

 <p>HONORING OUR COMPLEXITIES</p>	<p>FORGE FORWARD 2007 CONFERENCE</p> <p><i>MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN - MARCH 29-APRIL 1, 2007</i></p> <p>PO BOX 1272, MILWAUKEE, WI 53201 CONFERENCE@FORGE-FORWARD.ORG 414-559-2123</p>
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Email Subject: Come Out and Do A Workshop!

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Happy Coming Out Day! And what better way to celebrate your identity as a trans person and/or SOFFA (Significant Other, Friend, Family, or Ally) than by submitting a proposal to lead a workshop at the FORGE Forward 2007 Conference, which will take place in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on March 29 - April 1, 2007?

The deadline for workshop proposals - October 31, 2006 - is quickly approaching, and we want to hear from more of you! The theme of the Conference is "Honoring Our Complexities," and we'll be featuring more than 75 workshops on topics of interest to those on the transmasculine or FTM spectrum (born female but with some level of current masculine identification) and SOFFAs of all genders and sexual orientations. That means we are interested in workshop proposals on the "basics" for new-comers AND proposals on cutting-edge topics that will deepen our recognition of and appreciation for the diverse complexities within our communities. Share what you know or share what you're thinking about or initiate a whole new conversation.

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 and a downloadable form at <http://www.forge-forward.org/conference/workshops/rfp.php> 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



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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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