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When I received the invitation to be the Co-Director of the 2014 Trans 100, I leapt at the opportunity, who wouldn't want to be a part of such an amazing project?

The Trans 100 is an opportunity to recognize the difficult and challenging work in which many transgender people are engaged. The people included in the project are engaged in life giving meaningful work in a variety of fields. This work often goes unnoticed and unappreciated. Among many reasons, the Trans 100 is remarkable because it serves as a platform for community empowerment. It allows us to come together and recognize the accomplishments of the past and infinite possibilities of the future.

In addition to recognizing 100 trans activists, artists, organizers, and educators, the Trans 100 shows the strength and robust diversity of our community. We wanted to highlight the work of those whose identities are often ignored within the transgender community. This was born out of a desire to provide an honest picture of the community, but was also an intentional effort to empower and embolden marginalized communities. The Trans 100 challenges systems of oppression that renders people voiceless and invisible in a range of ways. We hope this expands the narrative about who we as a community are and the work we do.

Lastly, the Trans 100 is a platform for future generations to see that transgender and gender non-conforming people can live full, happy lives and contribute meaningfully to their communities. This project creates positive images of diverse trans people and not only celebrates our flourishing, but also shows our amazing capacity for resistance and resilience. It was a pleasure to work with Jen Richards and the countless curators and volunteers that helped to make this project a success.

Go forth boldly,
Min. Asher Ounzumba Kolieboi
Co-founder, Legalize Trans*



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When Trans 100 Cofounder Antonia D'Orsay and I first proposed a list of one hundred out trans people who are making a positive impact, some said we would not be able to find a hundred such people.

I understood the skepticism. Before I came out, my views of trans people were woefully limited to the few and almost exclusively negative representations found in the media, the very real consequence of which, for myself and too many others, was a sense of shame, alienation, and lost time as my authentic self.

Our intention with the Trans 100 was—above all else—to create a counter narrative that offers a growing compendium of people, organizations, and projects that simultaneously reveals the diversity of trans people and celebrates the work being done in the community.

The response to our little idea, hastily assembled to the best of our ability with virtually no resources but the brilliance and dedication of the friends and peers who volunteered to help, was beyond anything I dared dream. We were a small part of a greater moment that will forever and irrevocably change the way we perceive transgender people. It is in this sense that my sincere hope for the future of the Trans 100 is our irrelevance.

As this greater moment is still underway, however, we have returned for a second year to demonstrate—publicly and unequivocally—that the true challenge of the Trans 100 is not in finding so many trans people to celebrate but rather in only showing one hundred when there are so many more.

I wish to reiterate again that the Trans 100 is not a “Top 100,” “Best Of,” or even the result of straight voting by the public or volunteers. It is an intentionally curated list of out trans people who are working on trans issues in the United States and having a positive impact. We do not claim to be anything more than this. For more of our thoughts on this, please see the introductory letters in the 2013 Inaugural Edition.

Finally and personally, I give my thanks to 2014 Codirector Asher Kolieboi, whose intelligence and sensitivity have left an indelible mark on this year's list; Antonia D'Orsay, who continues to have enormous influence on all that we do; the more than twenty-five anonymous curators who spent countless hours researching and arguing with remarkable care; Joey Grant, who made this digital booklet possible, and Angelica Ross, who not only Co-Produced this year's Live Event, but whose grace, goodness, and humor kept me sane.

All of us at the Trans 100 applaud the work of the 2014 Honorees.

Jen Richards
Trans 100 Codirector



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A. Dionne Stallworth

A. Dionne Stallworth has been hailed as a pioneer in the LGBTQ movement.

As one of the founding members of Gender PAC, the first transgender political action committee in the country, a founding member and original cochair of the Transgender Health Action Coalition, and a former officer and board member of the Pennsylvania Mental Health Consumers' Association. A. Dionne has also been a lead contributor for Philadelphia's observance of the International Transgender Day of Remembrance.

Formerly homeless, A. Dionne has been on the front lines. She's a coordinator for Movie Magic with Dionne, an activity to celebrate classic and popular film, for Project H.O.M.E., a housing and advocacy organization. She has been a public grant reviewer for the National Institute of Mental Health and the Centers for Disease Control. She has designed and is working on funding a transgender-specific shelter project. Stallworth has proudly served as a member of the US Air Force.

projecthome.org

Adrien Lawyer

Adrien Lawyer is the executive director and cofounder of the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico.

The TGRCNM is one of only a handful of organizations that provides a wide array of services solely for the transgender community of New Mexico, including food, a shower, monthly bus passes, rapid HIV testing, counseling and much more.

Adrien has presented Transgender 101 over three hundred times all over the state of New Mexico and has been instrumental in advocating at the individual and policy levels. For instance, TGRCNM has assisted a local women's transitional-living facility to accept transgender women as clients.

He is a transgender man, a spouse, and a father, and he is working for equality and accessible resources for the entire transgender community.

tgrcnm.org



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Alana Nicole Sholar

Born in Kentucky in 1961 and the second of three sons, by the time Alana Nicole Sholar reached the age of eight, she realized she was different, but she had no knowledge as to why. She fought hard to keep her difference hidden through her youth and young-adult years, and it wasn't until she reached her mid-thirties that she learned the truth about herself... that she is transgender.

In 2012, Alana released her memoir, *Hung in the Middle: A Journey of Gender Discovery*, with the hope that sharing her experience would help family and friends of others gain a better understanding of the trans person's journey.

Currently Alana shares her experiences by speaking at colleges and public forums, is married, a grandparent, and still lives in the small town in Kentucky where she grew up.

hunginthemiddle.com



Alison Gill

Alison Gill is the government affairs director at The Trevor Project, the leading national organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to LGBTQ youth, where she coordinates advocacy for LGBTQ youth mental health and safety through policy initiatives at the federal, state, and local level.

Before joining The Trevor Project, Alison was the public policy manager at the Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network (GLSEN), where she focused on state and local safe-schools policy issues. She also engages in local trans advocacy in Washington, DC, with Trans Legal Advocates of Washington (TransLAW). Alison is a graduate of Rutgers University, and she received her juris doctor from the George Washington University Law School.

thetrevorproject.org
translawdc.org



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Amos Mac

Amos Mac is a photographer and publisher whose images have appeared in The New York Times, Interview, Vogue Italia, Out magazine and in galleries internationally.

Inspired by teen magazines, vintage "Physique Pictorial" journals and celebrity fan circulations, he constructs artful representations of trans and gender-nonconforming people through photography. Rather than examining transgender bodies or documenting "transition," he is concerned with manifesting the bold wholeness of his subjects.

Amos is a founding editor of Original Plumbing, the seminal print publication documenting the culture of transgender men, whose expanded online component now includes written content and features all trans experiences. Named one of the Huffington Post's Transgender Artists You Should Know and Artist of the Year by the Museum of Transgender History and Art, he lives and works in Brooklyn, New York.

amosmac.com
originalplumbing.com



Angel Celeste Collie

Angel Collie is a transmasculine person from rural North Carolina currently living in New Haven, Connecticut. He graduates with his master of divinity from Yale Divinity School in May. He leads Metropolitan Community Church's Global Transgender Ministries, serves on the LGBT-Religious Archives Network Advisory Committee, The Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies Transgender Roundtable, the Freedom Center for Social Justice board, and was on the 2006 and 2007 Souforce Equality Rides.

In addition, Angel was elected by his peers to serve on the Diversity Committee and the Graduate and Professional Student Senate at Yale Divinity School, where he also holds student positions with the Office of LGBTQ Resources and the Chaplain's Office.

Angel has traveled extensively working with trans and gender-nonconforming communities nationally and internationally. As a staff person leading Metropolitan Community Church's Transgender Ministries, he is most proud of the Transformative Church Ministry Program curriculum he developed in collaboration with Reverend Mel Martinez.

thetrevorproject.org



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Angelica Ross

Angelica Ross is a African American trans woman currently living in Chicago and working with Chicago House.

Angelica is the coordinator of the TransWorks program, an employment initiative geared toward the economic empowerment of transgender and gender-nonconforming people. Angelica also works with The National Trans leadership Academy, where she is a mentor and cofacilitator.

As a Buddhist, Angelica takes on love, courage, and compassion as a practice. Buddhists practice for themselves as well as for the sake of others. Angelica Ross is also a creative spirit, a singer/songwriter whose music and lyrics are centered around love, a photographer who is able to capture the beauty in all things, and a writer whose written and spoken words are meant to challenge, motivate, and inspire.

missross.com
chicagohouse.org



ASKARI GONZÁLEZ

Askari González is the author of *Trauma Queen*, a co-coordinator of the International Trans Women of Color Network Gathering at the Allied Media Conference 2014, a poet, and a performance artist.

vivalaluna.com



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Bailey Jay

From AVN Award-winner to irreverent comedienne, Bailey Jay has had an unexpected journey to becoming a human rights/trans advocate.

Bailey's snarky yet poignant messages, heard by a large and diverse fan base, have been unexpectedly valueable in creating unlikely trans allies. She is the host of several podcasts, including Gender Coaching with Bailey Jay, a new show about spirituality, sexuality, and ending traditional gender roles.

gendercoachingblog.com

Bali White

Bali White is a researcher and writer interested in African, environmental, and gender studies. She is a PhD student in african studies at Howard University; her dissertation is tentatively titled Kenyan Women, Indigenous Environmentalism and Public Policy. White received her bachelor of arts magna cum laude in Middle Eastern and Asian languages and cultures and a master of arts in climate and society from Columbia University.

During her time at Columbia's Earth Institute, she produced a report for the United Nations Environment Program on international climate change initiatives and worked at the National Center for Disaster Preparedness.

