WELCOME TO THE TRANSGENDER SPECTRUM CONFERENCE

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Directions: You will find interactive maps located near the entrance of Hillman Hall. Volunteers with orange flags are also available to help.

Bathrooms: There are gender inclusive single-stall bathrooms on every floor in Hillman Hall. On Friday, multi-stall bathrooms on the second floor will be all inclusive. Saturday, all bathrooms in Hillman will be designated gender inclusive.

Lunch: Use your conference nametag to pick up a sack lunch in Goldfarb Commons.

Registration
Information Commons behind the Clark-Fox Forum

Exhibits
Goldfarb Commons

Trans Only Room
(a space for self-identified trans people only)

Hillman 310

Quiet Reflection Room (available to all attendees)
Hillman 210

Safe Space for Queer and Trans Identified People of Color (QTPOC)
Hillman 270*

Volunteer Room (for volunteer staff only)
Hillman 100

* Available on Saturday only
Johanna Olson, MD is a pediatrician in the Division of Adolescent Medicine at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles and Medical Director of the hospital’s Center for Transyouth Health and Development. She specializes in the care of transgender youth, gender variant children, youth with HIV, and chronic pain. Board certified in Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, Dr. Olson is also an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics in the Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California. She has appeared on ABC’s 20/20, The Dr. Phil Show, CNN, Dateline NBC and The Doctors to educate audiences about the needs of transgender youth.

"Care of Gender Non-Conforming Children and Transgender Adolescents in the New Millennium"
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Shannon Minter’s talk is sponsored by Washington University School of Law.
SATURDAY KEYNOTE SPEAKER

S. BEAR BERGMAN

Award-winning writer, educator and storyteller S. Bear Bergman is the author of six books as well as the founder of Flamingo Rampant, a children’s press focused on feminist, LGBTQ-positive, racially-diverse children’s books and writer of the advice column Ask Bear for Bitch Magazine. His most recent book for grownups (Blood, Marriage, Wine, & Glitter) made several Best Of lists and was a finalist for the Lambda Literary Award. Bergman is a much loved speaker and storyteller at universities and festivals alike, because his signature blend of wit and warmth brings all the people to the yard (regardless of their sex designation, gender identity, or gender expression) (which he would like to remind you are not the same thing). Learn more about Bear and his projects at sbearbergman.com and flamingorampant.com.

"5 Questions People Always Want to Ask the Transsexual (but shouldn’t)"
PLENARY SPEAKER

dELFIN BAUTISTA, MDiv, MSW

“Transgressive
Transformative
Theology
~
Exploring Religion
and
Spirituality
at the Crossroads”

A native of Miami, FL, delfin is of both Cuban and Salvadoran heritage. delfin is a social worker and activist theologian who holds a Master in Divinity from Yale University and a Master of Social Work from University of Pennsylvania. Their background includes case management, trauma therapy with survivors of domestic violence, hospital chaplaincy, faith-based advocacy, and child welfare/services. delfin is coauthor of "Religion and Spirituality " in Trans Bodies, Trans Selves and also serves on their Board of Directors. delfin is Director of the LGBT Center at Ohio University (Athens, OH) and also serves as an adjunct lecturer in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Ohio University. delfin is a contributor to Believe Out Loud, Young Adult Catholics, and “preaches” on their blog La Lucha, Mi Pulpit.
Transgender Spectrum Conference Schedule

Friday, November 4

8:30-9:00 AM | Welcome
FORUM

9:00-10:00 AM | Keynote Address
"Caring for Gender Non-Conforming Children and Transgender Adolescents in the New Millennium"

Dr. Johanna Olson-Kennedy, MD - Medical Director of the Center for Transyouth Health and Development at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles.

Introduction: Amy Cislo, PhD

Dr. Olson-Kennedy graduated from Chicago Medical School in 1997, and went on to become double Board Certified in Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine. Dr. Olson-Kennedy has subspecialized in the care of youth with HIV, and with chronic pain conditions. Her work has focused entirely on meeting the healthcare needs of gender non-conforming children and transgender adolescents and young adults.

Dr. Olson-Kennedy has provided puberty blockers and hormone therapy for nearly five hundred transgender youth. In addition to expanding the Center for Transyouth Health and Development, Dr. Olson-Kennedy has spearheaded a rigorous research agenda aimed at understanding the experience of gender non-conformity from early childhood through early adulthood. Recently, Dr. Olson-Kennedy, in partnership with three other principal investigators around the country, was awarded a large, multi-million dollar NIH grant to examine the impact of early treatment in transgender youth.

