



FORGE Forward 2007 Conference

MARCH 29—APRIL 1, 2007

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
(FOUR POINTS SHERATON—AIRPORT)

SUPPORTING GENDER-VARIANT CHILDREN, YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES

- Audience: human service/social service professionals working with lesbian, gay male, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) youth and their families; school counselors, teaching faculty and staff who have LGBT youth at their schools; parents and family members of LGBT youth.
- Trainers Reid Vanderburgh, MA, LMFT, and Andrew S. Forshee, Ph.D., will teach attendees how to differentiate between sexual orientation and gender identity; gender expression and gender identity; and gender and sexuality, including how to assess a child's understanding of his or her gender and/or orientation.
- Presentations and experiential exercises will help participants identify and address both family and social service/foster care system crises related to gender identity emergence.
- Features video interview of a mother whose MTF daughter is successfully transitioning in the Portland Public School system.
- Participants will leave with an action-oriented plan for providing "safe space" for gender dissonant children/youth in human service or school settings.



Andrew Forshee, Ph.D., has more than ten years of teaching and training experience in the fields of human development, child/youth development, queer and gender studies. His doctorate in Human Services includes a specialization in family studies and intervention strategies. His current research and teaching interests include the early childhood experiences of gender variant people and support services for gender variant children and their families.



Reid Vanderburgh, MA, LMFT, is a psychotherapist and licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in private practice in Portland, Oregon. Approximately 90% of his clients are trans-identified in some way. He also teaches continuing education classes on gender identity through Portland State University. His book, *Transition and Beyond: Observations on Gender Identity*, will be released in late 2006.

MORE INFORMATION ON THE BACK →

FULL DAY INTENSIVE—THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2007

OTHER PRE-CONFERENCE INTENSIVES

Other Thursday Intensives:

Survivor Centered Advocacy for Trans Survivors of Violence

HIV Prevention/Safer Sex for FTMs+ and Mental Health Providers

Creative Spirituality for the Third Gender Tribe

Friday Intensives:

Building Anti-Racist Organizations, Coalitions and Movements

Beyond the Binary: Language, Longing, and Legitimacy

Understanding the FTM Experience: 101 for Providers

All This and Cute Shoes Too: Femme Beyond Binaries

Breaking Isolation, Building Community: A Gathering for Disabled and Deaf Trans People and Our Allies

Register Today!

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Early birds are welcome at a pre-opening presentation by renowned writer, poet, and trans-activist Minnie Bruce Pratt (dinner optional) before the official conference kicks off the evening of Friday, March 30. From then through Sunday evening, hundreds of trans-masculine individuals and SOFFAs (Significant Others, Friends, Family, and Allies) will, for one low price, enjoy:

- More than 75 concurrent workshops
- Keynote addresses by leading transgender and SOFFA activists and innovative thinkers, including:
 - Eli Clare
 - Jay Sennett
 - Dean Spade
 - Susan Stryker
 - Willy Wilkinson
- Provocative entertainment by:
 - S. Bear Bergman
 - Imani Henry
 - Coyote Grace
- Dozens of socializing and networking opportunities
- An exhibit hall packed full of vendors and organizations
- Consultations with respected surgeons
- 12-step recovery meetings
- Childcare (pre-registrants only)
- ASL and accessibility services (pre-registrants only)
- Singles events
- and much, much more!

STILL WANT MORE?

We still have more! Add-ons include:

- “From the Medical Gaze to Sublime Mutations: The Ethics of Re-viewing Nonstandard Body Images,” presentation by Ben Singer (Thursday evening, March 29; dinner optional)
- Minnie Bruce Pratt (Friday evening, March 30; dinner optional)
- “Breaking Isolation, Building Community: A Gathering for Disabled and Deaf Trans People and Our Allies,” extended caucus facilitated by Eli Clare and Sebastian Margaret (Friday, March 30)
- Fast Food for Power Networkers: boxed lunch options (Saturday and Sunday)
- T-shirts featuring the great Conference logo developed by Wolfgang Beilschmidt

HOW YOU CAN HELP

There are many ways you can help make this Conference accessible to as large a segment of our community as possible:

Attend the Conference!

Share information about the Conference with those who might be benefit!

Join together and share rides and housing to minimize costs! Be a vendor. Share your services, products, and information with Conference attendees!

Advertise in the program book!

Donate directly to enable low income people to attend, or to help underwrite sign language interpretation, childcare, speaker honorariums and travel expenses, and much more!

HOTEL

The Four Points Sheraton
4747 South Howell Avenue Milwaukee, WI
414 - 481-8000

The FORGE Forward Conference rate is \$105.00 per room (up to 4 individuals). To receive this rate, register at our special website by February 26, 2007
www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/forge

Registration Rates	Early	Regular	Door*
Thursday Pre-Conference Intensives	\$115	\$130	\$165
Friday Pre-Conference Intensives	\$115	\$130	\$165
Full Conference (Friday night through Sunday)	\$125	\$140	\$155

**“Door” price in effect from March 1, 2007*

Yes! I’m interested in knowing more about the FORGE Forward 2007 Conference, especially about...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> advertising in the program book | <input type="checkbox"/> childcare options | <input type="checkbox"/> accessibility concerns |

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