As a woman of transgender experience, she is also a community organizer and advocate addressing transgender identity, legal, healthcare and social concerns at the national, state and local levels. Her research and activist work around transgender advocacy, LGBTQ and youth has been influential in the field of public health.



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Ben A. Barres

Ben A. Barres is an American neurobiologist who teaches at Stanford University. His research focuses on the interaction between neurons and glial cells in the nervous system.



He is currently chair of the neurobiology department at Stanford University School of Medicine. Ben has a degree in biology from MIT and a medical degree from Dartmouth Medical School. He did his neurology residency at Cornell, and he has a doctorate in neurobiology from Harvard University.

Ben is acknowledged as a leading commentator on issues pertaining to gender, science, and society. In 2008, the Society for Neuroscience honored Ben with the Mika Salpeter Lifetime Achievement Award, which recognizes an individual with outstanding career achievements in neuroscience who has also significantly promoted the professional advancement of women in neuroscience. He is an elected fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a member of the National Academy of Sciences.

med.stanford.edu

Blue Montana

Blue Montana has been working in the transgender community since moving to San Diego in 2009. He started a transgender assistance fund which helps low income transgender individuals with paying for hormones, binders, housing, and anything else necessary to maintain a healthy and successful transition.

He was successful in getting the transgender flag flown at half staff on November 20 for Transgender Day of Remembrance.

He currently serves on the board on San Diego Pride and the Imperial Court of San Diego. He has been transitioning for ten years, and he's always ready and willing to do whatever it takes to make his community a better place.

facebook.com/transman



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Brynn Tannehill

Brynn Tannehill is the director of advocacy for SPART*A, an LGBTQ service members organization. Currently, the US military's medical policy still requires that all transgender service members be discharged, much as lesbians and gays were prior to "Don't Ask, Don't Tell."

She works with active duty and recently discharged transgender service members to promote their interests, including connecting them with a network of other transgender service members. This network helps provide safe medical care, mental health services, and legal support to these individuals who serve in silence.

As a representative of SPART*A, Brynn advocates publicly for open transgender service. Additionally, Brynn writes extensively on transgender issues with the Huffington Post and the Bilerico Project.

spartapride.org
huffingtonpost.com/brynn-tannehill



Cameron Thomas Whitley

Cameron Thomas Whitley is a doctoral candidate in the department of sociology at Michigan State University.

He is the coeditor of *Trans-Kin: A Guide for Family and Friends of Transgender People*, which won a 2013 International Book Award. Cameron has long been dedicated to trans activism and scholarship from his early days working to assist university health centers and campus organizations in the creation of trans-inclusive programming to his work on HIV/AIDS prevention and education in the Caribbean. Through all of his experiences, Cameron attempts to remain reflexive in his activism, using writing to explore the complexities of his identity within the many environments and encounters he has embraced.

His work has been featured in numerous anthologies and journals. Above all, he is most proud of his work with *Trans-Kin*, which began with a desire to create an inclusive place for those who are in relationships with transgender people to explore their identities in positive and thought-provoking ways.

camerontwhitley.com



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Carmen Carrera

Carmen Carrera is a model, showgirl, and reality television personality. Carmen first gained fame as a contestant on the third season of RuPaul's Drag Race, a competition reality show. She began transition after filming, revealing her transgender status with a segment on the ABC hidden camera program What Would You Do? where she played a waitress being harassed by a customer in order to gauge reactions from actual customers.

Carmen has gone on to perform across the country. An Elite model, Carrera was the model for Showgirl, a short film by noted photographer Stephen Meisel last year. She was also the subject of an online effort to have Victoria's Secret use her as a model. She continues to make appearances to promote transgender equality and to fight the spread of HIV and AIDS.

carmencarrera.com



Causten E. Rodriguez-Wollerman

Causten E. Rodriguez-Wollerman is passionate about strategy and people. Over his ten years of social change work he has worked at the local, state, and national level leading campaigns and managing leadership training programs. He is currently transitioning from his role as leadership programs manager at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force to his new role as senior project manager at Wellstone.

At the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Causten supported local LGBTQ justice campaigns and managed leadership development programs specifically geared toward LGBTQ leaders all over the United States. In his new role at Wellstone, Causten will be leading the development of national political leadership programs and supporting the work of progressive candidates and organizations. Throughout Causten's work, he focuses on racial, gender, and economic justice.

During the 2012 presidential campaign, Causten was called to be the training director for the Obama campaign in the swing state of Colorado, where he grew up.

His first political job was working on a LGBTQ-specific voter-registration campaign in 2004, which led to doing racial justice organizing in Denver for four years. He hasn't looked back since, and he's dedicated to supporting just campaigns and just leaders.

Wellstone.org
thetaskforce.org



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CeCe McDonald

CeCe McDonald, then a student studying fashion at a Minneapolis college, was thrust into the spotlight when she and her friends were the subject of a violent, racist, transphobic attack on a summer night in 2011.



When the attack was over, CeCe was injured and one of her attackers was dead. She was the only person charged after the events of that night, facing a double murder charge before accepting a plea bargain to serve forty-one months for manslaughter.

CeCe was released in January after serving nineteen months of her sentence. She, and her case, speak to numerous issues—that women of color are subject to violence in far greater numbers than others, that transgender inmates face discrimination and substandard treatment (including being housed in facilities for their assigned-at-birth gender), that all women are too often subject to violence, and that those who perpetrate violence against transgender people often face lesser consequences, if they're charged at all.

CeCe is now picking up her life. She plans to be an activist for issues impacting the African American and transgender communities. Her case is the subject of the upcoming documentary *Free CeCe*, produced by Laverne Cox.

freececedocumentary.net

Charlene Jacqueline Arcila

Charlene Jacqueline Arcila is the visionary behind the Mazzoni Trans-Health Conference, now in its thirteenth year and recognized as the largest trans conference in the United States.

She is currently working on creating a community development project—H.O.P.E. (Helping Others Pursue Excellence)—to address the needs of trans-identified individuals being released from correctional facilities along with substance abuse programs.

Charlene is an ordained minister at Unity Fellowship of Christ Church Philadelphia under the Unity Fellowship Church Movement. She is currently educating liturgical staffs on making their churches and congregations more welcoming and affirming to trans-identified individuals.

trans-health.org



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Charley Burton

Charley Burton is a fifty-three-year-old trans man living in Charlottesville, Virginia. Charley's transition was late in life—four years ago. He has been active in the recovery community in Charlottesville and has recently been a part of creating a recovery group for Black Transmen Inc.

Charley is active in the trans community. He serves as member of the board of directors and state chapter leader in the state of Virginia for BTI, which is the first national nonprofit organization with a focus on an often unseen and underserved community—African American transgender men. Charley also is a board member for Equality Virginia and a board member for a local organization in Charlottesville.

Charley spends a lot of his free time mentoring people in recovery. Charley has been in recovery for eight years. He is a project manager for a commercial cleaning company.

equalityvirginia.org
blacktransmen.org



Chase Strangio

Chase Strangio is a staff attorney with the LGBT and AIDS Project of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Chase previously served as an Equal Justice Works fellow and then the director of prisoner justice initiatives at the Sylvia Rivera Law Project in New York representing transgender, gender-nonconforming and intersex individuals in prison and jail conditions of confinement case.

In 2012, Chase cofounded the NYC-based Lorena Borjas Community Fund, an organization that provides court support and direct bail assistance to trans defendants and detainees in criminal and immigration cases.

aclu.org



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Chella Isabel Marie Coleman

Chella Isabel Marie Coleman is a transgender activist, artist, and organizer in Los Angeles. Chella uses her skills to educate the public on issues that impact the trans and gender-nonconforming community, especially low income trans women of color. She works with several organizations serving high risk and low income communities, including Gender Justice LA and the Los Angeles Poverty Department.

gjla.org
lapovertydept.org

Cherno Biko

In 2009, Cherno Biko graduated from Westerville North High School and Fort Hayes' pre-professional theatre program. Cherno continued studies at Columbus State Community College and Bowling Green State University.

Biko publicly came out as intersex/transgender last year, on their twenty-second birthday, in LIFE: Lessons Learned from Living Authentically, a landmark one person show at the historic Short North Stage. With the support of family, friends and community, Biko has blossomed into one of the brightest young leaders for trans people. As a board member for TransOhio, Biko is dedicated to making the world a safer place for all people to live authentically.

Born and raised in Columbus, Biko currently serves as the codirector for We Happy Trans and the public conversations manager for Project I Am Enough.

projectiamenough.org
wehappytrans.com



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Cheryl Courtney-Evans

Cheryl Courtney-Evans is a native of Kansas City, Missouri. She came to Atlanta in 1979 and found a place with LaGender, an Atlanta transgender support group, where she received certification as a transgender peer counselor.

In September, 2007 she founded Transgender Individuals Living Their Truth (TILTT), becoming the first transgender support and advocacy organization in Atlanta to serve both transgender men and women.

Since its inception on September 27, 2007, TILTT has strived to assist transgender individuals in navigating the community at large, addressing those issues that would help them to more fully integrate into that community. TILTT has served over three hundred transgender individuals, providing moral support and general trans-advocacy, as well as referral to a variety of resources and legal information around transgender rights.

Locally, Cheryl provides cultural competency trainings for organizations involved in improving their diversity in employment practices. She is currently involved with the organizing of individuals working to establish transgender-focused emergency/transitional housing for the greater Atlanta area.

abitchforjustice.com
tiltt.org



Chris Mosier

Chris Mosier is a New York City-based athlete, coach, educator and advocate. As a nationally sponsored and openly transgender athlete, he was named 2013 Athlete of the Year at the Compete Sports Diversity Awards. Chris is the founder of transathlete.com, a resource for students, athletes, coaches, and administrators to find information about trans inclusion in athletics at various levels of play.

