



# FORGE Forward 2007 Conference

MARCH 29—APRIL 1, 2007

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN  
(FOUR POINTS SHERATON—AIRPORT)

## UNDERSTANDING THE FTM EXPERIENCE: 101 FOR PROVIDERS

- This intensive will acquaint the mental health professional with information regarding the diverse needs of the FTM community.
- Basic information about the FTM community, including basics for assisting FTMs through transition will be covered.
- Dissonance between mainstream cultural perceptions of trans identity and the lived experience of those who identify as trans will be discussed.
- Providers who are seeking information on MTFs and non-binary gender identities will also benefit from this Intensive.



**LORE M. DICKEY**

lore m. dickey is a 45 year old FTM. He began his transition in 1999 in Seattle, WA. He is currently located in Grand Forks, ND where he has completed the first year of the Counseling Psychology PhD program at the University of North Dakota. lore has a strong research background including a recent study on the effectiveness of support groups for the FTM community. lore will be working at Bemidji State University in Minnesota during the 2006-2007 school year as a Student Counselor. Upon graduation (2010) he hopes to work as a college professor and continue his research on the FTM experience.



**REID VANDERBURGH**

Reid Vanderburgh is a 50-year-old FTM who began his physical transition in 1997 in Portland, Oregon, where he continues to make his home. He has an MA in Counseling Psychology from John F. Kennedy University's Graduate School for Holistic Studies (2001), and recently received his license as a Marriage and Family Therapist through the state of Oregon. Reid maintains a private practice in downtown Portland; approximately 90% of his clients are trans-identified in some way. In addition to his work as a therapist, Reid volunteers through the Trans/Identity Resource Center, helping trans individuals change the gender on their Oregon driver's license or ID card. Reid teaches Continuing Education classes on various aspects of gender identity, through Portland State University. He has also led workshops and classroom discussions about trans issues, in a wide variety of educational settings. Reid is the author of a book for which he is seeking a publisher: "Transition and Beyond: Observations on Gender Identity."

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

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

Survivor Centered Advocacy for Trans Survivors of Violence

Creative Spirituality for the Third Gender Tribe

### Other Friday Intensives:

Building Anti-Racist Organizations, Coalitions and Movements

Beyond the Binary: Language, Longing, and Legitimacy

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!

## 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](http://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"/> distributing informational materials | <input type="checkbox"/> making financial donation | <input type="checkbox"/> vending in the exhibit hall   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> advertising in the program book      | <input type="checkbox"/> childcare options         | <input type="checkbox"/> accessibility concerns        |

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