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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 Requests Workshop Proposals

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Although workshops are the core feature of nearly every conference, they are especially important when the conference's motto is "Honoring Our Complexities."

That's why the organizers of the FORGE Forward 2007 Conference and Intensives, which will take place in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on March 29 - April 1, 2007, are so excited to announce they are ready to accept proposals for the more than 75 workshops that will be offered at the Conference. "We certainly want to offer the basic workshops for transitioning female-to-males (FTMs) and SOFFAs (Significant Others, Friends, Family, and Allies), but the gender spectrum is so much wider than that and our identities and interests so much more complex than those letters often suggest," Conference Programming Chair Michael Munson said. "We are very much looking forward to receiving workshop proposals that dare to reach beyond the 'usual' and speak honestly of our complexities as individuals and as a community."

Workshop proposals will be accepted until October 31, 2006. Proposals should address a standard set of questions about content, presentation style, and presenter qualifications. (Passion about a topic is a great qualification!) The questions are available as both a webpage (www.forge-forward.org/conference/workshops/rfp.php) and a print-friendly, downloadable form at www.forge-forward.org/conference/docs/workshopRFP.pdf, or a snail mail copy can be requested by emailing workshops@forge-forward.org or calling 414-559-2123 and leaving a clear mailing name and address and call-back number.

Potential presenters should note that all official FORGE Forward 2007 Conference workshops are open to all attendees, regardless of identity. The Conference co-chairs will be happy to work with potential presenters to help design presentation or discussion formats that provide comfortable space for discussion of identity-specific topics. The Conference will also offer some space for ad hoc workshops limited to participants of a certain identity. Please contact the Programming Chair at workshops@forge-forward.org for further details.

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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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