He sits on the board of directors for GO! Athletes, and is a member of the LGBT Sports Coalition, a group working to end anti-LGBTQ bias and discrimination in sports.

Chris is a Safe Zone coordinator, a crisis hotline volunteer with the New York City Anti-Violence Project, and a consultant for colleges and sports leagues to help make their organizations more inclusive. Working with the You Can Play Project, he shares his story as an out athlete at high schools and colleges across the country.

transathlete.com
facebook.com/lgbtsportscoalition



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Chris Paige

Chris Paige is an OtherWise-identified organizer who serves as founder and executive director of Transfaith, a national nonprofit that is led by transgender people and focused on issues of faith and spirituality. Chris brings two decades of work with national religious leaders around issues of justice and social transformation, with increasing focus on transgender concerns.

Chris is particularly concerned with the way multi-faith engagement and the mobilization of religious infrastructure can support transgender health and wellness. Chris served as publisher of the award-winning progressive ecumenical magazine, *The Other Side*, where Chris helped shape the magazine's ground-breaking May-June 2001 issue on transgender concerns. In 2009, Chris cofounded a multi-faith spirituality track of programming the Philadelphia Trans-Health Conference and in 2011 served as overall conference chair.

Chris has helped to found several national transgender religious caucus groups and was recently named as an inaugural fellow in the Arcus LGBT Leadership Initiative.

transfaithonline.org



Courtney Gray

Courtney Gray is the transgender programs manager at the GLBT Community Center of Colorado, a program she founded in 2010. In this role she oversees transgender programming for both the Denver and Fort Collins locations, which includes thirteen monthly support groups, The Transgender Career Advancement Project, and social and educational activities.

A tireless advocate, she has worked on the Denver Sheriff Department's Transgender Inmate Policy, The US Department of Justice Transgender Law Enforcement Training, the recent Colorado Division of Insurance changes in health care policy, which lifted exclusions to transition-related care, and developed the first state-level Transgender Behavioral Health Survey.

She volunteers her time serving on the One Colorado's Kitchen Cabinet and Health Advisory Committee. She also conducts trainings across the state and nation on topics such as workplace transition practices, police academies, transgender safe schools, public accommodations, and cultural responsiveness trainings.

glbtcolorado.org
one-colorado.org



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Cristan Williams

Cristan Williams is a trans historian and pioneer in addressing the practical needs of the transgender community.



She started the first trans homeless shelter, cofounded the first federally funded trans homeless program, pioneered affordable health care for trans people in the Houston area, won the right for trans people to change their gender on Texas identification before surgery, started numerous trans social service programs, and founded the Transgender Center as well as the Transgender Archives.

Cristan is the editor at the social-justice sites TransAdvocate.com and TheTERFs.com. She is a long-term member of the City of Houston HIV Prevention Planning Group, the jurisdictional representative to the Urban Coalition for HIV/AIDS Prevention Services (UCHAPS), and she serves on the national steering body for UCHAPS.

She is also the executive director of the Transgender Foundation of America.

transadvocate.com
theterfs.com

D'LO

D'Lo is a queer/transgender Tamil-Sri Lankan-American actor, writer, and comedian. He is the creator of the Coming Out, Coming Home writing workshop series for South Asian and immigrant queer organizations nationally. D'Lo is a member of Teada Theater Co. and serves on Brown Boi Project's board.

Aside from teaching and touring the university and college circuit with D'FaQT to Life, D'Lo tours his other solo theater show, Ramble-Ations: A One D'Lo Show, and his stand-up storytelling show, D'FunQT, which has toured internationally.

The documentary by Crescent Diamond based on D'Lo's life, work, and transition, Performing Girl, recently won the Best Short Documentary award at Outfest 2013, and he most recently was a lead character for the short film Lit. He also appears in the new HBO series Looking as Taj, and Mikki del Monico's film Alto.

dlocokid.com



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Danielle Nika Askini

Danielle Nika Askini is a community-based social worker and trans activist. She is currently the policy director of Basic Rights Oregon and was the founding executive director of Gender Justice League and Trans* Pride Seattle, where she still is in leadership.

Hailing from Europe and New England, Danielle's trans activism has spanned two continents working to reduce HIV rates, empower trans activists through leadership programming, repeal trans health-insurance exclusions, create safer schools for queer and trans youth, and increase access to jobs, health care, and housing for all trans people.

Danielle currently splits her time between Seattle and Portland helping to shape the Northwest's trans justice movement.

genderjusticeleague.org
transprideseattle.org



Dee Dee Ngozi Chamblee

Ms. Dee Dee Ngozi Chamblee is an executive and a seasoned advocate within and for the transgender community where she brings over twenty years of community-based organizing experience to bear on issues that include transgender health, HIV/AIDS, research, substance abuse prevention, mental health issues, and intimate partner violence, and spiritual counseling.

Currently, Ms. Chamblee provides gender identity and diversity trainings as a consultant. She is the executive director and founder of La-Gender. Her organisation is coanchor of the Solutions Not Punishment Coalition (SnapCo), formed last year to combat police profiling of trans women of color. They stopped a banishment ordinance from being voted on by city council and introduced a pre-booking diversion program.

In 2011, Ms. Chamblee made history when she received an honor from President Obama as a Champion of Change the first trans woman to receive this honor from a president. Her blog post on Transgender Equality was also featured on the White House website.

lagender.org
rjactioncenter.org/content/snap-coalition



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Dr. Jillian T. Weiss

Dr. Jillian T. Weiss is professor of law and society at Ramapo College, where her research area is gender identity and law. She has authored over fifty academic publications, presentations, and other scholarly works, as well as approximately forty articles and interviews for media organizations, including the New York Times and Associated Press.

Jillian is a practicing lawyer representing trans employees in cases across the country. She recently obtained a determination from the US EEOC that an employer's denial of corporate record changes and appropriate restroom usage to a transgender employee violated the federal Civil Rights Act.

Her volunteer work includes serving on the board of directors of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. She is also chair of the annual Transgender Law Institute, held at the National LGBT Bar Association.

<http://phobos.ramapo.edu/~jweiss/>



Dr. Van Bailey

Dr. Van Bailey is the inaugural director of BGLTQ Student Life at Harvard College. Van has overseen and implemented institutional resources, programs and services for BGLTQ students at Harvard College.

Van has advised several student organizations, been a liaison on gender neutral housing initiatives, overseen a staff and faculty executive committee, and implemented other LGBTQ-related activities and offerings.

He is a member of the Brown Boi Project (a nonprofit organization focused on creating spaces of healthy masculinities that promote gender and racial justice), a board member of the Boston Hispanic Black Gay Coalition and the Harvard Gender and Sexuality Caucus.

Van was awarded a doctor of education in educational leadership from CSU-Northridge, earned a master of arts in higher education and student affairs from Ohio State University, and a bachelor of arts in black studies and english from Denison University.

bgltq.fas.harvard.edu
hbgc-boston.org



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Drian Juarez

Drian Juarez works as a consultant on transgender issues in the workplace and assists in developing programs for communities endeavoring to help transgender people get back to work. Drian has served as the program manager for the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center's Transgender Economic Empowerment Project (TEEP).

Building a solid foundation for TEEP, Drian established cross-organizational/cross-functional teams to assist in the mission of developing substantive employment and business opportunities for the Los Angeles transgender community.

In her role, Drian developed a coalition of grassroots organizations to help meet the specific needs of the transgender community. She has collaborated with homeless shelters to provide housing and basic living needs, coordinated with nonprofits and schools to offer basic job training and has taught over five hundred employers in law enforcement, government entities and businesses on the unique issues faced by the transgender community.

lagaycenter.org



Ezak Perez

Ezak Perez is an LA-born-and-raised queer, trans, Two-Spirit, Latino and Hopi Native American community organizer and activist. Ezak currently works as the director of leadership development at Gender Justice LA, an organization that works to elevate the collective voice and power of the trans and gender-nonconforming community in Los Angeles through grassroots organizing and leadership development. Ezak also works as a sex educator with Cucci, a sex educators collective in LA that works toward sexual health justice.

Ezak is very passionate about fighting for social change around multiple issues that intersect with the lack of health access and alternative responses to violence in low-income and people of color communities.

Ezak is a proud Brown Boi Project member, Big Boy Vintage model, Leadership Development in Interethnic Relations facilitator of healing for social change, and an advisory board member and coordinator for the Latina/o Queer Arts and Film Festival.

facebook.com/GenderJusticeLA,
genderjusticelato.tumblr.com



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Fallon Fox

Fallon Fox is a professional mixed martial arts (MMA) fighter, and one of only a few out trans athletes competing on the professional level.

Before coming out publicly, Fallon competed in Jiu Jitsu, Submission Fighting, and amateur MMA tournaments while closeted as a trans athlete. Her participation and unwavering determination to continue in her sport caused commissions to look into creating guidelines for trans athlete participation. Fallon's story has inspired millions inside and out of the LGBTQ community.

fallonfox.com

Gabriel Foster

Originally from Washington state, Gabriel Foster began social justice work as soon as he came out, for the first time, at age fifteen.

Over the years he has worked with queer and trans communities in Seattle, Oakland, Philadelphia, Atlanta, and currently in New York.

Gabriel is a staff member at the Sylvia Rivera Law Project, and along with Karen Pittelman, is a cofounder and co-organizer of the Trans Justice Funding Project. He is often lead by his heart, his mother's advice, and lessons learned from all the people he has met along the way.

transjusticefundingproject.org
srlp.org



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Hayden Mora

Hayden Mora serves as the director of strategic relations for the Human Rights Campaign Foundation, focusing on strategic planning and organizational development.



