronormative culture of latin partner dance by welcoming new queer-identifying dancers into the rich culture of latin dance. It's 2023 and the days of only having men lead and women follow should be over, but sadly most current latin dance studios around the world still enforce these gender roles, and in doing so, discourage and alienate LGBTQ+ identifying dancers from participating. Orgullo seeks to not only do away with archaic gender role norms within partner dance and welcome queer folks into the latin dance scene but also to introduce the concept of switch dancing. Switch dancing is a practice within partner dancing where two dancers, skilled in both leading and following, can switch roles effortlessly, sometimes several times, within the span of one dance.

Including the 'I': Intersex Experiences and the Importance of Trans Allyship

Location: KOELBEL 218

Presenter: Sam Sharpe

Academic and activist considerations of transgender identity and rights exist in tension with conceptualizations of sex, but often neglect the lived experience of intersex individuals. This presentation will discuss biological, legal, medical, and social factors which shape intersex lives, as well as the historical trajectories which have led to the current paradigm of intersex oppression and erasure. We will consider the many shared needs of trans and intersex individuals, contributions to existing tensions, and implications for trans allyship to intersex communities. Ultimately, the oppressive enforcement of a binary sex and gender paradigm harms both trans and intersex communities and underlines the importance of collaborative liberatory work.

Queer and Trans People of Color (QTPOC) Caucus

Location: KOELBEL 217

Facilitator: Briannah Hill

Share and discuss experiences unique to queer and trans people of color and process what you've learned at TGC this year. This is a safe space to ask questions, share feelings, and be among people who share in this identity. This session is exclusively for people who identify as QTPOC.

Sunday Session Feedback

Please take a few moments to fill out a feedback form! This information is extremely valuable for TGC organizers in planning future conferences.

To access the assessments, scan the QR codes below.
Links to TGC assessments can also be found online at ***bit.ly/tgcsurveys***.

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Session VIII



Sunday Keynote: Bamby Salcedo

1:30 - 2:45 pm in KOELBEL 123/125



Bamby Salcedo is a prominent and celebrated transgender Latina activist, known all over the world for her passionate and productive social, political, and economic influence. As the President and CEO of the TransLatin@ Coalition, Bamby steadily leads this nationally recognized organization that advocates for and addresses the issues of transgender Latinas throughout the United States.

Bamby received her Master's Degree in Mexican and Latin@ Studies from California State University, Los Angeles, and also developed the Center for Violence Prevention & Transgender Wellness, a multimillion, multipurpose, multiservice space for Trans people in Los Angeles.

Bamby's wide-ranging activist work has brought visibility and given a voice to not only the trans community, but to countless others whose efforts focus on critical topics that include immigration, HIV, at-risk youth, LGBTQIA+ issues, incarceration, and more. Through her dynamic leadership, Bamby has developed several organizations that have created networks and connections where there were none, and she, to this day, tirelessly advocates for the rights, dignity, and humanity of those who are often silenced. Determined to affect change at every level, Bamby actively engages and supports many local, national, and international organizations and planning groups.

Bamby's words and experience often summons both tears and laughter and her life story has been the subject of two documentary films, "TransVisible: Bamby Salcedo's Story" and "LA QueenCiañera."

Bamby has been featured and recognized in multiple media outlets such as People en Español, Latina Magazine, Cosmopolitan, the Los Angeles Times, Los Angeles Magazine, OUT 100 and featured in the HBO documentary The Trans List, among many others. Bamby has also been recognized and awarded for her outstanding work by multiple national and local organizations.

Gender and Plurality: Navigating Gender Identity and Transition for Plural Systems

Location: KOELBEL 100

Presenter: Felix J. Lefevre

Surveys indicate that Plural Systems, such as those diagnosed with DID and OSDD, identify as trans and nonbinary at significantly higher rates than the general population. Yet many outside the Plural community remain unaware that this community exists at all. Plural Systems regularly find that their gender identities and transition-related needs are misunderstood both by the professionals who serve them, and by the broader trans, nonbinary, and gender-diverse communities. Felix Lefevre, a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) with specialized training and experience in work with gender-diverse and Plural clients, will begin with an introductory overview about the Plural Community. They will then discuss some of the particular challenges often experienced by Plural Systems when navigating gender identity exploration, and will highlight struggles Plural Systems may encounter during transition. Finally, they will suggest possible solutions for gender-diverse Plural Systems, and ways that allies can work to bridge the gap in awareness and support moving forward. There will be a short Q&A session following the presentation.

Name Change Workshop

Location: KOELBEL 217

Presenter: Shannara Quissell

The Colorado Name Change Project offers an informational workshop over how to navigate the legal name change process and gender marker corrections on identity documents.

