



FORGE Forward 2007 Conference

MARCH 29—APRIL 1, 2007

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
(FOUR POINTS SHERATON—AIRPORT)

Building Multi-Racial, Multi-Gender, Anti-Racist, Anti-Capitalist Trans Organizations, Coalitions and Movements

Members of Sylvia Rivera Law Project will work with workshop participants on activities structured to help us think about several key themes:

1. How is racism often built into the structures of social justice movements, and how do we build structures for gender liberation work that has a deep commitment and lived practice of anti-racism?
2. How do we bridge cultural and community conversations between transwomen's communities and transmasculine communities to find common ground, address common misunderstandings, and move past hierarchizing our experiences of oppression?
3. How do we build organizations that focus on the needs of the most vulnerable people in our communities: prisoners, immigrants, poor people, youth, people of color?
4. How do different kinds of work such as law and policy reform, base-building organizing, media and public education work, and fundraising work fit together in social movements? How do we prioritize these different strategies, what keeps people pursuing these different strategies from working together more? How can that change?
5. What key issues in gender oppression are going under-addressed in current US trans activism? How can we change that context?
6. How do we envision the world we want to live in, rather than just reacting to the constant attacks on our communities?
7. How do we connect gender liberation work with important social movements against racism, for immigrant rights, for workers' rights, against imperialism, and for women's liberation?



Dean Spade is a trans attorney and activist, and founder of the Sylvia Rivera Law Project (SRLP). SRLP is a collective legal organization providing free legal services to low-income people and people of color facing gender identity discrimination, and engaging in public education, policy reform, and community organizing support focused on issues relevant to trans, intersex and gender non-conforming people. Dean's writing has appeared in the Berkeley Women's Law Journal, the Howard Scroll, GLQ, the Harvard Lesbian and Gay Review, the Chicano-Latino Law Review and other publications. His essays have appeared in the recent books, "Without a Net" edited by Michelle Tea, and "That's Revolting: Queer Strategies for Resisting Assimilation" edited by Mattilda Sycamore. Dean is also co-editor of the online journal makezine.org, and adjunct teaches law classes focusing on sexuality and gender and law at Columbia Law School and Harvard Law School.

MORE INFORMATION ON THE BACK →

FULL DAY INTENSIVE—FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2007

OTHER PRE-CONFERENCE INTENSIVES

Thursday Intensives:

Supporting Gender-Variant Children, Youth and Their Families

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

Other Friday Intensives:

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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