Hayden previously spent ten years in the labor movement, serving as the deputy national political director at the Service Employees International Union. He worked with others to ensure adoption of trans inclusive health-care and later directed a national campaign to move other unions to do the same. At HRC, he works with fellow staff and volunteers on a variety of initiatives focusing on transgender equity. This has included a recent video series debunking myths around transgender health care and working with local community groups and leaders in Cleveland, Ohio, to respond to a surge in violence against the trans community.

He is committed to intersectional organizing and a world where queer kids and trans people—particularly trans women of color—are safe from violence. In DC, he volunteers at Casa Ruby and the DC Rape Crisis Center to support safe spaces for the community.

HRC.org/transgender

Holiday Simmons

Holiday Simmons is the director of community education and advocacy for Lambda Legal, the oldest and largest national legal organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of LGBTQ people and people with HIV.

He has a background in social work, education, performing arts, and activism. At Lambda Legal, he focuses on transgender rights, dismantling the school-to-prison pipeline, police misconduct, and amplifying the voices of LGBTQ Native American and two-spirit people.

Holiday is a Black Cherokee transmasculine two-spirit activist, athlete, and lover of babies, soccer, and the ocean. He does national work but is based out of Atlanta.

lambdalegal.org



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Imogen Binnie

Imogen Binnie writes about trans women. Her work is both explicitly and implicitly critical of cisnormative discourses of trans womanhood. She cites Kathy Acker, Dennis Cooper, and Sybil Lamb as her primary influences, as well as the punk and zine cultures, feminism, and the ongoing conversations within trans women's communities about oppression, resistance, and intersectionality.

Imogen is an avid tweeter and a hypocrite. She writes a monthly column in Maximum Rockroll magazine, publishes zines, and plays in bands that perform in basements. Her work has appeared in the 2012 Topside Press anthology, *The Collection*, Aorta magazine, as well as on lambdaliterary.org, prettyqueer.com, and elsewhere.

She is working on her second novel, tentatively titled *Reasons The Most Popular Nirvana Tribute Band In New England Had To Break Up*, and her groundbreaking 2013 novel, *Nevada*, is currently a Lambda Literary Award finalist.

imogenbinnie.com
keepyourbridgesburning.com



Jamison Green

Jamison Green is a pioneering activist for transsexual and transgender health, civil rights, and social safety. He led FTM International from 1991-1999, helped organize and documented San Francisco's 1994 public hearing on anti-trans discrimination, and wrote the first non-discrimination ordinance to include gender identity. He spearheaded the ongoing drive for removal of trans exclusions in health insurance plans, and advocates for trans integrity, autonomy, and pride in workplaces, healthcare settings, and legislative venues around the world.

He is the author of the prize-winning book *Becoming a Visible Man*, which has informed and inspired thousands of trans and non-trans people alike. He holds an MFA in creative writing and earned a PhD in law in 2011. He is currently serving as President of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health, and will be teaching a doctoral-level transgender policy course this fall at the California Institute of Integral Studies.

jamisongreen.com
gender.org



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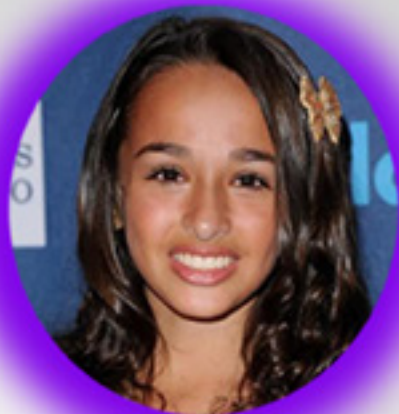
Jazz

Thirteen-year-old Jazz is the honorary cofounder of the Transkids Purple Rainbow Foundation. Jazz speaks nationally on behalf of transyouth.

Jazz is the youngest recipient of the Colin Higgins Youth Courage Award, the youngest person ever listed on the Advocate's Top Forty Under 40 list and Out magazine's Out100. To spread her message of acceptance, tolerance, and unconditional love, Jazz has appeared on two 20/20 Barbara Walters' specials, CNN with Dr. Drew, The Rosie Show, and 60 Minutes Australia. She was also the subject of Oprah Winfrey's Network documentary, *I am Jazz: A family in Transition*. She is the coauthor of the children's book, *I am Jazz*.

Jazz was banned from girls' soccer when she was eight, but after a two-and-a-half year battle, the United States Soccer Federation created a trans-inclusive policy for soccer players of all ages in the United States. Jazz enjoys making mermaid tails, singing, and playing tennis and soccer.

transkidspurplerainbow.org



Kiara St. James

Kiara St. James moved to New York City from Beaumont, Texas in the early '90's, when there were no protections for the trans community. She faced blatant discrimination and harassment for daring to live her truth.

Kiara was instrumental in bringing attention to and helping change policies in New York City's shelter system, which often denied trans women accommodations. Kiara once walked from New York City to Washington, DC, to raise awareness of the decimation of her community due to AIDS, and has helped raise money for the transgender community through three successful fashion shows.

She currently works at Lutheran Medical Center, where she teaches cultural competency and links businesses with qualified transwomen looking for employment, and does consulting at Housing Works.

Kiara believes that every trans woman has the right to self-actualize and live a life of quality that comes with having a living-wage job.



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Kim Watson

Kim Watson is the cofounder of Community Kinship Life, known as CKLife, which assists affirmed men and women with necessary life skills, medical needs, counseling, and access to the resources needed to improve their quality of life and contribution to society.

CKLife provides a safe, secure space for affirmed people (and allies) to meet and learn about life inside & outside of transition. It also sponsors a benefit to raise funds for the CKLife scholarship fund, which helps affirmed people pay for necessary transition related procedures. The organization also participates in conferences centered around affirmed people such as WPATH, PTHC in Philadelphia, and many more.

cklife.org



Kingston J. Farady

Kingston J. Farady is a rising voice and figure in the movement for the rights of transgender and gender variant people, particularly trans men of color. He is a community bridge-builder, creating spaces where trans-, variant-, and cisgender identified people from diverse backgrounds can meet, learn, and grow through an introspective lens.

Kingston has been seen and heard in both independent and mainstream media venues, including on the Real World San Francisco, KPOO and Clever radio, the Huffington Post, and East Bay Express, discussing his beliefs around implementing love as a revolutionary tool, intersectionality, self-reflection and self-esteem.

Kingston played the male lead in his first feature film, *Black Is Blue*, a story that chronicles the life of a black transgender man, written by legendary queer director Cheryl Dunye, and set to premiere in 2014

"Oaklanders School Real World Cast"
Huffington Post Interview



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Kye Allums

Kye Allums is the first black openly trans man in sports history. In 2012, Kye became the first Division I openly trans athlete in the National College Athletic Association. Kye attended George Washington University where he obtained a bachelor's degree in fine arts.

After coming out to the world, Kye was featured in the New York Times, Sports Illustrated, and was named one of Out's Out100.

Today, Kye is a trans advocate, mentor, and public speaker. Kye has traveled to universities across the country sharing his encouraging message to love and define ourselves, unapologetically.

Kye is the founder and codirector of Project I Am Enough, a storytelling platform dedicated to encouraging self-love for everyone on the gender spectrum.

kyeallums.com
projectiamenough.org



Lana Wachowski

Lana Wachowski is an American film director, writer and producer. Along with her brother, Andy Wachowski, she created The Matrix trilogy, Bound, Speed Racer, and Cloud Atlas, which they codirected with German filmmaker Tom Tykwer. They also wrote and produced V for Vendetta and produced Ninja Assassin.

Lana has spoken publicly about her transition for the Human Rights Campaign and Equality Illinois.

imdb.com



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Landyn Pan

Landyn Pan is a current high school senior, artist, and activist based in Seattle. As development director and graphic designer, Landyn is a key driving force behind Trans Student Equality Resources (TSER), an organization that works to end trans discrimination in education.

His infographics on topics such as trans terminology, youth and safe school statistics, and visibility have acquired millions of views.

In addition to his work at TSER, Landyn speaks at Seattle metropolitan area high schools on trans topics. Landyn is a photographer and a committee member at Seattle International Film Festival. Landyn plans to continue his work in media and queer activism into his adult life.

transstudent.org
landynpan.com



Laura Jane Grace

Laura Jane Grace is the frontwoman of Against Me!, a punk band that has released six studio albums since 2002.

Laura Jane came out as transgender in 2012 in a Rolling Stone interview in a period of personal and professional changes. Her coming out, coming off the band's two previous releases being on a major label, made her one of the most well-known trans musicians.

Free to explore lyrical themes addressed more obliquely on earlier albums, Laura Jane worked on a new album with a solidifying band lineup through 2013. Against Me! released Transgender Dysphoria Blues on its own label and the album reached twenty-three on the American charts, the highest position in the band's career. The record's lyrical content struck a powerful chord with transgender listeners while still being relatable to wider audiences.

Laura Jane, through a combination of living her truth while making critically and commercially successful music, has been an inspiration to many people.



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Rev. Lawrence T. Richardson

Reverend Lawrence T. Richardson is the founding pastor of Shift United Church of Christ, an online-based faith community of more than twenty thousand followers that encourages transformational love and wholeness through faith formation, personal development, and affirming community connection.

Rev. Richardson is a social media strategist for the Center for Progressive Renewal, an organization dedicated to providing resources to assist in the health and renewal of the mainline Protestant Church, and a writer for The Salt Collective, an online magazine devoted to speaking truth to power from the perspective of the Beatitudes.

His community service work includes transgender advocacy, church vitality, corporate LGBTQ diversity training, and curriculum development. His dream is for a world reconciled by love and transformed through relationship so that everyone—the least and the greatest among us—know that they are love and beloved in this world.

LTRichardson.com



Logan Ferraro

Logan Ferraro works for the Boston Alliance of LGBTQ Youth as the Boston events coordinator and has been working within the LGBTQ Youth movement since he was fifteen years old, advocating for transgender rights, student rights, and an end to institution inequality.

