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Welcome to the Inaugural Edition of the Trans 100.

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Most of all we thank you, for taking the time to learn more about your community.

The Trans 100 Team

Introduction from Co-Director Jen Richards

What you are looking at is a flawed beginning.

All of us involved recognize this fact. All of us involved believe that this is worth doing anyways.

These two simple facts are a touchstone we return to again and again, and only those who agree with these two points will find much of value here.

If you recognize that this project is incomplete, and yet still has much to offer, then we trust you will find what we did: an awe inspiring collection of one hundred amazing people doing important work.

Not the only hundred. Not the hundred you agree with. But one hundred that reveal a cross section of trans people active in the United States right now, that indicate the breadth and depth of the work being done by and for the community.

Because the list itself is a form of activism, an effort to change the narrative around trans people, an opportunity for people in the community to learn more about others also in it, and a way of expanding the pool of people that the media can go to for input, because this is our first attempt at what will be an annual initiative, because this emerged from the community and is ultimately accountable to it, because of all these reasons and many more, we want to be transparent about the flaws we know about and address them directly.

For your consideration, we lay bare the following shortcoming and critiques, and our responses:

- ***This is nothing but a popularity contest.***

- The list is not ranked. The intention is not to value some trans people over others, but rather to give a sampling of 100 hundred trans people whose own peers believed their work merits attention.
- We received over 500 nominations representing over 360 individuals. The number of times any individual was nominated had no bearing on their selection. A curatorial team of 17 people, representing a wide range of age, race and gender identity, researched, debated and voted on each and every individual.
- Most of the people on the list humbly accepted their selection, but asked that the focus remain on the work they're doing. Conversely, many of our personal friends did not make the list, but nonetheless expressed their support and enthusiasm for the opportunity to learn about so many others.
- One of the founding and guiding principles of this effort was to use the list as a way of showing people who aren't normally recognized, and populations that are often underrepresented.
- Some of the most well known trans people are not on the list. That's not to diminish the power of visibility, but only an indication of the ethos of this particular list.

- ***You don't have to be an activist to be valuable to the community.***

- Though we originally sought to recognize activism specifically, not every person on this list would identify as such. Direct engagement with the community will always be the foundation of the Trans 100, but we acknowledge that such engagement can manifest in a variety of ways. This year's list includes an actor, a musician and a video game designer. Future lists may include comedians and porn stars. I for one hope so.

- ***It should be about the work, not the person.***

- Our deliberations always focused on the work being done, and the bios and links are meant to serve as an overview of the diversity of efforts, centers, groups, and websites available to our community. Nonetheless, it is people doing the work, and we believe that these individuals deserve to be seen. Further, we'd like the media to focus more on transgender adults who are living visibly and working to improve the lives of those in the community. We hope this list will bring exactly such people to the media's attention, particularly people of color.

- ***[X] isn't on the list!***

- Many, many worthwhile people are not on this list, and for a variety of reasons.
- We've been overwhelmed by the attention this project has garnered in the few weeks leading up to publication, but the call for nominations was less widely known. As the word spread, we learned about many more people we would have loved to honor, and intend to in future iterations.
- We couldn't reach everyone who was selected. There are some amazing people whom we wanted among the 100, but simply couldn't contact in time. We did not want to publish any names without consent. CeCe McDonald is a good example of such a case. Again, we will do better next year.
- Some people did not want to be on the list. One person did not feel that being trans was central to their identity or work. Another selected replied with their thanks, but told us that they had made a vow that their work would never be about them. We respect that.
- We only had 100 spots! There's simply not enough room to recognize everyone, but each year will further expand our community.
- When we first announced our intentions, we had several people tell us that we wouldn't be able to find 100 visible trans activists. I'm thrilled that our challenge turned out instead to be that there are too many.

- ***[Y] shouldn't be on the list!***

- While Toni and I stand by every person selected, very few people selected had the unanimous consent of the entire curatorial committee. Among the list are people whose inclusion raised strong objections by some of the curators. Some of the list would not have been chosen by Toni or I. We think that's important. Speaking out entails risk, and virtually no position can be publicly articulated without angering or alienating someone. In a community as diverse as ours, healthy discourse means allowing space for a range of often conflicting and incompatible perspectives, as well as personal differences.

- ***Since [X] isn't on the list, or because [Y] is, it's useless.***

- We understand such a reaction. As two emotionally volatile individuals, we have ourselves often found ourselves wanting to dismiss some movie, book, television show, website, news story, etc. because of one or two problematic characters, actors, scenes, lines, etc. In this case, we hope that even if you find a few objectionable choices, the 90-some other people are worth learning about.

- ***I've never even heard of [Y]!***

- Well, now you have.

- ***It's too America-centric.***

- We thought long and hard about whether or not to include some of the many wonderful activists from around the world. In the end, we felt it would be presumptuous of us to do so. Rather, we're hoping that we can develop a model and share our resources to collaborate or support similar efforts in other countries in future years, and that we can all exist under this Trans 100 umbrella. We erred on the side of starting small and focused, and allowing for future growth. Toni also wrote on this issue here.

- ***You've emphasized race too much.***

- I stand with Dr. Kortney Ryan Ziegler in saying that “centering race in transgender advocacy is key to equality for all.” It’s particularly important for white people to initiate these conversations, and to ask themselves how they are making the spaces and resources they have access to available to all. Toni herself is a woman of multiple racial identities, and because of such, cannot separate them from her transness in the way her work is done.

- ***There are too many people from major cities/Chicago/Arizona.***

- Major cities are going to be disproportionately recognized. There are more trans people in large urban areas, more services for trans people there, and therefore more trans workers to be recognized. This is not to devalue the work being done in smaller communities and rural areas, which is often even more challenging. We hope that with the publicity the list garners in its inaugural year, the call for nominations will penetrate further in subsequent years, yielding a still greater variety of geographic representation. One of the many lessons we have learned is to increase the amount of time for the nominations, which we will do next year.
- Chicago had by and far more nominations than any other area, even New York City. This is partly because Chicago has a large and well organized trans community. It is also partly because I am based in Chicago, so the call for nominations had more attention there than anywhere else. While there are more selections from Chicago than any other area, there are also more worthy nominees who did not make the list from there than anywhere else.

- ***What about allies?***

- I’ve only recently accepted that we are simply too small of a community to effectively force all the changes required for our survival and advancement. We do need the help of allies, but we must first build up our own community and achieve enough unity to understand and prioritize what we need help with. It is our responsibility to set our agenda. No matter how well intentioned, no one can tell our stories better than we can.

- ***Why aren't the curators public?***

- This was the source of extensive debate internally, but the consensus was that anonymity would allow attention to remain focused on the 100 honored.

- ***Who the heck are you to do this?***

- We’ve often asked that ourselves! Short bios for Toni and I can be found at the end of this list.

