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## FORGE FORWARD 2007 CONFERENCE

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN - MARCH 29-APRIL 1, 2007

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Email Subject: FORGE Forward 2007 Conference Registration Opens, Speakers Announced

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It's going to be the biggest gathering of transgender persons and SOFFAs (Significant Others, Friends, Family, and Allies) Wisconsin has ever seen, and we're inviting people from all over the world to help us celebrate: registration for the FORGE Forward 2007 Conference and Intensives, taking place in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on March 29 - April 1, 2007, has opened.

Early conference registration (before September 30) is only \$125 and includes access to more than 75 concurrent workshops, exhibits by organizations and businesses catering to trans people and SOFFAs, medical consultations, hospitality suites, receptions, affinity group gatherings, and much, much more. Reflecting our community's many diverse identities and needs, accessibility features of the Conference include childcare, American Sign Language interpretation, free parking, free shuttle from the airport, 12-step meetings, and registration scholarships for low-income attendees. Additional events, including eight full-day, pre-conference Intensives, two dinner plenaries, and boxed lunches are available at an extra cost.

Conference registration includes keynotes and presentations by nationally-known thinkers and entertainers:

- S. Bear Bergman -- writer, theater artist, gender-jammer, instigator, and observant Jew.
- Eli Clare -- genderqueer poet, essayist, and co-organizer of the first ever Queerness and Disability Conference.
- Imani Henry -- anti-war activist, consultant, trainer, and organizer for LGBT communities of color, and writer/performer of the acclaimed performance piece, B4T.
- Jay Sennett -- writer, filmmaker, and founding publisher of Homofactus Press, which "stakes its claim as a new space for the interpretation and criticism of longstanding beliefs about gender, transformation, and the limits of human possibility."
- Dean Spade -- trans attorney and activist and founder of the Sylvia Rivera Law Project, which provides legal and advocacy services for low-income and trans people of color.



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- Susan Stryker -- gender activist, and former executive director at the GLBT Historical Society in San Francisco, recently co-produced the award-winning documentary, “Screaming Queens: The Riot at Compton’s Cafeteria”
- Willy Wilkinson -- third-gendered writer and public health consultant specializing in organizing and researching queer and transgender communities of color.

For pictures and further biographical information on our speakers, see <http://www.forge-forward.org/conference/features/keynotes.php>; more about our entertainers is available at <http://www.forge-forward.org/conference/features/entertainment.php>.

Although the FORGE Forward 2007 Conference is designed specifically by and for those on the female-to-male transgender spectrum (FTMs+) and SOFFAs (including professionals), transpeople on the male-to-female spectrum will find much of interest to them, including workshops and Intensives on building multigender, anti-racist coalitions; exploring the spirituality of the transgender path; legal issues; and strengthening family and work relationships. Join us at this history-making, educational celebration!

Registration forms can be printed out at <http://www.forge-forward.org/conference/participate/register.php>; call 414-559-2123 if you need one mailed to you.

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The FORGE Forward 2007 Conference’s philosophy is inclusion-focused. We value individuality, diversity, and complexity -- believing that together, all of us make a stronger, more supportive and vibrant community.

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