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## FORGE FORWARD 2007 CONFERENCE

*MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN – MARCH 29–APRIL 1, 2007*

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If you plan to attend the FORGE Forward 2007 Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on March 29 – April 1, 2007, now is the time to send in your registration! Download a registration form today at [http://www.forge-forward.org/conference/docs/registration\\_form.pdf](http://www.forge-forward.org/conference/docs/registration_form.pdf)

Early registration rates -- \$125 for the full 2-1/2 day conference or \$115 per full-day Intensive -- are only available on registrations postmarked by September 30, 2006. (Steep discounts are available for those attending both the conference and one or two Intensives.) After that, registration rates rise to the regular level.

The FORGE Forward 2007 Conference is the first national female-to-male transgender spectrum and SOFFA (Significant Others, Friends, Family, and Allies) conference to be held in the U.S. Heartland. The Conference, whose theme is "Honoring Our Complexities," features more than 75 concurrent workshops covering everything from the basics to the cutting edge, exhibits by organizations and businesses catering to trans people and SOFFAs, medical consultations, a hospitality suite, no-host receptions, 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 or shuttle from the airport, 12-step meetings, and limited registration scholarships for low-income attendees (some services require pre-registration). Featured keynoters and entertainers include S. Bear Bergman, Eli Clare, Imani Henry, Jay Sennett, Dean Spade, Susan Stryker, and Willy Wilkinson.

Eight full-day, pre-Conference Intensives are also available for those who want to dig deeply into any of the following topics:



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- > Supporting Gender-Variant Children, Youth, and their Families (Reid Vanderburgh and Andrew Forshee)
- > HIV Prevention/Safer Sex for FTMs+ and Mental Health Providers (Brenda Coley, Laura Gutnecht, Molly Herrmann, Gary Hollander, Hector Torres)
- > Survivor-Centered Advocacy for Trans Survivors of Violence (Diana Courvant)
- > Creative Spirituality for the Third Gender Tribe (Raven Caldera)
- > Building Multi-Racial, Multi-Gender, Anti-Racist, Anti-Capitalist Trans Organizations, Coalitions and Movements (Dean Spade and staff of the Sylvia Rivera Law Project)
- > Beyond the Binary: Language, Longing, and Legitimacy (Shane Whalley and Heather Davies)
- > Understanding the FTM Experience: 101 for Providers (Reid Vanderburgh and lore m. dickey)
- > Exploring the Expansiveness of Femme (TBA)

In addition, a pre-Conference extended caucus, "Breaking Isolation, Building Community: A Gathering for Disabled and Deaf People and Our Allies," will be facilitated by Eli Clare and Sebastian Margaret on Friday, March 30. Pre-registrants for this caucus, any Intensive or the Conference itself will also receive free entrance to a plenary-style presentation by Ben Singer, "From the Medical Gaze to Sublime Mutations: The Ethics of Re-viewing Nonstandard Body Images," on Thursday, March 29, and to a pre-Conference keynote by Minnie Bruce Pratt on Friday, March 30.

Still not enough detail? There's more! Visit our website at [www.forge-forward.org/conference](http://www.forge-forward.org/conference) to read about our presenters, add-on meal events, and other Conference plans, or to get more details on available volunteer jobs!

Registration forms can be printed out at <http://www.forge-forward.org/conference/participate/register.php>; email [registration@forge-forward.org](mailto:registration@forge-forward.org) or call 414-559-2123 if you need one mailed to you.