As an inaugural project, Toni and I made the process up as we went along, learning from feedback and our own errors. We made a promise to ourselves to acknowledge and personally address every critique we heard about, and we found the community to be a tremendous source of insight and suggestion. We will remain in dialogue with you. Our concern has only ever been, and will always only be, how to make this project an act of service.

Thank you.

Jen Richards
Co-Director, The Trans 100
We Happy Trans

Introduction from Co-Director Toni D'orsay

The Trans 100. The name is simple—the idea is enormous. One hundred people who are actively doing serious, difficult work that is too often overlooked, too often ignored, neither sexy nor glittery nor fun enough to warrant people seeing it.

I have been extremely fortunate over the last several years to have met a full range of trans people working in all manner of fields, with all manner of skills, and from them I have learned a tremendous amount about our community, about our needs, and about the distances we must cross and the paths ahead of us. One refrain was consistent throughout many, if not most, of those meetings: “I feel as if I am the only one doing this.” As a person who believes that rather than reinventing the wheel over and over again, we must continue to build up what we have, and we must develop the infrastructure ourselves to support our people, our community—I knew that feeling alone was an enormous limitation on our collective efforts.

I am a strong proponent of empowerment, of providing recognition to others, and of creating tools and systems that enable us, as a community, to come together and celebrate the infinite variety and spectacle of what it means to be a trans person. In a conversation with my son, I was asked a question that I felt an urge to get the answer to, and still be able to make a difference for our community in the task itself.

The Trans 100 is the culmination of all of those ideas, and it would not have been possible were it not for Jen Richards who, like myself, was caught on fire with the possibilities that such a list presented—a way of changing the way that trans people are seen, a way of highlighting not the salacious but the noble, a way of taking back the moral high ground on which we stand in the face of those who oppose us.

As with much of what we as a community do, we were told “no”—we were told that it could not be done. And one of the many traits that Jen and I share is that we are not people to whom one says such things. So we did it.

What we have here is successes to communicate, a complement to our losses by celebrating our gains, a way to highlight, respect, and honor those among us who give so freely, so broadly, so industriously. This project was conceived, created, constructed, conducted, and collaborated on, within, for, by, and about trans people. It allows us to say not that we are among them, but that they are among us. The Trans 100 exists now to recognize and honor excellence in service to the community, and it is not about popularity, nor about fame or infamy, nor about personality or person.

It is about the work. With each effort being represented by those who rise above and go further, fight longer, strive harder, and yearn for that day when all of us can say that our community is something to be proud of, that transness is attractive—not contagious—that each of us—all of us—deserves a good life with a happy ending.

I am honored and humbled to present to you, my brothers and sisters and siblings, the amazing triumph of transness that is The Trans 100.

Toni D'orsay,
Co-Director, The Trans 100
Executive Director, This is HOW

Keynote Essay:

Forging the Future

15 years ago being trans in America felt so different to me. While I can hardly fathom that its been that long, it has still been a relatively short time in the context of social justice and civil rights. It's not at the threats to our economic, social, and living freedom are absent or mitigated now -- especially against trans women of color or with disabilities. No, those experiences are lived daily. It's not that historical oppression and marginalization is a thing of the past, or that police brutality, rape, gendered violence, and hate crimes are gone -- even from my own life. Those experiences are the reason why men and women just like myself have begun inviting the world into our lives and hoping to create change in our lives and in the most marginalized lives among us.

What is different, in 2013, is that we are on the precipice of great changes in our movement, great changes that finally are beginning to uplift our voices more than ever before. This change that we've seen in the last three years is no accident, this change is created by each and every one of us who have found the bravery to call out and be counted as part of the trans caucus. To call out and say, "yes I am trans" has begun as a rallying cry and has made it harder and harder to ignore us categorically as a class.

But with these moments comes a choice, because our voice is being heard not just as a squeak in the dark, but as a whisper. And that whisper -- justifiably so -- is angry over years, decades, and centuries of marginalization through institutional, economic, and social means. We're unhappy about having our voices, our faces, our bodies, our movement, our votes, and our truth co-opted, colonized, and bargained with for the sake of incremental "justice." And we are tired of decades of lip service, for the sake of political self-aggrandizement.

We're tired of the past, and it can be so so easy for us to drown in our own oppression, and marginalization. It can be so easy to ache in pain over our present. And it can be so hard to ask for a future.

I ask that we make the hard choice in this moment. I ask that we never forget the past -- because in the past we find the context for which our present is and upon which our future will be built. The past, where trans women of color like Silvia Rivera and Marsha P. Johnson fought tooth and nail for gay and trans rights and liberation screaming "Gay Power" from the rooftops. I

ask that we work in the present -- because now is the time and there are lives to be saved today. The present, where a woman like CeCe McDonald is incarcerated for defending her life against a white supremacist and anti-trans hate crime. The present where countless men and women fight for their lives literally and metaphorically, even here on our American streets. But I also ask that we live and dream for the future.

I live for a future where the HIV/AIDS epidemic is over, and not one where 28% of American trans women are positive (higher than any other population)#. I live for a future where rape is a horror of the past, and not one where 60%# (3 in 5#) trans women are victims in their lifetimes#. I live for a future where every single "LGBT" advocacy organization has a trans woman of color in a leadership position, not one where there are zero. I live for a future in which economic, medical, institutional, prison and social justice are a birthright and not just a dream of a future.

We can do better. And I choose to hope for that better future. I choose to work and live for that better future.

I live for a future where we use our fantastic might, spirit, and love of life to create our own change. I live for a future where we don't suffocate in our own oppression and we rise up above the clouds to claim a spot along with all our brothers and sisters in the land of freedom and plenty. The future is positive, affirmative, and love. And only we can do this ourselves. We cannot wait for the rest of society to hand us the key to our social justice. We must forge the key ourselves with love -- forged in our states, and cities, neighborhoods, and homes. We must advocate for ourselves affirmatively -- not through making a negative case against those who do it incorrectly -- and bring about our positive vision for a nation with liberty and justice for all.

It is in that spirit that I firmly support the efforts of our local trans resource and advocacy organizations all across the country. Because it is in our neighborhoods, it is in our cities, and in our states that we give our community the tools to advocate for our own rights. It is in that spirit I support efforts like these, like the trans 100, that seek to uplift the voices and actions of those who center this at their great works.

Because the most radical thing we can do as a community is to forge the future, together.

Monika MHZ

Trans 100 Honoree (page 16)



Abigail Jensen

Abigail Jensen uses her skills as an attorney and her experiences as a trans woman to advise others on issues such as name changes and discrimination claims, and she fights for equal rights for all trans and gender-nonconforming people in all areas of our lives.

arizonaabby.wordpress.com

Aidan Key

In 2001, Aidan Key, an educator, organizer, and activist, Key founded Gender Odyssey and subsequently the Gender Odyssey Family conference for families with transgender children. Through his organization, Gender Diversity, he facilitates an expanding network of support groups for parents of transgender children and leads training for schools, providers, and youth-based agencies. Key is a popular speaker on college campuses and appears on national television, on radio, and in articles.

www.genderodyssey.org • www.genderdiversity.org



Alexis Martinez

Alexis Martinez' activism is fueled by the belief that everyone has the right to living-wage employment, housing, education and quality healthcare. Though her focus is on the trans community, she's a strong advocate of building and forging alliances with progressive struggles outside the LGBTQ establishment.