10:15-11:45AM | "Trans 101"
FORUM

Sayer Johnson and Members of the Metro Trans Umbrella Group

Introduction: Katy Paul

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10:15-11:45 AM | "We are Here: Defining What Meaningful Involvement and Education Looks Like to & for Trans Women of Color"
HILLMAN 50/51

Introduction: Elizabeth Fuchs, MSW

Brea A. Campbell – Executive director and co-founder of Trans Sistas of Color Project
John A. Trimble – Deputy executive director and co-founder of TSCP

10:15-11:45 AM | "Op-Eds and Letters to the Editor: Teaching As Advocacy"
HILLMAN 110

Alex Dzurick – graduate student in Education Policy, Organization and Leadership at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Introduction: Shannon Hall

The letter to the editor is a longstanding tradition of community advocacy in a public forum. Attendees can expect to understand the strategy behind writing a persuasive op-ed or letter to the editor and begin developing ideas for a letter of their own (hopefully for publication!). This workshop involves audience participation.

10:15-11:45 AM | "Children's Trans-Themed Literature"
BROWN LOUNGE

Laura Pearce, MA

Introduction: Jaimie Hileman

The use of children's books to address transgender issues can be a powerful means to open discussions at home and in the classroom. This presentation examines the growing number of books available for children and families and how they can be used to inform, educate, and support.
"The Healing Power of Storytelling: Liberating our Non-Binary Selves within Higher Education"

Logan L. Barsigian, M.A., City College of San Francisco
Breana Hansen - doctoral candidate in International and Multicultural Education, University of San Francisco
Ardel Haefele-Thomas, PhD—Chair LGBT Studies at City College, San Francisco

Introduction: Brenda Bredemeier, PhD

Our interactive panel will explore the importance of developing our individual and collective stories of non-binary gender identities and experiences. Our own histories inform our current work in higher education, where we see similar challenges facing our non-binary students today. Drawing on these experiences, we will include numerous examples and suggestions for increasing safety in the classroom and across campus.

10:15-11:45 AM | Academic Papers: Theory and Practice

Moderator: Vanessa Fabbre, PhD

- "Bear Witness and Build Legacies: Twentieth Century Trans Autobiography"
  Sarah Ray Rondot, PhD - University of Central Missouri
  This presentation analyzes Alex Drummond's Grrl Alex: A Personal Journey to a Transgender Identity (2012), and Jennifer Finney Boylan's I'm Looking Through You: Growing Up Haunted: A Memoir (2008). In contrast to twenty-first century autobiographies by trans*-identified writers, Drummond and Boylan's memoirs representatively document new understandings of gender diversity, which do not rely on the wrong body model as the foundational aspect of trans* existence. Because the genre encourages authors to create and reinvent their life histories and narratives, trans* autobiography has the capacity to provide witness for others and create communities of affirmation.

- "Transgender Pastoral Theology"
  R.J. Robles, M.Div Candidate - Vanderbilt University
  Come to learn why the practice and theory of pastoral care must be committed to the liberation of the transgender community as a matter of urgency. Utilizing pastoral theological methods, in collaboration with the insights and theological focus of transgender theology, the language for transgender pastoral theology can be creatively built. By bringing forth the need for centering the history and lives of transgender people, this paper imparts radical social change in theologies and pastoral practices.

- "Identity Work of Gender Expansive People: Constructing Me, Convincing You"
  Kathryn G. O'Brien, MA. Ed, LCSW, doctoral candidate in Education - University of Missouri-St. Louis
  This paper draws from life stories of the identity work of transgender and other gender expansive people. I will describe early findings related to how study participants describe their gender history work; intersections of race, class and gender; the meanings of material objects across the lifespan; and what individuals draw on as sources of inspiration in their gender identity work.

- "To Survive on This Shore: Photographs and Interviews with Transgender and Gender-Variant Older Adults"
  Jess T. Dugan
  Vanessa Fabbre, PhD, LCSW-Washington University
  Representations of older transgender people are nearly absent from our culture and within artistic realms, and those that do exist are often one-dimensional. To Survive on This Shore is an ongoing national project that combines photographs of transgender and gender-variant people over the age of fifty with interviews about their life experiences in regards to gender, identity, age, and sexuality and provides a nuanced view into the complexities of aging as a transgender person. Photographer Jess T. Dugan will speak about this series in depth, sharing photos and quotes from participants as well as addressing the creation of the project, how it has evolved and progressed, and plans for its future.