Out and Open: Being Trans in American Society with Confidence and Power

Location: KOELBEL 102

Presenter: Sabene Georges

Being an out and open transgender person in America today is not easy. It requires a sense of confidence and of self that takes time to develop. How we interact in society, how we pursue our education or our career, how we relate to friends and family, are all part of an equation that we each have to solve. And there is no one single answer for all. There is, however, a hack that will work for almost everyone - confidence. In this session, Sabene Georges, a trans woman and business owner, will walk you through what she has learned since coming out and transitioning in 2017. How having confidence and expressing power can unlock interactions in society, success in business, and building/rebuilding relationships in our personal lives.

Spit, Poet!

Location: KOELBEL 216

Presenter: Quentin Farris

This program will discuss poem crafting while educating new and old poets on how to perform them on stage. We will teach individuals how to best memorize, contextualize and prepare themselves to perform their poetry in a setting with an audience. Attendees will obtain a better understanding of how to comfortably prepare themselves for a public presentation and will leave with the structural tools to enable them to feel more confident with their performance.

Gender Freedom Through Art

Location: KOELBEL 101

Presenter: Mag Beglarian

Art is life-saving. Art communities are life-giving. Classical training is not necessary for making art or finding community through art-making. Although the art world has historically (and is currently) dominated by white, cisgender men, local art communities can uplift marginalized voices. Finding and creating community through art is one way that queer individuals can find shared experiences and solidarity. This workshop explores the ways in which queer individuals can find inspiration, solidarity, and gender affirmation through art. We will also discuss tips for organizing art events that unify and uplift queer communities.

The Story So Far: The Past, Present, and Future of Storytelling in Progressive Movements

Location: KOELBEL 218

Presenter: Kate Kelly & Trish Hyde

Stories, storytelling, and people's lived experiences are what continue to push movements forward. Join us in this interactive workshop where we will first dive into a brief history of organizing and the role storytelling has played within the movement and provide folks with the tools/resources to become an advocate in their community. We will explore and engage with different historical and modern mediums of storytelling for issue based advocacy. Come learn how to tell YOUR story.

ENBY Caucus

Location: KOELBEL 100

Facilitator: Tamara Williams Van Horn

Share and discuss experiences unique to nonbinary identities and process what you've learned at TGC this year. This is a safe space to ask questions, share feelings, and be among people who share in this identity. This session is exclusively for people who hold nonbinary gender identities.

Trans Fem Caucus

Location: KOELBEL 101

Facilitator: Cristina Michaels

Share and discuss experiences unique to trans feminine identities and process what you've learned at TGC this year. This is a safe space to ask questions, share feelings, and be among people who share in this identity. This session is exclusively for people who identify as MTF or trans feminine.

Trans Masc Caucus

Location: KOELBEL 125

Facilitator: Li Brookens

Share and discuss experiences unique to trans masculine identities and process what you've learned at TGC this year. This is a safe space to ask questions, share feelings, and be among people who share in this identity. This session is exclusively for people who identify as FTM or trans masculine.

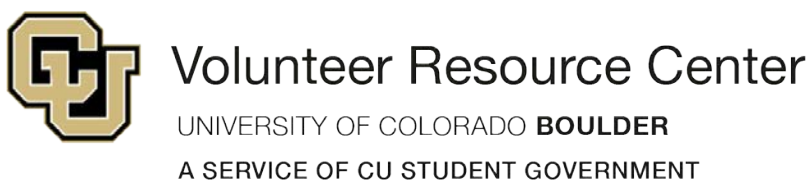
Significant Others, Friends, Family, and Allies (SOFFA) Caucus

Location: KOELBEL 102

Facilitator: TBA

Share and discuss experiences unique to significant others, family, friends and allies of the trans community and process what you've learned at TGC this year. This is a safe space to ask questions, share feelings, and be among people who share in this identity. This session is exclusively for people who fall under SOFFA.

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(see all dates at bit.ly/pridegroups)

3:00 - 4:00 in C4C Room 336

Bring Your Own Gender

A social and supportive group for students who are transgender, nonbinary, gender-questioning, and gender-creative.

Every other Thursday (see bit.ly/pridegroups for dates)
from **4:00 - 5:00 PM** in **C4C Room 336**



Queer Lit & Performance Festival

Friday, March 17th, 7 - 9 P.M.
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PROTECT OUR QUEER YOUTH

WE ARE UNDER ATTACK

There have been a record number of Anti-LGBTQ+ legislation proposed in the United States of America this year, many of these bills targeting Transgender and Queer youth. These bills are joined in partnership with violent attacks against our community, most recently Club Q, which was felt all across Colorado and the world. This country wants to take away our autonomy to our own bodies - This will not stand.

On **March 24th, 2023**, Denver will be the first of many cities in several states to walk out and march to protest the unjust and hateful behavior towards the youth queer community. Will you join us to aid in the fight with other youth *across the nation*?

This walkout/march / protest is being designed, led, and executed by Queer Youth in Colorado.

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