ChicagoDykeMarch.wordpress.com • www.chicagoi2i.org



Allyson Robinson

Allyson Robinson is a former Army officer and the executive director of OutServe-SLDN, where she is working to achieve full LGBT military equality in the United States Armed Forces on behalf of more than 67,000 actively serving LGBT military personnel and their families, as well as countless LGBT veterans.

She lives with her wife of eighteen years and their four children.

www.advocate.com/print-issue/current-issue/2013/01/25/trans-woman-who-taking-military • www.outserve-sldn.org



Andre Perez

As a radical housing activist, trans educator, and media maker, Andre starts with listening. He's the founder of the Trans Oral History Project, cofounder of Project Fierce Chicago, and board member of Orgullo en Accion. He believes youth empowerment, community building, and transformative justice are the only ways to create the sustainable change that trans* communities and communities of color need.

www.transoralhistory.com



Andy Karol

Andy Karol's photographic work explores gender by providing an artistic, visual platform for subjects and viewers, no matter their rung on the gender spectrum, to analyze and discuss their own and others' gender. By using art as a cultivator of inner and outer analysis of gender, respect and the transformation of equality between genders and sexes becomes possible.

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Andy Marra

Andy is the public relations manager for the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network. Previously Andy was co-director of Nodutdol for Korean Community Development and a senior media strategist for GLAAD. Andy has served on boards for the Human Rights Campaign, the National Center for Transgender Equality, Funding Exchange, Chinese for Affirmative Action, the National Campaign to End the Korean War and the New York Association for Gender Rights Advocacy.

www.glsen.org



Anna Anthropy

Anna makes videogames, illustrates, writes, and mothers. Anna's games focus on the visibility of queer identities. Anna also works to empower other marginalized people to become involved in game creation. Anna's book, Rise Of The Videogame Zinesters, is a DIY game-making guide for folks who have never programmed or made a game before.

www.auntiepixelante.com



Asher Kolieboi

Educator and artist Asher Kolieboi hails from Saint Louis, Missouri by way of Monrovia, Liberia. Asher is currently pursuing a Master of Divinity at Vanderbilt University. Before Vanderbilt, Asher worked as the LGBTQ coordinator and assistant director of the Oberlin College Multicultural Center. In addition to speaking about the inspections of LGBTQ rights and racial justice, he is the founder of (Un)heard: Transmasculine People of Color Speak, an audio-visual project about transmasculine people of color.

legalizetrans.com





Avory Faucette

Avory Faucette's work focuses on marginalized identities and their relevance to law and policy. Zie is particularly interested in how trans/queer identities and other gender and sexual diversities come up in culture, the media, and education and how their intersection with race, class, ability, and other factors shapes lived experiences. Hir work uses writing and speaking to challenge audiences to think radically about the significance of gender and sexuality and what inclusion actually means, focusing on oppressive systems rather than individual rights.

radicallyqueer.wordpress.com • www.AvoryFaucette.com

Bamby Salcedo

Bamby Salcedo works as the Health Education and HIV Prevention Services with Children's Hospital Los Angeles. Bamby is the president and founder of the TransLatin@ Coalition, an advocacy organization that advocates for the specific needs of trans Latin@ immigrants living in the United States. Bamby is also the publisher of XQsi Magazine, an LGBTQ Latin@ publication online.



www.translatinacoalition.org

Baylie Roth

Baylie Roth is a youth worker at the Broadway Youth Center and was recently hired by The Howard Brown Health Center as a patient navigator for transgender folks twenty-four and under. Some of his responsibilities include training and collaborating with providers (inside and outside the agency) to ensure that trans folks of varying backgrounds receive patient-centered, holistic, consent-based, and harm-reductive health care.

www.howardbrown.org/byc

Ben Hudson

Ben Hudson is a second-generation queer and activist. He has spent his life as an advocate, grassroots organizer, peer counselor, and cultural educator. Ben is the executive director at Gender Health Center, a community clinic with a mission of health, advocacy, and education, which addresses the disparities in access to healthcare and supportive services for trans folks. He enjoys remodeling homes and spending time with his wife of six years.



www.thegenderhealthcenter.org



Blake Alford

Blake Alford is integral to the Southern Comfort Conference (SCC) and especially to the welfare of trans men. He is the director of the scholarship program at SCC, the director of the Robert Eads Health Partnership Program, which ensures the sexual health of trans men by providing cost-free pelvic exams and medical advice. He has served on the SCC board of directors for nearly a decade, and he's a valued member of both the trans community and his local community.

www.sccatl.org

Bree Sutherland

Bree Sutherland is a Montana native who has fought for equality and justice for all individuals of gender diversity. She is heavily involved in working with the transgender community throughout the state, as executive director of Gender Expansion Project, co-chair of the Western Montana Community Center, vice president of the Montana Pride Network, and facilitator of the Montana Gender Alliance in Missoula.

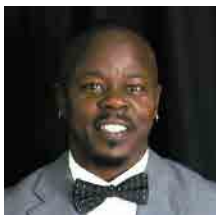


www.montanatd.org

Carter Brown

Black Transmen, Inc. addresses disparities that saturate the transgender community. Black Transmen offers a radical, holistic approach to empowering communities through outreach that provides resources, support and social advocacy, nationally. Through Social media advocacy and outreach, Black Transmen, Inc, improves the lives of Trans men throughout the country.

blacktransmen.org • facebook.com/blackties



Cecilia Chung

Cecilia Chung is an internationally recognized leader in health and human rights, advocating for trans rights, people living with HIV and other vulnerable populations, and social justice. She was the first trans woman who chaired the San Francisco Human Rights Commission. She served on the Health Commission of the San Francisco Department of Public Health and helped to provide gender-affirming surgery through the city's health plan to the eligible uninsured.



www.sfdhp.org • www.justdetention.org

Channyn Lynne Parker

Channyn Parker is the care coordinator for the TransLife Project at Chicago House. Transgender women of color are among the most disenfranchised and at-risk populations, facing the challenges of rampant discrimination, violence, and health disparities. The TransLife Project addresses the barriers and fills in the gaps that bridge trans women into the care that they so desperately need.



www.chicagohouse.org/translife.html

www.windycitymediagroup.com/lgbt/TransLife-Center-renewing-Chicago

Charlie Solidum

Charlie Solidum has been working to improve healthcare access for queer and transgender people of color for nearly a decade. Much of his work is in the field of HIV treatment and prevention, including his current position linking HIV+ youth to primary care. Charlie also enjoys facilitating conversations about how to best serve and respect trans* folks, having developed and presented curricula on understanding the gender spectrum for a variety of audiences.

www.apicha.org

Che Gossett

Che has been involved in queer, trans, and gender-nonconforming organizing against the prison industrial complex. They are also involved in AIDS activism as a member of the HIV Prevention Justice Alliance steering committee. They are a contributor to *Captive Genders: Trans Embodiment* and the Prison Industrial Complex and *A New Queer Agenda*. Che is currently working on a biography of queer AIDS activist Kiyoshi Kuromiya.

captivegenders.net • sfonline.barnard.edu/a-new-queer-agenda

Christina Kahrl

Because of Christina's visibility within the world of professional sports—about as mainstream as it gets—her activism has focused on working within umbrella LGBT organizations with straight allies and state and local government to get them to do right on trans* rights issues. That has born fruit with the new Chicago Police Department policy on handling trans* folks with the same respect for basic rights as anyone else.