His work focuses primarily on empowering young people and encouraging others to speak out against injustice.

Logan is a firm believer in Dr. Seuss' axiom that, "unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better, it's not."

bagly.org



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Lou Weaver

Lou Weaver is a leader in Houston's LGBTQ community. He served as a cochair for the Creating Change 2014 conference and is active with the diversity and political committees of the Houston chapter of the Human Rights Campaign.

Lou is a sought-after speaker on LGBTQ issues, specializing in trans discussions. He is actively engaged with local law-enforcement offices to champion changes in policy and procedures for the employees, communities, and inmates. He was instrumental in helping the Harris County Sheriff's Office develop their nation-leading LGBTQ-inmate-housing policy.

He is also part of a coalition working on culturally competent health-care for LGBTQ communities, including the development of surveys and training modules.

louweaver.com



Minister Louis Mitchell

Minister Louis Mitchell believes that community building and community service are important spiritual values. Louis serves as the engagement coordinator for the trans-faith and as the minister of family and congregational life for South Congregational Church in Springfield.

He is founding member of the Trans People of Color Coalition, a member of the National Black Justice Coalition's Leadership Advisory Council, a member of The Fellowship of Affirming Ministries' Trans-Saints, and serves as their East Coast regional minister.

Louis has been named as one of the ten leading Black Religious Leaders Advancing LGBTQ Justice by Believe Out Loud, and was honored as the recipient of the 2011 Haystack Award from the Massachusetts Conference of the UCC for his work in social justice and social ministry.

He was featured in the documentary, Still Black: A Portrait of Black Transmen, and selected to be the Keynote Speaker for the inaugural Black Transmen, Inc. conference and the Philadelphia Trans Health conference.

transfaithonline.org
radicallyinclusive.com



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Lourdes Ashley Hunter

Lourdes Ashley Hunter has led grassroots initiatives that impact the socio-economic growth, and development of trans and gender-nonconforming people of color for over twenty years.

An academic, practitioner and educator Lourdes' leadership has guided the development and implementation of culturally competent policy and best practices at New York City Department of Homeless Services, New York City Human Resources Administration and The New York City Police Department.

Lourdes earned a BA in social theory, structure and change with concentrations in race, class and gender studies, and she's graduating with an executive master of public administration from Rutgers University School of Public Affairs and Administration in May.

As cofounder and executive board chair of The Trans Women of Color Collective of Greater New York, Lourdes is leading a transformative movement that empowers trans women of color to be the authors of their own narratives. By living unapologetically in her truth, Ms. Hunter is inspiring the change she wants to see in her lifetime.

twitter.com/TWOCCNYC
facebook.com/TWOCCNYC



Maria Louise Roman

Maria Louise Roman has been a leader in social services for the Latina transgender community in Los Angeles for over sixteen years. She was the first transgender person to become program manager for Transgeneros Unidas prevention program at Bienestar Human Services, one of the largest HIV prevention programs in the nation. She currently works as a drug and alcohol counselor at APAIT Health Center, where she works with transgender women of color, and is a member of the West Hollywood Transgender Advisory Board and a Los Angeles County HIV commissioner.

Maria performed in *The Transfigured Body*, a requiem created to celebrate the memory of Gwen Araujo and was one of the trans women cast in the pilot *Viva La Diva* for the Logo Network. Maria placed in the top eight at the World's Most Beautiful Transsexual pageant in Las Vegas and became one of the lead stars in the Showtime documentary *TranTasia* by Jeremy Stanford.

apaitonline.org
facebook.com/mariaromanwildthings



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Mattee Jim

Mattee Jim is of the Zuni People Clan, Born for the Towering House People Clan, she is originally from a place called Tse'na'oosh'jiin. She is currently a Supervisor for the HIV Prevention Programs at First Nations Community HealthSource.

Mattee is a Board member for Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico, National Advisory Board Member for the Center of Excellence for Transgender Health out of UCSF, a decision making member of the State-wide HIV Prevention's Community Planning and Action Group, member of the National Native Transgender Network, consultant, role model, speaker, advocate, and activist.

She has been in the HIV Prevention Field for 15 years and utilizes her life experiences to do the work she does with and in her community.

transhealth.ucsf.edu
fnch.org



Mauro Sifuentes

Mauro Sifuentes is a scholar-advocate and works as the youth program manager at the Family Violence Law Center in Oakland, developing training tools for youth who are invested in peer education for gender and racial justice.

Returning to school in 2014 at the University of San Francisco to pursue a doctorate in education, with a focus on human rights education, Mauro plans to further the development of critical curricula for gender, race, sexuality, and immigration in California public schools.

He also serves on the San Francisco Human Rights Commission's LGBT Advisory Committee and cochairs a working group that focuses on issues faced by immigrant transgender women and TWOC.

During time spent away from work, writing pursuits—both scholarly and creative—fill his hours. He has also performed on the violin with the Bay Area Rainbow Symphony, having received his BA from the University of Southern California's Thornton School of Music.

sf-hrc.org
chico-moreno.tumblr.com



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Michael David Battle

Michael David Battle is a twenty-six-year-old graduate of Chatham University and Barry University. He holds a master's degree in public administration with a focus on LGBTQ disparities and is the founder and director at Garden of Peace Project.

Michael David is also an educator, community organizer, life coach, writer, public speaker, and activist currently living in Pittsburgh. Michael David created #(Trans)itionThursdays to highlight the trans community throughout the nation every Thursday. He also produced Trans*Voices of Pittsburgh, and is a writer with Equal magazine.

Michael David shares his unique journey and expertise surrounding the LGBTQ-communities, HIV/AIDS, intersections of multiple layers within one's identity, religion and spirituality, and the trans experience. Michael David lives openly as an intersex black man of trans* experience. He practices Nichiren Buddhism, and is currently engaged.

gardenofpeaceproject.org
michaeldavidbattle.com



Mitch Kellaway

Mitch Kellaway is a queer, mixed-race Latino, transgender man based in Somerville, Massachusetts. He is a writer and independent researcher for trans, queer, and feminist causes, and is currently co-editing an anthology titled *Manning Up: Transsexual Men on Finding Brotherhood, Family and Themselves*.

Mitch's writing often focuses on experiences of family roles, parenting, reproduction, partnership, and intimacy. His essays, articles, and poems can be found in the Huffington Post, PolicyMic, the Trans-Genre Project, Cliterature Journal, the Outrider Review, Zeteo Journal, and anthologies from Wising Up Press and the Bisexual Resource Center.

He holds a degree in gender studies from Harvard University and continues to produce scholarly work on trans reproductive experiences and queer theory. Mitch speaks to audiences about his own lived experiences as well as insights on the ongoing development of transgender writing and publishing.

mitchkellaway.com



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Maya Jafer

Maya Jafer has been an active in the trans community for many years. She is currently employed at the Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team. As a counselor, her primary focus is serving people in Los Angeles who struggle with substance abuse along with trauma and PTSD, especially low to no income trans women of color.

Maya is a sixth-generation healer and has two doctorates in holistic medicine, with years of clinical and teaching experience focused on the health trans women in India and the United States.

She is also the subject of the award winning international documentary feature *Mohammed to Maya*. Through over sixty-five screenings with Q&A's in festivals and universities around the world, May's story has helped raised awareness of the transgender experience.

hmohammedtomaya.com
apaitonline.org



Micah Bazant

Micah Bazant is a visual artist and graphic designer who works with racial and economic justice organizers to make social change look irresistible.

He is also an anti-zionist Jew, and he identifies as timtum (one of six jewish gender categories). He created the trans zine *Timtum*, co-edited *The Love and Justice Haggadah*, and he is a member of *transtorah.org*. His recent project *Miklat Miklat* is about transformative justice, scapegoating, and cities of refuge. Micah lives in Berkeley, California, and loves growing food and learning the secret histories of plants.

He is always eager to connect with social justice organizers who want to integrate art into their work.

Micahbazant.com



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Moof Mayeda

As the deputy director of the Academy for Leadership and Action at the Task Force, Moof Mayeda is part of a team of people who travel around the country helping leaders and communities organize winning campaigns on LGBTQ issues and racial and gender justice.

Team members believe that the leadership of trans people of color is critical to the full liberation of LGBTQ people, our families, and our communities. That's why they are a passionate advocate for including racial and gender justice in every campaign and investing in staff and volunteer leadership of those who are typically on the margins of political campaigns, especially trans people and people of color.

Moof is also learning coding and hopes that this will come in handy for the revolution. Moof's side hustle is modeling menswear, so hit them up if you're looking for a dapper boi for your next shoot.

thetaskforce.org

Morgan Robyn Collado

Morgan Robyn Collado is a working class femme trans woman of color of Colombian and Puerto Rican descent. She works in Austin as a community organizer and family builder, focusing on the uses of poetry, performance and brunch to create better spaces for marginalized people.

Morgan makes a lot of mistakes and constantly strives to learn from them. She believes the revolution is not some distant day in the future but is right now by living, loving, and thriving.

She will soon publish her first book of poems, *Make Love to Rage*, with Biyuti Publishing.

abrujamorgan.tumblr.com



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Nancy Nangeroni

Nancy Nangeroni has served as chair of the Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition (MTPC) Steering Committee since 2008, helping MTPC lead the coalition that secured passage of the Massachusetts Trans Equal Rights bill.



She started her trans activism in 1990 by volunteering for the International Foundation for Gender Education, eventually serving on its board and then as executive director, while leading pro-trans demonstrations in cities from Colorado Springs to Boston and Washington, DC. In 1995, she founded the GLAAD award-winning radio program GenderTalk, cohosting the program (with partner Gordene MacKenzie) until 2006; they then cohosted GenderVision cable TV.