12:00-1:00 PM | Lunch

GOLDFARB COMMONS
1:15-2:00 PM | Trans-Spirit: Christianity and Spirituality in the Trans* Community Panel
Discussion
Moderator: delfin Bautista, M.Div., MSW-Ohio University
RJ Robles, MDiv Candidate - Vanderbilt University
Minister Stephanie Phillips Unity Fellowship Church, Buffalo, NY
Rev Phvia Lageni, Director of Peace Tree Spirituality Center, Florissant, Missouri
Sister Nancy Corcoran, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet
Introduction: Jaimie Hileman

2:30-4:00 PM | Paper Presentations: Health Care
Moderator: Amy Eisen Cislo, PhD - Washington University in St. Louis

- "Evaluation of a Case-Based Encounter with a Transgender Standardized Patient: Suggestions for Future Health Professions Curricula"
  Danielle Giffort, PhD - St. Louis College of Pharmacy
  Laura Hirshfield, PhD - University of Illinois at Chicago (presenter)
  Kelly Underman, PhD - University of Illinois at Chicago
  In this presentation, we describe a transgender standardized patient case that was developed for use in a communication work shop for advanced medical students. In preliminary tests of the case, most students agreed or strongly agreed that it had increased their skills for working with transgender patients. This case adds to a growing number of curricular interventions to address medical students' knowledge and skills with regard to LGBT patients, and as a result, aims to address health disparities in LGBT patient populations.

- "Caring for Transgender Women living with HIV: Challenges and Opportunities"
  Hilary Reno, M.D., PhD - Washington University in St. Louis
  Jamie Rickly, MD - Washington University in St. Louis
  Transgender women are most at risk for acquiring HIV and once infected, have lower rates of viral suppression. Retention in HIV care is supported when their HIV provider also is their Primary Care Provider (PCP) and manages medical transition through hormone therapy. With this retrospective cohort study of transgender women living with HIV, we hope to inform care, identify areas for staff and provider education, and develop protocols that support the gender affirming care model.

- "The Sexual Health of Transgender Identifying Men"
  Erin Riley, Project Manager - University of Michigan MPH
  A scoping review concerning the sexual health of transgender men was conducted in order to underscore the gaps in the literature. Thirty-three were included in the final review and conceptualized transgender men's health in six broad categories: sex and sexuality, sexual identity, sexual pleasure, condom use, transactional sex, and sexual function.

2:30-4:00 PM | "Parents of Transgender & Gender Independent Kids and How They Navigated their Journey" 
GOLDFARB 132
A panel discussion lead by members of Transparent St. Louis
Introduction: Kathryn O'Brien, MA, LCSW
2:30-4:00 PM | Paper Presentations: Education

BROWN LOUNGE

Moderator: Laura Pearce, MA

- "An Educators Guide to Working with Transgender Students in the Classroom"
  Bethany Grace Howe, MA, graduate teaching fellow, School of Journalism and Communication - University of Oregon
  A university and secondary school educator, stand-up comedian, Huffington Post blogger and transgender researcher as well as student, Bethany Grace Howe has been on both sides of the transgender equation in the classroom. And where most fear to tread, Howe goes without fear but always with respect – for both herself and her students. Join her to find out how to take concrete steps to make your classroom and other work environments a place where everyone can learn about each other.

- "A Case for Gender-less Schools"
  Carissa A Clohessy, Educator, M.Arch
  The elimination of traditionally gendered spaces in schools has the potential to reduce bullying and stigmatization of being different, of being an "other." By changing the way we design and build traditionally gender-segregated spaces such as restrooms and locker rooms, we can create spaces shared by and inclusive of all people, while still offering even the most modest level of privacy. When we eliminate the gender labels that segregate us, we make spaces that are inclusive of a much more diverse range of identities.

2:30-4:00 PM | "Challenges Facing the Trans Community"

HILLMAN 50/51

Jaimie Hileman, Co-Executive Director of the Metro Trans Umbrella Group

Introduction: Sayer Johnson

This session addresses the implications of recent legislative, executive, and judicial actions that greatly affect the Transgender community. A presentation detailing these challenges and strategies for response serves as framework, accompanied by historical background. Followed by Q & A.

2:30-4:00 PM | "Section 1557 of the Affordable Health Care Act: An Overview of the Final Rule"

HILLMAN 52/53

Steven Mitchell, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Introduction: Vanessa Fabbre

A presentation highlighting final regulatory changes in civil rights law applying to the delivery of health care as a result of Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act.