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christina_Kahrl

friendlybathrooms.wikikii.com/wiki/Main_Page

Christina Herrera

Cristina Herrera serves as the Gender Identity Project's community prevention coordinator at the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Center. Cristina has been working in the field of HIV prevention, advocacy and community organizing for over twelve years. She works to provide empowerment through counseling and raising awareness around identity, mental health, substance use, and immigration concerns to transgender communities.



www.gaycenter.org

Claire Swinford

As a "gap" advocate, Claire Swinford's focus is on the overlooked and underserved. Her projects have included rape crisis, anti-violence, HIV prevention, sex worker rights, and anti-trafficking initiatives. She focuses on creating trans* affirming programming that provide meaningful response to the trans community's unique needs. While she is most known for her bold statements and visible actions, she feels that her unseen work is most essential.

www.transhaven.org

saaf.org/hiv-prevention-and-testing/prevention-programs

Diego Sanchez

Diego Sanchez is the director of policy for PFLAG National, the nation's leading voice for parents, families, friends, and allies of LGBT people, now celebrating its fortieth year of moving equality forward. Focused on achieving full equality at the federal, state and local levels, Diego's passionate, award-winning career unites his expertise in LGBT healthcare and homelessness, HIV/AIDS, civil rights, diversity management, global marketing, and communications.



www.pflag.org • www.straightforequality.org

Drago Renteria

Drago Renteria is a deaf Chicano trans man who is passionate about being an agent for social change. He educates regularly on trans* issues and works to provide support, visibility, and resources for deaf queers, a minority group that is often invisible and overlooked by the larger LGBTQ community. He believes that allies, not just activists, uniting together against all forms of oppression is what will ultimately change the world.

www.deafqueer.org • www.transally.info



Dru Levasseur

As the national transgender rights attorney for Lambda Legal, Dru Levasseur fights for the civil rights of trans people nationwide through impact litigation, advocacy, and community education. He cofounded the Jim Collins Foundation, a national nonprofit that funds gender-confirming surgeries to raise awareness of trans healthcare discrimination and give people hope.



www.lambdalegal.org/about-us/staff/m-dru-levasseur
jimcollinsfoundation.org

Earline Budd

Earline Budd is one of the founders of Transgender Health Empowerment. Earline currently works at Transgender Health Empowerment as a treatment adherence specialist where Earline serves fifty clients. Earline has consulted for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, Pennsylvania Mid-Atlantic Training Center, the D.C. Department of Health, D.C. Department of Corrections, and many others.

www.theincdc.org • ohr.dc.gov/commission

Eli Erlick

At sixteen, Eli Erlick founded Trans Student Equality Resources (TSER) to end trans discrimination in education. Through TSER, she has helped thousands of students, families, and others in the trans community by assisting them in creating a safe and supportive school environment. As a publically out trans* youth, she has used her visibility to create understanding and acceptance of trans* people everywhere.



www.transstudent.org • www.facebook.com/transstudent

ellie june navidson

ellie june was transplanted to Chicago when she was a youngster. She grew under the influence of the punk scene and became deeply passionate about issues of social justice. She went to the University of Illinois at Chicago and received her degree in Gender and Women's Studies. Recently she has organized with Genderqueer Chicago, cofounded No Boys Allowed, and works on various other safe-space, consciousness-raising, and literary projects.

invisiblyqueer.tumblr.com

Elliot Fukui

Elliot Fukui's activism is fueled by the belief that all individuals have the right to living-wage employment, housing, education and quality healthcare. Though his focus is on the trans community, he's a strong advocate of building and forging alliances to progressive struggles outside the LGBTQ establishment.



alp.org/tj

Erin Armstrong

Grishno (Erin Armstrong) is credited as one of the founding members of the YouTube transgender community. Boasting thousands of videos by trans folk and their allies worldwide, it is one of the largest online transgender communities in the world. Her video channel now boasts more than nine thousand subscribers and has documented her transition for over six years. With over four million views, Erin has been able to reach a worldwide audience to help support other transgender people and educate non-trans folk about the issues facing the transgender community.

www.TransgenderLiving.com

Harmony Santana

Harmony Santana searing performance in "Gun Hill Road," as Vanessa/Michael, a shy teenager undergoing a sexual transformation, was a case of art imitating life. Drawing from her own background as a transgender teen living in the Bronx, Harmony became an inspiration to people who shared her own transformative experiences, and earned a nomination for Best Supporting Actress at the Independent Spirit Awards.



www.gunhillroad.com • www.imdb.com/name/nm3992614

Harper Jean Tobin

As director of policy for the National Center for Transgender Equality (NCTE), Harper Jean coordinates all aspects of advocacy on federal administrative policies and regulations. When she is not engaging with federal agencies and the current administration, she works to provide information for the public about laws and policies that affect transgender people. Harper Jean was named a top LGBT lawyer under forty by the National LGBT Bar Association.



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Ida Hammer

Ida Hammer is an activist in New York City working with others in the women's, trans and LGBTQ communities for social change. She started the Trans Women's Anti-Violence Project to address violence and oppression experienced by trans women. At the Center for HIV Educational Studies and Training, she works with trans women to support their well being. She's a proud dyke and an organizer of the New York City Dyke March.

transfeminism.tumblr.org

Ignacio Rivera

Ignacio Rivera feels that like their gender cannot be contained nor described in a neat package. They speak on, organize against, write about, and perform on the tribulations of "the body." Systemic oppression and the unique nature of the trans experience anchors the work they've done. Their work has been as much a part of their survival as other trans peoples.