In 1998, she led the candlelight vigil for the murder of Rita Hester that inspired the International Transgender Day of Remembrance and led Boston's Transgender Day of Remembrance observance for many years. She has written numerous articles and op-eds, made countless presentations, and networked tirelessly for trans rights and community.

masstpc.org
gendertalk.com

Nic Sedillo

Nic Sedillo has utilized his counseling license to provide numerous hours of free mental health services to the transgender community in New Mexico. He takes pride in educating other mental health professionals to diminish the fear of stigmatization and discrimination some transgender individuals encounter when pursuing mental health services.

He has served on various nonprofit organizations' boards within New Mexico, including Albuquerque Pride and the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico, and is a lifetime member of the United Court of the Sandias. He seeks leadership and collaboration in these organizations to aide in advocacy, education, and awareness for the LGBTQ communities.

Nic is a trans-king entertainer and has been a part of the drag community for over fifteen years, assisting in fundraising efforts for organizations across the country.

tgrcnm.org



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Nikki Calma

Nikki Calma started her HIV/AIDS activism in the '90s API LGBTQ communities of the Bay Area, where she is known as “Tita Aida,” a character that she developed to assist in bridging HIV prevention work to marginalized and hard to reach communities.

In 1997, she was part of a research team that conducted the first Transgender Community Health Project Survey in San Francisco. Throughout the years she has led and participated in community organizing, events, and activities that promote trans equality, and served as program supervisor of TRANS: THRIVE, the first drop-in center for the transgender community in San Francisco. Under her vision and direction, the center serves over six hundred transgender individuals each year, helping them access housing, employment, medical care, and mental-health services.

apiwellness.org



Octavia Hamlett

Octavia Hamlett has extensive experience working on behalf of the community after embracing her identity as a transgender woman four years ago. She worked on two trans inclusive bills, the AB311 and AB331, which advocated for equality in employment, housing and public accommodations for transgender individuals in Las Vegas, Nevada.

As a lobbyist at Progress Leadership of Nevada, Octavia's responsibilities included public speaking to raise awareness for issues important in the transgender community, lobbying state senators and assemblymen, canvassing to recruit volunteers, and organizing phone bank initiatives to educate voters on legislation. After experiencing a variety of injustices over two years of sex work, Octavia became an advocate for transgender women looking for empowerment and support to leave the sex industry.

Octavia won the QUEST: Woman of the Year title in the annual pageant hosted by APAIT Heath Center designed to encourage the empowerment of the marginalized transgender community while celebrating uniqueness and diversity. As Woman of the Year Octavia will continue to advocate on behalf of the transgender community in Los Angeles with the goal of raising awareness of the importance of self-love, spiritual foundation, and sexual health.

apaitonline.org



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Parker T. Hurley

Parker T. Hurley is a queer, black, mixed-race, trans activist whose passions lie within the healing and transformation of our selves, homes, schools, and communities through self- and community-care, radical love, and working intentionally at the intersections of social justice movements.



He holds a bachelor's degree in social work degree from Long Island University-Brooklyn and graduated with a master's degree from Hunter College, with a concentration in community organizing. Parker is currently the LGBTQA Coordinator at Guilford College and oversees the direction of The Bayard Rustin Center for LGBTQA Education, Activism, and Reconciliation, while pursuing a PhD at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in higher education. His dissertation research explores the practices of care and characteristics of resiliency in queer and trans undergraduates.

In addition to co-leading several local and largely collectively run queer and trans organizations in North Carolina, Parker also functions as the deputy director of the Trans People of Color Coalition, the only national social justice organization that promotes the interests of transgender people of color.

transpoc.org

Parker Marie Molloy

Parker Marie Molloy is an essayist and transgender media advocate from Chicago whose writing focuses on feminism and gender-related topics.

She works as a freelance journalist and has contributed writing to the Advocate, Rolling Stone, Huffington Post, Salon, Talking Points Memo, and other outlets. Parker's commentary following the death of Dr. Essay Anne Vanderbilt was praised by The Nation's Dave Zirin as something that "should be read in journalism classes."

A passionate conversationalist, Parker believes that a change in the media's treatment of trans people can begin breaking down some of the systemic oppressions trans individuals face. Earlier this year Parker released her first book, published by Thought Catalog Books. She is currently working on a novel.

parkthatcar.net



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Precious Davis

Precious Davis is the youth outreach coordinator at Center on Halsted, where she coordinates youth programming surrounding HIV prevention, transgender advocacy, and cultural awareness.



Precious is a native Nebraskan whose move to the Windy City was prompted by a passion for theatre and nonprofit work. A graduate of Columbia College Chicago in 2013 with a BA in musical theatre and liberal education, Precious is glad to be involved in Chicago's rich and thriving liberal arts scene. She was recently awarded the 30 Under 30 Award from Windy City Times.

Precious is an artistic associate with The About Face Theatre and a facilitator with the National Conference for Community and Justice STL's Anytown program. Precious is passionate about engaging young people in conversations surrounding bias, bigotry, and prejudice in their communities. Her hobbies are photography, queer performance art, spirituality, and fashion. Precious believes strongly that humans can positively coexist with one another by embracing our differences and celebrating our diversity.

centeronhalsted.org

Red Durkin

Red Durkin is a comedian, writer, and activist. Red was voted the 2013 MOTHA Performer of the Year. She has toured with the Tranny Roadshow, performed at Camp Trans, and was a member of the Fully Functional Cabaret. Red is the managing editor of PrettyQueer.com, has written nine zines, was featured in the final issue of Punk Planet magazine, and was a contributor to Topside Press's The Collection: Short Fiction from the Transgender Vanguard.

Red's 2013 Change.org petition calling on artists and attendees of the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival to recognize the long-standing boycott of the event caused some of the most substantial progress toward trans inclusion at Michfest seen in years.

She is also the originator of the Trans Ladies Picnic and open-ended DIY community-building events for trans women that have been held in New York, London, Montreal, and San Francisco.

reddurkin.com
www.facebook.com/reddurkin



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Rev. Dr. Cameron Partridge

Reverend Dr. Cameron Partridge is an Episcopal priest and theologian currently serving the Episcopal Chaplaincy at Boston University and Episcopal/Anglican students at Harvard Divinity School. In both contexts, he works with students of all traditions and genders.

His scholarship and teaching centers on conceptions of embodiment in premodern and contemporary Christianities, and ranges broadly from early Christian thought, to contemporary constructive and practical theology, to Anglican studies, to feminist, queer and trans studies.

Cameron has been active in efforts to pass trans non-discrimination legislation in Massachusetts and in the Episcopal Church. He was a founding member of TransEpiscopal, which collaborated with other advocacy groups to support trans inclusive legislation which passed at the Episcopal Church's General Conventions of 2009 and 2012. He and his spouse have two young sons.

blog.transepiscopal.com



Riley Johnson

Riley Johnson is an activist and consultant whose work focuses on health care disparities within LGBTQ communities and the use of activist engagement as a catalyst for systemic change. Riley holds a BA in sociology and anthropology from Knox College and is nearing completion of his master of education in the social and cultural foundations of education program at DePaul University.

In his non-work work, Johnson is a frequent collaborator and presenter, working with youth, social workers, and physicians. Riley was a plaintiff in the ACLU's Kirk v. Arnold case, seeking and obtaining an accurate birth certificate. In 2009, Riley worked with Chicago Women's Health Center to create the Trans* Greater Access Project. Riley is currently a member of Howard Brown Health Center's Community Advisory Board, where he serves on the trans* subcommittee.

Professionally, Riley has spent the past eight years wrangling all aspects of the liberal studies program at DePaul University.

rileydjohnson.com



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Rocco “Katastrophe” Kayiatos

Rocco “Katastrophe” Kayiatos is an artist, entertainer, activist, and educator. He started his career at the age of eighteen in the San Francisco performance poetry scene by competing in the second annual Youth Speaks Youth Poetry Slam.

After returning from the 1999 Sister Spit Rambling CRoad Show Tour, he began rapping and has since released four full length albums. His first, *Let's F**K, Then Talk About My Problems*, was released in 2004. Rocco was awarded Producer of the Year by The Out Music Awards, and his music has been featured in Showtime's *The L Word* as well as several short films. He has himself been featured in numerous documentary films.

Rocco is also one of the founding editors of *Original Plumbing* magazine, the first print magazine dedicated to the culture of trans men.

originalplumbing.com
facebook.com/katastrophemusic



Ryan Li Dahlstrom

Ryan Li Dahlstrom is a mixed race genderfabulous writer, organizer, fundraiser, childcare provider, party planner, and facilitator who has worked at the intersections of LGBTQ, youth, and anti-violence movements for over a decade.

He's currently a collective staff member at the Grassroots Institute for Fundraising Training (GIFT) and coeditor of the *Grassroots Fundraising Journal*. Prior to GIFT, he was the executive director of the Trans Youth Support Network. He serves on the board of Community United Against Violence and Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice.

In his spare time, he enjoys cooking, playing volleyball, being an uncle, and spending time near the ocean. In the coming year, he looks forward to writing more, exploring healing justice work, and being trained as a doula for queer and trans people.

grassrootsfundraising.org
cuav.org



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Sarah McBride

Sarah McBride is the special assistant for LGBTQ progress at the Center for American Progress. Her work there focuses on issues of workplace fairness and economic and social opportunity for the LGBTQ community.

In her personal time, Sarah serves on the board of directors of Equality Delaware, the state's primary LGBTQ-advocacy organization. She served as the primary spokesperson for the successful effort to add gender identity and expression to the state's non-discrimination and hate crimes laws in 2013. Before joining the Center for American Progress, Sarah attended American University, where she advocated for expanded opportunities for all students as student body president. At the end of her term, Sarah made national headlines by coming out as transgender.

