



FORGE Forward 2007 Conference

MARCH 29—APRIL 1, 2007

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
(FOUR POINTS SHERATON—AIRPORT)

BREAKING ISOLATION, BUILDING COMMUNITY: A GATHERING FOR DISABLED AND DEAF TRANS PEOPLE AND OUR ALLIES

Disabled and Deaf trans people often live in great isolation, rarely getting an opportunity to talk openly and in depth about our experiences of being trans and disabled--whether our impairments are physical, cognitive, learning, or psychiatric. Come join us for a day long gathering of conversation and connection about our lives. We could talk about our disabilities, the endless struggle for accessibility, our gender(s) and how gender intersects with our disabled bodies. We could have conversation about how we feel; the range of our emotional lives; our frustrations, joy, shame, pride, and internalized hatred. We could share our experiences as lovers, parents, friends, and family members. We could celebrate our tenacity, survival, and the victories of every self-determined moment--the topics are endless.

This gathering will be facilitated, but the agenda for the day will be set by the participants. Come ready to talk and listen, connect and break our isolation. To help create safety, we will be closing the gathering to new participants after lunch.



ELI CLARE

Genderqueer poet and essayist Eli Clare has a B.A. in Women's Studies, a M.F.A. in Creative Writing, and most importantly a penchant for rabble-rousing. Among other things, he has walked across the United States for peace, coordinated a rape prevention program in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and helped organize the first ever Queerness and Disability Conference in 2002. He has spoken all over the country at conferences, community events, and colleges about disability, LGBT identities, and other social justice issues. Eli is the author of "Exile and Pride: Disability, Queerness, and Liberation." (South End Press, 1999) More recent work can be found in "GLQ: Desiring Disability--Queer Theory Meets Disability Studies,"

"From the Inside Out: Radical Gender Transformation, FTM and Beyond," and "Dangerous Families: Queer Writing on Surviving." He lives in Vermont and works at the University of Vermont's LGBTQA Services. When not otherwise occupied, you can find Eli having fun adventures with his sweetie, riding his trike, and hanging out with his dog.



SEBASTIAN MARGARET

Sebastian Margaret's involvement with Disability Culture, oppression and Community spans some 20 years. In both England and in North America he has presented Disability Rights and self-advocacy as a social justice and cross disability issue.

Currently Sebastian is working on the development of self-empowerment curriculum to educate, inspire and equip kids with disabilities to acquire greater self-advocacy and participation.

FULL DAY INTENSIVE—FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2007

OTHER PRE-CONFERENCE INTENSIVES

Other 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

Friday Intensives: Building Anti-Racist Organizations, Coalitions and Movements

Beyond the Binary: Language, Longing, and Legitimacy

Understanding the FTM Experience: 101 for Providers

All This and Cute Shoes Too: Femme Beyond Binaries

Register Today!

MORE INFORMATION ON THE BACK →

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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!

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

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)
- 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!

Registration Rates	Early	Regular	Door+
Thursday Pre-Conference Intensives	\$115	\$130	\$165
Friday Pre-Conference Intensives	\$115	\$130	\$165
<i>Breaking Isolation, Building Community: A Gathering for Disabled and Deaf Trans People and Our Allies*</i>	\$75	\$75	\$75
Full Conference (Friday night through Sunday)	\$125	\$140	\$155

* Scholarships are available. Please contact us for more details.
+ “Door” prices in effect starting 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"/> registering for the conference | <input type="checkbox"/> volunteering my time | <input type="checkbox"/> providing (Milwaukee) housing |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> advertising in the program book | <input type="checkbox"/> childcare options | <input type="checkbox"/> accessibility concerns |

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