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Ja'briel Walthour

Ja'briel Walthour is a transgender advocate, community organizer and author residing in Hinesville, Georgia. She works with special needs students and has penned a children's book series that is loosely based on her experience growing up black and transgender in the South. She was featured in the award-winning documentary *Injustice At Every Turn*, has written for *Ebony.com*, *Elixher.com*, *GLAAD*, and the *Huffington Post*, and organized the grassroots community education panel "Partnering for Peace."

www.huffingtonpost.com/jabriel-walthour/transgender-hate-crimes_b_940890.html

www.ebony.com/love-sex/transgender-day-of-remembrance-2012-884

Jaan Williams

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victoryinstitute.org/vci
transadvocacynetwork.org



Janet Mock

Janet Mock is a writer and the girl behind #girlslikeus. Her essays, speeches, media criticism, activism, and upcoming memoir about living visibly aim to expand our limited idea of womanhood, reclaim our stories, celebrate femininity in all bodies, and take an intersectional approach to any social justice movement.

www.janetmock.com

twitter.com/search/realtime?q=%23girlslikeus

Jenn Burleton

TransActive provides some of the most comprehensive support and advocacy services to transgender children, youth and their families in the United States. These children exist in every nationality, religion, ethnicity and economic group in every corner of the world. Being a transgender child is as natural as being a cisgender child—it's just more rare.

www.transactiveonline.org

www.glapn.org/6309jennburleton.html



Jenny Boylan

Professor Jennifer Finney Boylan is the author of thirteen books, including *She's Not There*, the first bestselling work by a transgender American. She serves on the national board of directors of *GLAAD* and is also a regular contributor to the Op-Ed page of the *New York Times*. Her newest book is *Stuck In The Middle With You*, about gender and parenthood.

www.jenniferboylan.net

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Justus Eisfeld

Justus Eisfeld is a co-director of GATE, the Global Action for Trans* Equality, which works for trans* rights at the global level, supports trans* movements worldwide, and makes critical knowledge and resources available to trans* activists everywhere. He focuses on procuring funding for trans* movements worldwide, trans* input in global HIV policy setting, and the reform of the International Classification of Diseases.



www.transactivists.org

Kate Bornstein

"I am a queer and pleasant danger, and my time is coming." Kate's books are taught in over 120 colleges and universities around the world; ze has performed hir work live on college campuses, and in theaters and performance spaces across the world. She is currently touring colleges, youth conferences and high schools, speaking and leading workshops on the subjects of sex, gender, and alternatives to teen suicide.

katebornstein.typepad.com/kate_bornsteins_blog
www.hellocruelworld.net

Kate Sosin

Kate Sosin is a senior reporter for Windy City Times, Chicago's LGBT newspaper. Kate's work in investigative, hard news and feature reporting has often focused on transgender and gender-variant lives. Kate aims to highlight the complexity of trans identities, provide positive and affirming coverage, and forge respectful language for other journalists covering trans issues.

windycitymediagroup.com/lgbt/Transgender-seniors-and-the-legacy-of-Lois-Bates/38123.html
www.windycitymediagroup.com/lgbt/Generation-Halsted-Recommendations/41012.html

Katherine Cross

Katherine Cross is a writer, editor, scholar, and activist—a Core Collective board member at the Sylvia Rivera Law Project who advocates for and educates on behalf of other trans women of color, helping to make their community-led work visible. Her writing and blogging focuses on transfeminism while her academic research will center on trans women's gender identity formation and how they often use virtual worlds to their advantage.

Srlp.org • quinnae.com

Katie Burgess

Katie is the executive director of the Trans Youth Support Network in Minneapolis. Her commitment to ensuring services and community for trans youth, in particular trans women of color, is fueled by her own experiences using the tools available to her to heal. She volunteers at the Trans Health Coalition's Shot Clinic, serves on the GLBT Host Home Program Advisory Council, and is a youth counselor at Avenues Shelter for Homeless Youth.



www.transyouthsupportnetwork.org • www.avenuesforyouth.org

Katy Stewart

Katy Stewart is the executive director for Transgender Education Network of Texas. She has eleven years of experience in public advocacy and education in Texas communities on GLBT topics with an emphasis on gender diversity. Katy Stewart's ethic is one of inclusion and empowerment to elevate voices that are often unheard. She also serves as steering committee chair for Trans Advocacy Network.

www.transtexas.org • www.transadvocacynetwork.org

Kay Barrett

Kay Barrett is dedicated to queer, transgender, Asian, Pilipino, (formerly) homeless, and disabled communities, necessitating a reimagining of collective liberation. In their artistic political work and in the life they lead, they're constantly grateful for work that has been done, and that must continue to be done to ensure our survival and joy. They are committed to art, action, and new frontiers that innovate our lives and the lives of marginalized communities.

www.kaybarrett.net • www.transjusticefundingproject.org

Dr. Kelley Winters

Dr. Kelley Winters is a writer and consultant on gender diversity issues in medical and public policy. She is the founder of Gender Identity Disorder Reform Advocates, author of Gender Madness in American Psychiatry: Essays from the Struggle for Dignity, and a member of the International Advisory Committee for the WPATH Standards of Care. Kelley has presented papers and presentations at annual conventions of the American Psychiatric Association, the American Psychological Association, and the American Counseling Association.

www.gidreform.org • gidreform.wordpress.com

KOKUMO

KOKUMO is the CEO of KOKUMOMEDIA, a multimedia production company that uses music, film, literature, and philanthropy to illuminate the experiences of trans*, gender-nonconforming, and intersex people of color. KOKUMOMEDIA has four subsidiaries to accomplish this: KOKUMOMUSIC, an independent record label; KOKUMOPRODUCTIONS, a film and theatre production company; KOKUMOPUBLISHING, a publishing house that will launch the digital magazine, Thrive, in the spring of 2014.



kokumomedia.com



Dr. Kortney Ryan Ziegler

I am a filmmaker, scholar and writer who has dedicated my life to ensuring trans people of color, specifically black trans men, are represented as intellectuals and change makers of the trans community. The work that I do is important black trans men continue to be marginalized in both mainstream media and the trans community. This needs to change in order to have a more inclusive and productive trans movement.

blackademic.com • stillblackfilm.org

Kylar Broadus

Kylar Broadus is the founder and executive director of Trans People of Color Coalition, the only national social justice organization that promotes the interest of trans people of color. They bring together trans people of color for visibility, organizing, educating and advocating for their rights nationally. His work spans almost three decades and includes legal representation, lobbying and strategizing for the rights of trans and LGB people.



www.nbjc.org • www.transpoc.org

Laverne Cox

Laverne Cox is an actress, producer and transgender advocate. She is the first African American transgender woman to produce and star in her own television show, VH1's critically acclaimed TRANSform Me. Laverne is costarring in the forthcoming Netflix original series Orange is the New Black. Laverne is committed to telling diverse and three-dimensional transgender stories in the media. She is also a regular contributor to the Huffington Post.

www.lavernecox.com

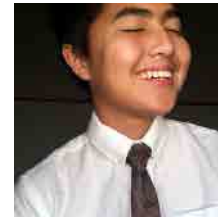


Lincoln Rose

Lincoln Rose is the founder and leader at Trans Lives Matter, an advocacy and capacity-building organization in Seattle, Washington. His work has focused on issues that affect low-income trans* communities. In 2004, he co-created the first trans* health fair in Washington. In 2006, his Trans Jail Policy Group won a human rights award from the City of Seattle for their work on trans inmate safety.