Sarah was also the first openly transgender woman to intern at the White House, where she assisted in the Obama Administration's outreach to the LGBTQ community.

americanprogress.org
equalitydelaware.org



Scott Schneider

Scott Schneider has been involved in trans activism since 2010, after transitioning in the military under DADT.

Scott now runs the Nebraska Trans Community, a Lincoln-Omaha area trans community group. He continues to educate and raise awareness of trans issues through a variety of presentations and workshops for healthcare providers, classrooms, and community groups as part of LEAPS: LGBTQ Education and Public Speaking, which he runs with his partner.

In addition, he works with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's LGBTQ+ Resource Center to bring trans awareness and programming to students and faculty. Scott is committed to inclusive trans rights, within and outside the trans and queer communities.

nebraskatranscommunity.com
leaps-ne.wix.com



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Sean Coleman



Sean Coleman is the founder and executive director of Destination Tomorrow, a grassroots agency in the South Bronx that provides services for LGBTQ youth aged thirteen to twenty-five. He has been an advocate and service provider for the last fifteen years, working with homeless youth and designing programs for HIV prevention.

He currently sits on the New York State Planning and Prevention Group representing the transgender community and the National House and Ballroom Coalition. Sean is a 2014 fellow with the We Are the Bronx Fellowship, sits on the Bronx Borough President's Saving Pride in the Bronx coalition and is a contributor to GBM News.

He is an accomplished speaker and offers transgender sensitivity workshops and courses geared toward companies and agencies that wish to make their workplace more culturally competent for transgender people of color.

destinationtomorrow.org

Seth Kirby

Seth Kirby is passionate about working together to achieve social justice for the LGBTQ community. For over fifteen years, Seth has worked in the fields of HIV prevention and outreach, civil rights implementation, and training about LGBTQ equality.

He believes that the next generation of queer youth is paving the way for lasting change.

Seth is the executive director of Oasis—Tacoma, Washington's thriving LGBTQ youth center. Oasis enhances the health and well-being of LGBTQ youth by saving individual lives, building community, and developing young leaders.

Seth also serves as board president for Pride Foundation, which inspires giving to expand opportunities and advance full equality for LGBTQ people across the Northwest.

oasisyouthcenter.org
pridefoundation.org



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Sharyn Grayson

After more than thirty years of direct involvement in the nonprofit sector, including positions in California, Arizona, Georgia, and Texas, Sharyn Grayson recently announced her retirement from her position as program coordinator for transgender programs and services at AIDS Project of the East Bay in Oakland, California.

A well known and highly respected advocate within the Bay Area and Northern California transgender communities, Sharyn has received numerous awards, commendations, and recognition for her work to improve the quality of life for women and men who self-identify as transgender.

Among her many skills, Sharyn is an accomplished grant writer, featured columnist for several national publications, and a seasoned workshop facilitator and presenter. Her immediate plans for retirement include some long-planned travel abroad and establishing her own national magazine and publishing company to provide a professional outlet for aspiring transgender journalists.

apeb.org



shay(den)

shay(den) is all underbeard, eyelashes, and sass. He currently works as the director of program development for Safe Spaces Project, where he pushes beyond cultural competency by providing intersectional capacity building for community based organizations that support queer youth. He's been working with and for youth for over a decade.

shay(den) believes that healing is crucial to personal and collective liberation, so he leads workshops, teaches queer and trans yoga, gives reiki, and is a doula and reproductive justice organizer. Mostly, though, he hangs out with his loves and obsessively plays Scrabble.

safespacesproject.org



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Syd Robinson

Syd Robinson is a community educator, writer, and LGBTQ rights activist. In 2013, he joined the ACLU of Wisconsin as the youth and programs organizer. At the ACLU, Syd works with high school and college students creating and facilitating workshops teaching young people about government, civil liberties and how individuals can create grassroots change in their community.

In addition to his role at the ACLU, Syd is a board director of the Cream City Foundation, an organization that mobilizes philanthropic resources by harnessing the pride, passion, and commitment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and their allies to advance the human rights, and respond to the human needs, of LGBTQ people in Southeastern Wisconsin.

Syd is a multifaceted trans man with African, French, and Native American roots. He and his partner live in Milwaukee.

aclu-wi.org



tash shatz

tash shatz began community organizing as a high schooler in Colorado. After moving to Oregon, tash began working for LGBTQ justice, disability rights, racial justice, and sexual violence awareness and prevention.

In 2007, tash got involved with Basic Rights Oregon through a partnership with the Oregon Student Association. After two cycles as a New Roots youth fellow with Basic Rights, tash served as a trans justice organizer and trans justice program manager, co-coordinating the trans justice work at Basic Rights by collaborating with community leaders to increase access to gender-affirming healthcare, non-discrimination protections, and safety in prisons and jails for trans, genderqueer, and gender-nonconforming Oregonians.

As interim program director, tash supported the Racial Justice and Trans Justice programs at Basic Rights. Currently, tash works for social justice and writes poetry.

basicrights.org
ashatz.wordpress.com



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TC Tolbert

As a trans and genderqueer feminist poet committed to a life of compositional improvisation on and off the page, TC Tolbert loves attention, curiosity, challenge, compassion, and community.

TC's work includes *Gephyromania*, *Troubling the Line: Trans and Genderqueer Poetry and Poetics*, and chapbooks *I: Not He: Not I*, *spirare*, and *territories of folding*. S/he is a member of *Movement Salon*, and curator/editor for *The Feminist Wire* and *Trickhouse*, and a special *Trans and Queer Issue* of the *Volta's Evening Will Come*.

TC teaches at The University of Arizona and in the low-residency MFA program at Oregon State University-Cascades. S/he is the assistant director of *Casa Libre en la Solana* and spends his summers leading wilderness trips for *Outward Bound*.

tctolbert.com



Tiffany Woods

Tiffany Woods is a wife, mother of three, trainer, producer, and longtime advocate.

As the program manager for transgender services at Tri-City Health Center in Fremont, California, she ensures that the trans and gender neutral community has access to affirming healthcare, hormones, and HIV prevention and care services. The program she cocreated in 2002, *TransVision*, is nationally recognized in linking trans women of color into HIV services and creates jobs, mentorship for trans women of color. The annual *Transgender Day of Remembrance* she produces in Oakland brings community, allies, officials and legislators together to combat transphobia.

Her policy and advocacy efforts throughout the county strive to create awareness and safer communities for trans and LGBTQ people. As the transgender liaison and academy diversity trainer for the Oakland Police Department, she is working together to ensure respectful and appropriate community interactions, responses, and policies.

transvisiontricity.org



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Tiq Milan



Tiq Milan is the senior media strategist of national news at GLAAD. He was featured in a national media campaign for Live Out Loud, is a contributing author to the upcoming anthology *Trans Bodies, Trans Selves*, and is the cochair for the LGBT taskforce of the National Association of Black Journalists.

Tiq has done on-air interviews for BlackEnterprise.com, Al Jazeera America and MTV, and has penned articles for BET.com and NYTimes.com on issues facing the LGBTQ movement. He is the former editor-in-chief of *IKONS* magazine, an LGBTQ pop culture magazine, and has been a freelance music journalist for several years. He has written for *Rolling Stone*, *the Source*, *Vibe* and several other online magazines. He documented his transition in the films *U People* and *Realness*.

glaad.org
tiqmilan.com

T.J. Jourian

T.J. Jourian is a social-justice activist, learner, educator, and speaker. His passion lies with participating in, learning from, and supporting work that is intersectional, pedagogically critical, and empowering.

T.J. was part of Brown Boi Project Training Team and featured in the 2005 docu-series *TransGeneration* about four trans college students. He draws from these experiences, as well as being a former student affairs practitioner, to provide consulting and training for individuals, educators, and community organizations to trans*form themselves and their environments into anti-racist and gender-just spaces and advocates.

He is currently a doctoral student in higher education at Loyola University-Chicago, where he will research trans*masculine narratives to re-center those on the margins as the shapers and definers of masculinity and gender. The four people who will read his dissertation will have their minds blown!

about.me/tjjourian
brownboiproject.com



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Tobi Hill-Meyer

In 2010, Tobi Hill-Meyer released her first film, *Doing it Ourselves: The Trans Women Porn Project*, winning an Award for Emerging Filmmaker of the year. And she was named third in Velvet Park Media's list of the 25 Most Significant Queer Women of 2010.



She is a multiracial trans woman with over a decade experience working with feminist and LGBTQ organizations on a local, state, and federal level, having served on several boards and offering support as a strategic consultant, and currently serves as external coordinator for Washington's Gender Justice League.

As a writer, producer, and filmmaker, Tobi helped found the media collective, Handbasket Productions, where she works to create trans positive culture through film, blogging, fiction, porn, and other media. Her current project, *Doing it Again*, and its accompanying website, *Doing it Online*, aim to depict a holistic portrait of trans women's relationships and sexuality through erotic documentary.

handbasketproductions.com
oingitonline.com

Tom Léger

In his role as publisher at Topside Press, Tom Léger helps to bring new trans literature into the world, including Imogen Binnie's groundbreaking 2013 novel, *Nevada*, as well as Casey Plett's *A Safe Girl To Love* and Sybil Lamb's *I've Got a Time Bomb*, both coming out in 2014. With his longtime collaborator, Riley MacLeod, he has written over a dozen plays and screenplays since 2002 and, most recently, the two edited the 2012 Lambda Literary award-winning book, *The Collection: Short Fiction from the Transgender Vanguard*.