translivesmatter.org



Loan Tran

Loan Tran organizes, writes, and tells stories for a collective revolution that doesn't leave anyone behind, and sees trans people in the complexities that they have gained in the fight for survival. With a focus on migrant justice and the end to interpersonal violence, their work is to live a life of love and compassion, to be free in their world and to dance with their comrades, sisters, brothers, and loved ones when they have fought with fierce urgency and have won.

tranqualyzer.tumblr.com

Mara Keisling

Mara Keisling is the founding executive director of the National Center for Transgender Equality. Mara is a transgender-identified woman and a parent. As one of the nation's leading voices for transgender equality, Mara has appeared on dozens of news outlets, such as CNN and CSPAN, and is regularly quoted in the New York Times, the Washington Post and hundreds of other national and local media.



transequality.org



Dr. Marisa Richmond

Dr. Marisa Richmond serves on the board of directors of the National Center for Transgender Equality, the Trans Advocacy Network, and GLSEN of Middle Tennessee; she is also the lobbyist for the Tennessee Transgender Political Coalition. She served as a delegate to two Democratic National Conventions and was a member of the steering committee for Trans United for Obama. She is a regular panelist on Out & About Today in Nashville, and has written prolifically on transgender rights.

ttgpac.com • www.transunitedforobama.org

Marsha Botzer

Marsha Botzer is a consummate bridge builder for the trans and queer communities and inspirational leader and speaker. In 1977, Marsha founded Ingersoll Gender Center. She has served as co-chair of The Task Force and is on the board of WPATH. Marsha was a founding member of Equal Rights Washington and has served on the boards of Pride Foundation, Safe Schools Coalition, Lambert House and Seattle Counseling Services.



www.impcourt.org/Trans40/MarshaBotzer.html

www.equalrightswashington.org/about/boardOfDirectors.html



Masen Davis

The Transgender Law Center has won significant legal and policy victories helping thousands of transgender people uphold their civil rights, including the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ruling that transgender people are covered by Title VII; and launched innovative programs promoting jobs, healthcare and leadership development. Masen was a cofounder of the FTM Alliance of Los Angeles (now Gender Justice Los Angeles).

transgenderlawcenter.org • facebook.com/translawcenter

Matt Kailey

Matt Kailey has been active in trans* rights and education since 1997. Since 2009, he has written the blog Tranifesto, which has a large group of fantastic readers from all over the world. He currently teaches Transgender Studies, a class that he created at Metropolitan State University of Denver, which is a full-term, three-credit course focusing specifically on transgender and transsexual people and issues.



www.tranifesto.com • www.mattkailey.com



Mel Goodwin

Over the past five years, Mel Goodwin has had the privilege of working alongside several hundred transgender Nevadans to create a more just and welcoming state. Mel's activism has spanned many areas, including advocating for trans-inclusive human rights laws (passed in 2011), cofounding Gender Justice Nevada, a trans-led and -focused organization, facilitating groups that affirm all trans* identities, and sharing about gender diversity with all who will listen.

www.thecenterlv.com • www.gjnv.org

Mia Tu Mutch

Mia Tu Mutch is a San Francisco-based queer advocate, organizer, and educator. Mia facilitates a holistic group for trans youth at LYRIC, providing a safe space for youth to explore identity. Mia has presented on LGBTQ issues and identities at over twenty-five universities and now serves on the San Francisco LGBTQ Speaker's Bureau Advisory Board and the Youth Commission.



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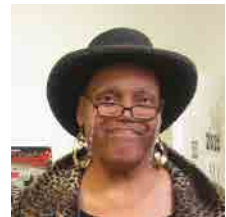
Michelle Enfield

Michelle Enfield has been working with underprivileged minority groups in Los Angeles since 2008. She began working with homeless LGBT youth, then started volunteering as an HIV testing counselor and currently she is the program coordinator of the Red Circle Project, an HIV prevention program targeting Native American/Alaska Natives (NA/AN)—more specifically, NA/AN gay men, two-spirit and transgender individuals. She also sits on the Los Angeles Prevention Planning Committee and the Transgender Law Center's L.A. HEALTH Council.

www.redcircleproject.org • transgenderlawcenter.org/archives/1028

Miss Major Griffin-Gacy

Miss Major is a black and formerly incarcerated transgender elder. She has been an activist and advocate in her community for over forty years. She was at the Stonewall uprising in 1969, became politicized at Attica, was an original member of the first all-transgender gospel choir, and is a father, mother, grandmother, and grandfather to her own children, and to many in the transgender community.



www.tgijp.org



Monica Roberts

As TransGriot's founder, Monica Roberts knows that a knowledge of trans history and a presence of visible role models helps build trans pride. She believes it helps eliminate the shame, guilt, and fear issues trans people grapple with, and she believes it helps facilitate community building. She's proud to be a trailblazing role model for our next generation of trans people.

transgriot.blogspot.com



Monika MHz

Monika MHz (Monika London) is a house DJ and producer who gained notoriety for her energetic live shows and remixes of artists like Tegan and Sara. She actively speaks on feminism, music, culture, queerness, racial and gendered “passing,” and our relationships to our bodies. Highlighting social justice through art and creativity, she sums up her politic with one phrase: “If we can dance together, than we can live together.”

MonikaMHz.com

Namoli Brennet

Namoli Brennet is a touring musician, singer/songwriter, recording engineer and producer. She’s been publicly out as trans since she released her first CD in 2002, and has since released over ten full-length albums. She travels forty to fifty thousand miles a year and plays an average of 120 shows across the United States during that time, everything from LGBT Centers and Pride Festivals to colleges, clubs and house concerts.



www.namolibrennet.com

Rev. Nicholas Love

Reverend Nicholas Love is a sexual and gender minority activist who believes there can be no equality or understanding on gender diversity without educating those outside of LGBT communities on the challenges of gender variant people and the commonalities we share in a gender-polar society. He is a national speaker specializing in sexuality and psychiatric rehabilitation. He approaches advocacy with candor and wit to enlighten on diverse gender expressions and eliminate harmful stereotypes.



www.youtube.com/watch?v=RUR7RePT_b4
vimeo.com/51401023

Nick Teich

Nick Teich founded and directs Camp Aranu'tiq, a camp program for transgender and gender-variant youth. They have two separate week-long camps, one in New England and one in California, that serve over one hundred kids ages eight to fifteen. At Aranu'tiq, kids can be who they want to be, with chosen names, pronouns, and bunkmates that identify similar to the way they do. Nick is also the author of Transgender 101: A Simple Guide to a Complex Issue.



www.camparanutiq.org • www.transgender101.com



Niko Kowell

Niko Kowell is the transmale program specialist for TRANS: THRIVE (a program of Asian & Pacific Islander Wellness Center) in San Francisco where he runs both the Transmasculine Support Group and tm4m (trans men for men), a program for trans guys into guys. He also is involved with T-Wood Pictures, a small San Francisco-based, safer sex, educational, and porn production company bringing together trans and other queer men.

trannywoodpictures.com • tm4m.org

Nino Dorenzo

Devon Nino Dorenzo sits on the board for Nation Youth Pride Services, an LGBTQIA foundation servicing to youth of color rooting from Chicago. He is the first intersex/trans FTM to serve on the board, and just last week. He believes this work is important because as the brave youth not only continue to amaze us, they will also bravely carry the torch when our time is done. Our young, educated, driven brave youth are our revolution.



youthprideservices.org

Ola Osaze

Ola, a Nigerian trans activist, is the grassroots fundraiser at the Sylvia Rivera Law Project, and has organized with the Audre Lorde Project, Queers for Economic Justice, and Uhuru-Wazobia (an LGBT African immigrant organization). Ola has written for blogs like Black Looks and Black Public Media, and anthologies such as Yellow Medicine Review and Queer African Reader. Ola is currently co-organizing the Sylvia Rivera Law Project’s Small Works for Big Change.



srlp.org/bigchange

Owen Daniel-McCarter

Owen Daniel-McCarter is a founding collective member of the Transformative Justice Law Project of Illinois, which provides free, holistic legal services to transgender people targeted by the criminal legal system in Chicago, which has three core values: the right to gender self-determination, vision toward a long-term goal of prison abolition, and dedication to resisting state-sponsored systems of control through transformative justice and community empowerment models.



www.tjlp.org

Paisley Currah

As a founder of the Transgender Law and Policy Institute, a coeditor of Transgender Rights, and a board member of Global Action for Trans Equality, Currah has long been involved in transgender rights advocacy and research. He and Susan Stryker are founding editors of a new journal, Transgender Studies Quarterly, that will help to change the way the world thinks about transgender issues. He teaches political science at Brooklyn College.



lgbt.arizona.edu/TSQ-main2

Pauline Park

Pauline Park created the New York Association for Gender Rights Advocacy transgender health care provider directory in 2009. As executive director of Queens Pride House, she runs the only LGBT community center in Queens, which provides 4,900 individual client services a year, including to members of their transgender support group. She's a member of the coordinating committee leading the campaign for a New York state transgender rights law.

www.paulinepark.com • www.queenspridehouse.org

Phyllis Frye

Phyllis Frye is a winner of Lavender Law's highest honor, the Dan Bradley Award of 2001. She was honored by Texas A&M University, beginning in 2009, with an annual Diversity Award given in her name. In 2010 Phyllis was sworn in as the first out transgender judge in the nation, as a City of Houston Associate Municipal Judge. She retains her senior partnership of Frye, Steidley, Oaks and Benavidez, PLLC, which is an out LGBT-and-straight-allies law firm.



www.liberatinglaw.com

Qwo-Li Driskill

Qwo-Li Driskill is a multiracial Cherokee Two-Spirit and queer poet, performer, activist and scholar whose work focuses on healing and decolonization. They're the author of *Walking with Ghosts: Poems* and coeditor of *Sovereign Erotics: A Collection of Two-Spirit Literature*, and *Queer Indigenous Studies*. They're an assistant professor in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Oregon State University and their current activist-scholarship works to share Cherokee Two-Spirit/GLBTQ stories of resistance through performance.

dragonflyrising.com



Rebecca Allison

As chair of the American Medical Association's Advisory Committee on LGBT Health, worked to pass Resolution 122, giving American Medical Association support to insurance coverage for transition related health costs. She served as president of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association from 2009–2011 and as a Board member of WPATH. Her website includes a list of recommended therapists in the United States and other countries.



www.drbecky.com/trans.html • www.glma.org

Rebecca Kling

Rebecca Kling is a transgender artist and educator who explores gender and identity through solo performance pieces and educational workshops. She takes the position that sharing an accessible queer narrative with a wide audience is a form of activism and that understanding combats bigotry. Kling tours her multidisciplinary pieces to colleges, universities, and theater festivals across the United States.

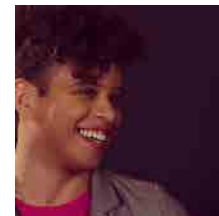
www.rebeccakling.com



Reina Gossett

Reina Gossett lives in Fort Greene, Brooklyn and believes creativity and imagination are vital in movements for self-determination. She is a trans activist and artist, blogging at *The Spirit Was...* and working as membership director at the Sylvia Rivera Law Project. Reina's writing has been featured in *Barnard College's The Scholar & Feminist Online* and *Captive Genders: Trans Embodiment and The Prison Industrial Complex*.

thespiritwas.tumblr.com • srlp.org



Ruby Corado

For over fifteen years, Ruby Corado has been an outspoken advocate against discrimination and hate crimes—violence facing all LGBs, particularly transgender and immigrants communities. She worked to ensure legal protections and policies in the District Of Columbia, including the Department of Motor Vehicles, Police Department, Department of Corrections, Fire and EMS, Human Rights Commission, and other government and non-government agencies.

casaruby.org



Ryan Blackhawke

Ryan been an in-your-face trans active troublemaker since before he knew he was trans. After fellow traveling as a dyke lesbian for fifteen years, he finally recognized his masculine destiny in 2007. From his start in queer campus organizing in Louisiana and non-stop grassroots work in Seattle since 1995, he now leads communication for Ingersoll Gender Center in Seattle, Washington.



www.ingersollcenter.org

Ryka Aoki

Poetry and performance. Martial arts and mentoring. Essays and eyeliner. They show that Ryka's more than a label, diagnosis, or mission statement. She's human, with one amazing time on this planet. She strives to touch other lives, comfort those in need, and help others benefit from all she's learned. Her work unites her with the brilliance and resilience of the trans* community.

www.rykaryka.com

S. Bear Bergman

S. Bear Bergman is an author, storyteller, and educator working to create positive, celebratory representations of trans lives. Recent and current projects include two fabulous children's storybooks featuring trans-identified kid characters, a performance about loving and living in a queer/ed Jewish family, teaching pleasure-positive trans and genderqueer sex education, and his sixth book, *Blood, Marriage, Wine & Glitter* (forthcoming in September).



www.sbearbergman.com • www.flamingorampant.com

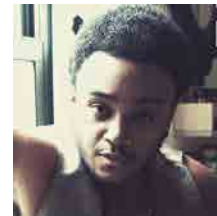
Sadie Baker

Sadie Baker is a survivor, (ex)sex worker, prison abolitionist, community organizer, and anarchist agitator committed to building collective power, dreaming of a freer world, and challenging racism, ableism, (cis)sexism, and assimilationism within and without the LGBTQ movement. She has worked with many groups including the D.C. Trans Coalition, HIPS, and Occupy Wall Street. She is currently a resource advocate for the Broadway Youth Center in Chicago. She also dreams of cats.

dctranscoalition.org • thedistantpanic.wordpress.com

Sasha Alexander Goldberg

Sasha Alexander. Goldberg is an adopted, mixed race Black/South Asian, Media Educator, Facilitator, Artist, Healer, Community Organizer, and Brown Boi. Over the last 12 years he has worked for gender and racial justice by building and collaborating with local, national, and international LGBTQ youth empowerment, social justice, and media organizations. He is committed to creating media that honors trans communities of color.