Tom started *PrettyQueer.com* in 2011 with stand-up comedian and author Red Durkin. In 2012, Tom was a member of the first LGBT Delegation to Palestine and, in 2013, authored a widely-circulated petition that forced The LGBT Center of New York City to reverse a two-year ban on groups organizing to end the illegal occupation of Palestine.

topsidepress.com



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Tracy Garza

Tracy Garza is currently cochair of the San Francisco Trans March, the largest trans pride organization of its kind in the world.

Tracy is also a board member at Lyon-Martin Health Services, a queer-friendly clinic where almost a third of patients are transgender, and a member of the LGBT Advisory Committee of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission. More recently, she joined the staff of El/La Para TransLatinas, an organization that advocates for trans Latinas in the San Francisco Bay Area. Tracy is also a founding board member of Transgender Law Center and has maintained a continuous working relationship with the center since it was created eleven years ago.

Tracy recently worked with a group of content creators to help launch Janet Mock's memoir, *Redefining Realness*. Tracy is also a disability rights activist.

transmarch.org
ellaparatranslatinasyolasite.com



Trystan Reese

Trystan Reese, senior organizer at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, has been a part of city- and state-wide non-discrimination campaigns all over the country, working to ensure that trans voices are heard at every level.

Centering the trans experience in short-term political campaigns is his passion, but he also works to invest in the long-term trans movement by supporting new organizers through leadership development programs. He was the architect of the Los Angeles Trans Leadership Academy, a structure that has been replicated across the country.

Trystan regularly mentors up-and-coming trans leaders through the Task Force's Summer Organizing fellowship, and acts as a peer mentor to countless trans and genderqueer organizers across the country. He believes in community without conditions, and his organization, Beyond These Walls, lives into that value by supporting LGBTQ prisoners in our nation's jails and prisons. He is also a proud husband and adoptive daddy to two amazing, resilient kids.

thetaskforce.org
beyond-these-walls.org



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Tye West

Tye West is the Houston, Texas, state chapter president for Black Transmen Inc, and an advocate and educator for the transgender and gender-nonconforming communities. His passion is mentoring, speaking, and educating others about the LGBTQ community.

Tye is a host and co-host on the Back2Us Radio Network and sits on the board of directors for a homeless youth organization, Montrose Grace Place. He volunteers with local organizations and in his spare time he writes and blogs about his journey of being a queer, trans man person of color.

blacktransmen.org



Valerie Spencer

Valerie Spencer has worked in the arena of social services, focusing on health disparities as they relates to Transgender persons and others within LGBTQ communities for over two decades. She is a public speaker and has worked with the federal government, health departments, universities, and community based organizations around the country on capacity building training and national advocacy consultation.

Valerie costarred in the 2004 V-Day production of The Vagina Monologues, featuring an all-trans-women cast, and the accompanying documentary, Beautiful Daughters, which aired on Logo and Showtime. In 2011, Christopher Street West-LA Gay Pride honored Valerie with the prestigious Berman Shaffer award, given for her years of community service in progressive action. She is the creator of Transcend Empowerment Institute, an organization which addresses empowerment on a social, cultural and holistic basis for trans and LGBTQ communities.

She is currently pursuing a master's degree in social work at California State University-Long Beach. On completion, she will pursue doctoral studies in holistic psychology. Working to liberate, educate, and affirm trans people has been a part of her life's work, and she is honored to provide holistic therapy and spiritual counseling for the LGBT population.



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Vanessa Losey

Vanessa Losey is a Pima Indian from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community located in Scottsdale, Arizona and is a founding member of The Salt River L.O.V.E. (Lifting Our Voices for Equality) Support Group, whose mission is to support other Native American Two-Spirited people so they know they are not alone. Salt River L.O.V.E. strongly supports being who you are and stands against discrimination and prejudice. Vanessa is proud to be part of a movement that has now spread to the Quechan, Yaqui and Hualapai Tribes of Arizona.

facebook.com/saltriver.love

Vanessa Victoria

Vanessa Victoria is a fearless advocate for LGBTQ youth, transgender rights, victims of hate violence, and HIV patients.

She is an executive board member and ambassador of the Trans Women of Color Collective of Greater New York. She works for the Anti-Violence Project in New York City as a community-based counselor, helping victims of violence who identify as LGBTQ and who are HIV positive, and works closely with transgender clients. Vanessa worked for the Research Foundation of the City University of New York and was a research assistant & peer health navigator in a study for trans women.

She is an entertainer and model who starting performing while a child in the town of Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, where she was raised. She left Puerto Rico in 2003, traveling and studying before arriving in New York in 2006, where she soon after began her transition

facebook.com/vanessavictoriaofficial



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Viveka Ray-Mazumder

Viveka Ray-Mazumder (Vi) is a one-and-a-half generation Indian American youth worker who is passionate about building strong communities and chosen families and using art as a tool for change.



Vi is a queer gender-nonconforming transnational adoptee who grew up in New York in the wake of 9/11. This catalyzed Vi to become active around racial justice, youth power, and prison abolition. Currently, Vi runs a youth empowerment program called KINETIC for immigrant and refugee youth in Chicago Public Schools through Advancing Justice-Chicago. Vi is also a collective member at the Transformative Justice Law Project of Illinois, which runs a pen-pal project connecting trans and gender-nonconforming people living and surviving inside Illinois prisons to community on the outside.

Vi is part of the core at i2i: Asian Pacific Islander Pride of Chicago, and they coordinate a monthly support group called Transcend for trans and gender questioning Asian American and Pacific Islanders.

chicagoi2i.org
advancingjustice-chicago.org

Vivian Taylor

Vivian Taylor is the executive director of Integrity USA, the national LGBTQ organization of the Episcopal Church. She is a writer, activist, avid Sung Compline promoter, and proud, if occasionally troubled, North Carolinian living in Boston.

She served in the War in Iraq from 2009-2010 and is currently running several statewide LGBTQ rights campaigns in several states, including Ohio and Oregon. Vivian writes about experiencing war and being a peacenik veteran and transgender Christian.

integrityusa.org
walkingwithintegrity.blogspot.com



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Wesley Ware

Wesley Ware is the founder and director of BreakOUT!, a youth-led, membership based organization in New Orleans, LA that seeks to end the criminalization of LGBTQ youth. He has organized at the intersections of gender, race, and the criminal (in)justice system in the South for over ten years.

Wes published the report *Locked Up & Out: Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth in Louisiana's juvenile justice system*, and contributed the essay *Rounding Up The Homosexuals: The Impact of Juvenile Court on Queer and Trans/Gender Nonconforming Youth* for the anthology *Captive Genders: Trans Embodiment and the Prison Industrial Complex*.

Wes is humbled to walk alongside the fierce transgender young women of BreakOUT!, whose beauty and resilience inspire him everyday. They have solidified his belief in the power of transgender youth of color in New Orleans to pave the way toward liberation for all of our communities.

youthbreakout.org
facebook.com/youthbreako



Z Jae Williams

Z Jae Williams, known by many as “Auntie Z,” hoped to create something special for Chicago’s queer youth, a place where they were welcomed in without entry cards, sign-ins, ID checks, or removal of possessions. That hope became reality in 2010 with Youth Lounge, a unique drop-in operation located at a local Chicago church.

Z strongly believes that when we treat our youth with respect and expect the best from them, they will return the expectation. She calls this “love work,” and that language continues today as Youth Lounge grows into a bigger operation with greater program opportunities. The long-term design stratagem for Z’s newest project, ARIZE, promises to impact the lives of inspiring youth nationwide. Z was awarded Volunteer of the Year by the Center on Halsted in 2009.

youthlounge.org
arizeincentive.org



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Zackary Drucker

The disciple of a silenced, ghettoized community, Zackary Drucker, a young transgender artist and performer from Los Angeles, uses a range of creative devices that all strive toward the portrayal of bodily identity, her own and that of others, obsessively infusing visual media—photographs, videos and performance art—with acute masochistic emotional compulsions.

Conceiving, discovering, and manifesting herself as “a woman in the wrong world,” her work is rooted in cultivating and investigating under-recognized aspects of transgender history, locating herself in that history, and communicating her contemporary experience of gender and sexuality.

Her work reinvents and redistributes relationships of spectacle-spectator, domesticated-exoticized, dominator-subjugated. Interested in obliterating language obstacles, pulverizing identity disorders and revealing dark subconscious layers of outsider agency, Zackary disarms audiences and uses her body to illicit desire, judgment, and voyeuristic shame from her viewer.

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We will begin accepting nominations for the 2015 Trans 100 later this year. Please check the website and social media for the announcement.

LIVING LEGEND GLORIA ALLEN

The Trans 100 is honored to celebrate Gloria Allen as the 2014 Living Legend. As an elder trans woman of color who transitioned in 1970, Gloria's very existence is a triumph. That she continues to thrive and share her wisdom and experience with generations of Chicago's youth is but a small indication of the grace, resilience, care, and love that "Mama Gloria" embodies. The "Charm School" she hosts at Center on Halsted for trans youth is about much more than comportment, covering proper hormone treatment, substance abuse, domestic violence, sex education, how to locate a safe bed for the night, and personal dignity. Gloria was named the 2014 Living Legend at a live event on March 31st, which included the following remarks below by author Janet Mock.

centeronhalsted.org



Legendary is a beautiful word -- it's actually among my favorites. But it's a word that is often thrown out with such regularity and carelessness that we forget its significance and what it denotes.

But tonight we will set the record straight on legendary, and you will see what legendary looks like.

Legendary looks like the incomparable, the gorgeous, the resilient, the luminous, the generous, the one and only Gloria Allen.

You stand in the presence of greatness.

Often times, I am disappointed by how we gather our flowers to celebrate our elders, our siblings, our forebears when it's too late, when they are gone.

We will not wait to celebrate our own.

We will give Gloria Allen her flowers when she can be with us to smell them.

-Janet Mock

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