www.brownboiproject.org

global-action.org/video/past-forgotten-future-unwritten

Sassafras Lowrey

Sassafras Lowrey is an internationally award-winning author, artist, and educator. Ze is the editor of the American Library Association–honored and Lambda Literary Finalist *Kicked Out* anthology, the author of the American Library Association–honored debut novel *Roving Pack*, which is set amidst homeless queer and trans teens. Sassafras is also the editor of *Leather Ever After*. Sassafras believes storytelling is essential in the creation of social change.

www.SassafrasLowrey.com • www.RovingPack.com

Sean-Michael Gettys

Sean-Michael Gettys serves his community to empower himself and others. He speaks with others about being a man of trans* experience, manages Phoenix Trans Resources, facilitates discussion groups, organizes community events and participates in direct actions of protest. He fights for those who cannot because others have fought for him—and because he can.



thisishow.org/tools/the-phoenix-trans-resource-guide

Shane Morgan

Shane works to form support and social groups around the state, and he creates outreach and education to medical and legal professionals as well as to higher-education institutions toward implementing trans-friendly spaces and policies. He feels that all our work needs to be looking at socio-economics of our entire community and how we can continue to work toward inclusive policy and spaces for everybody.



www.transohio.org

Shawn Demmons

Shawn is an emerging transgender activist committed to social justice. As a student, he conducted the first survey of San Francisco State University's faculty and students about their knowledge and attitudes about transgender students. He organized the International Transgender Day of Visibility and advocated for trans-inclusive policies on his college campus. Shawn is currently a board member for the Transgender Law Center.



transgenderlawcenter.org

Spencer Bergstedt

Attorney, activist, educator, and author, Spencer has been advocating for LGBT and sex-positive people for over twenty years. He is a cofounder of the Transgender Law and Policy Institute and has served on countless boards, both locally and nationally, working to educate about, and win rights for, trans people. His work has impacted birth certificate and driver's license policies, youth participation in after-school activities, and self-help legal information for trans people. He received the 2009 IFGE Trinity Award.

www.northsoundlaw.com • www.transgenderlegal.org

Stephen Ira

Stephen Ira writes poetry, fiction, and political non-fiction. He believes literature can help heal the trans community both from the wounds that cissexism deals and from the wounds dealt to one another other when perpetuating toxic systems. You can find his nonfiction on his blog, Super Mattachine; his fiction in Topside Press's Collection; and his poetry in various journals.



supermattachine.wordpress.com • topsidepress.com

Susan Stryker

Susan Stryker tries to change the way the world understands transgender issues by working to create contexts in which trans bodies and lives can begin to mean differently. This year she coedited The Transgender Studies Reader 2, worked to launch a new peer-reviewed journal, TSQ: Transgender Studies Quarterly, and worked on a new film and multimedia project, Christine in the Cutting Room.

lgbt.arizona.edu • www.youtube.com/watch?v=erNy3Mh41gQ



Teiji Okamoto

Teiji's work includes addressing issues of child sexual abuse and HIV among women of color, assisting in the development of the Transgender HIV/AIDS Health Services Best Practices Guidelines for San Francisco, and creating access points for immediate HIV treatment and care while incarcerated. Teiji is the co-chair of the board of directors for Queers for Economic Justice in New York City and founder of p.i.s.s. (Public Intellectual SpaceS).



www.facebook.com/pages/Love-and-Affection-An-Oral-History-Project/508820115821920?fref=ts • www.q4ej.org

Tracie O'Brien

Tracie O'Brien is the cofounder of Transaction, San Diego's first political, social, transgender group, and she's active with the San Francisco Transgender Law Center, the California Transgender Leadership Summit, and the Center of Excellence for Transgender HIV Prevention. She was also the coordinator of the Family Health Center's Project S.T.A.R., which provides services for the transgender community.

www.steppingstonesd.org

Trisha Lee Holloway

Trisha Lee Holloway is an activist for trans women and a medical case manager at the Howard Brown Health Center. The work she does helps trans-identifying women receive competent medical services and stay engaged in care. Trisha helps bring awareness to HIV-positive trans women and their needs by helping to start the first trans housing program with Chicago House organization.

chicagohouse.org • www.howardbrown.org



Trudie Jackson

Trudie Jackson is of the Navajo Nation, and her clan are of the Bitterwater and Folded Arms People. Her maternal side is the Mexican People, and her paternal side is Yucca Strung Out In a Line People. She works with LGBTQ Health Equity, Native American Outreach for AIDS Walk Phoenix, Southwest American Indian Rainbow Gathering, and the Miss Indian Arizona Transgender Pageant.

www.nativehealthphoenix.org • copp.asu.edu



The Trans 100 Team

Van Binfa

Van Binfa works as community advocate, organizer, and cartoonist—we all need to see ourselves represented in and outside of our community. They're a queer trans person of color and they deserve to be seen, heard, and respected. They are here, they've been here, and they will continue to be here—out, open, and fabulous. We all deserve that.



sqs-tec.tumblr.com • xqsimagazine.com



Van Nguyen

Van is a genderqueer Vietnamese-American teacher, activist, and performer. She is an active member of the Queer Asian Pacific-Islander women and trans* folk gathering, hotpot!, the Philadelphia Trans Health Conference Kids Camp program, and the Liberty City Kings Drag and Burlesque troupe. With her various organizations, Van fights for immigration reform, safe spaces for youth—especially queer youth—and sex/body positivity.

hotpotphilly.org • libertycitykings.com

Yosenio V Lewis

Yoseñio V. Lewis is an Afro-Panamanian FTM who has been a social justice activist since he was thirteen. A health educator and facilitator, Yoseñio is on the National Advisory Board for the Center of Excellence for Transgender Health. Featured at several national activist conferences and within the documentary *Diagnosing Difference*, Yoseñio believes “There can be no art without activism and no activism without art.”



www.sfspeakersbureau.org • transhealth.ucsf.edu



Zander Keig

Zander Keig is a coeditor of the Lambda Literary Finalist *Letters for my Brothers: Transitional Wisdom in Retrospect* and is currently editing *Brotherhood is Powerful: Stories of Liberation by Transsexual Men*. Zander is lending his talents to the Veterans Affairs Transgender Education Workgroup, the Transgender Advisory Group for the California LGBT Reducing Disparities Project, TransMentors International, and Trans Youth Family Allies.

www.lettersformybrothers.com
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This Is HOW is a crisis intervention center with a focus on substance abuse, domestic violence, homelessness intervention, rape crisis, personal advocacy, personal development, transition skills, and community empowerment through infrastructure building. Founded by Regina Gazelle Wells in 2005, it owns and operates the only trans-specific shelter in the state. Serving the 26,000 trans people of Arizona, it seeks to continuously transform lives and make life better.

www.thisishow.org • www.dyssonance.com

Jen Richards

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