4:15-5:30 PM | Keynote Address

FORUM

"New Social and Legal Approaches to Supporting Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Children and Youth"

Shannon Price Minter, JD

Introduction: Karen Tokarz, Charles Nagel Professor of Public Interest & Public Service Law, Washington University School of Law

Shannon Price Minter is the Legal Director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR), one of the nation's leading advocacy organizations for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. A 1993 graduate of Cornell Law School, Minter has been lead counsel in dozens of groundbreaking legal victories for the LGBT community. Minter first gained national attention in the United States in 2001 representing the Lesbian partner of Diane Whipple, in a wrongful death case due to a dog mauling, which resulted in significant decision in California that extended tort claims to same-sex domestic partners. In 2003, Minter gained national attention again when CourtTV aired the entire case of Kataras v. Kantaras, where Minter represented Michael Kantaras, a transgender man who was trying to keep custody of his children.
Saturday, November 5

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10:30-12:00 PM | Understanding Sex and Gender | BROWN LOUNGE

Moderator: Amy Cislo, PhD

- "Intersex? What's That?"
  Leon A. Braxton, Jr., Director of Diversity and Inclusion—Pride STL
  This presentation will cover the basic elements of Intersex including definition, terminology, and conditions. It will also address the myths and stigma surrounding this gender identity.

- "Is My Kid Trans? How to Better Understand a Child's Gender"
  Kelly Storck, MSW, LCSW
  Understanding our children and their intersecting needs is a fundamental part of everything we do as parents. When a child or youth expresses differences in gender, our already difficult job gets more complicated and even more important as these kids most often need informed action to thrive. This presentation aims to help us interpret, promote, discuss and engage in our child's experience of gender so we are positioned in the most effective ways as parents.

10:30-12:00 PM | "Building Power for Transgender Workers Through Unions" | HILLMAN 50/51

Laura Kelly, Union Representative and Co-Chair for OUTreach the UFCW Constituency Group for LGBTQ partners.
Alex Lange, Director of Organizing for UFCW Local 655. A partner of OUTreach.
Introduction: Laura Pearce, MA
The basic objection of this workshop will be to educate the Transgender community about the workplace protections that the Union provides. A Union contract is often the only source of a voice, dignity, respect, and protections from discrimination at the workplace. The United Food and Commercial Workers Union has been at the forefront of progressive action for their Transgender partners. Presenters will cover historic ties between Labor Unions and the LGBTQ community, as well as, the organizing and representation process of a Labor Union. We will inform the participants of the locations of retail stores in the St. Louis area that currently have UFCW contract. It is imperative that ALL people have the right to earn a living without prejudice, harassment or fear of termination just for being who they are. This will be an interactive workshop with a platform to ask questions and have conversation about the participants journeys.
• "Legal Name Changes"
  Dr. Koach Baruch Fraizer and Jennifer Kovar
  Presenters will provide information on how to represent yourself in court to officially change your name. We will discuss why this is important to do, the costs involved, the basic steps to take in any Missouri court (common in many other states as well), and we will provide example forms that many courts accept. Other materials will include a checklist for next steps after a court order for name change (i.e., updating forms of I.D., names on property and accounts, etc.). Presenters will share their first-hand experiences with this process and encourage dynamic discussion, Q&A throughout the workshop.

• "No House to Call my Home: Addressing LGBT Youth Homelessness"
  Ryan Berg
  The causes of youth homelessness are varied. Many young people experience homelessness due to lack of affordable and accessible housing, poverty, neglect, substance abuse, mental health issues and physical and sexual abuse. Others become homeless due to severe family conflict that grows out of lack of support around sexual orientation and gender expression and identity. A disproportionate number of homeless youth (20-40%) identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or questioning (LGBTQ). Many are living in the streets and vulnerable to exploitation. The statistics for transgender youth are especially devastating, with 1 in 5 having experienced homelessness at some time in their lives because of discrimination and family rejection. Transgender people facing housing instability also face discrimination from agencies designed to help young people. Nearly 1 in 3 trans youth have reported being turned away from a shelter due to their gender identity. Communities have to find creative solutions to trans youth homelessness. The Host Home model is an ‘outside-the-system’ community and volunteer-based response to youth homelessness. It offers a transformative and intimate approach to providing LGBTQ youth who are experiencing homelessness with homes and support. The host home programs of Avenues for Homeless Youth intentionally keep their programs small and non-institutional, with up to 10 youth participating at a time. All youth who participate in our program are queer or trans-identified. This presentation starts with a reading from No House to Call My Home and ends with a discussion about the host home model and how it can be applied to communities across the country to best support transgender youth experiencing homelessness.

10:30-12:00 PM  | "Your Transgender Stories and Mine"  
HILLMAN 52/53
Joan Lipkin, Artistic Director of That Uppity Theatre Company
Kelly Hamilton, Co-Founder of ALIVE Media Group, Founder of Entrepreneur Quarterly, Board President of PROMO
Introduction: Kathryn O'Brien, MA, Ed LCSW
This creative expression writing workshop will be offered to empower participants to find or strengthen their voice in their community through discussion and writing exercises and is open to transgender and allied participants with all levels of experience. The conference will include a short public reading at the end of the day where participants will briefly share some of the work they created during the morning’s session. Participants and audience members can witness their own experiences on stage through this art-making workshop with expressive story sharing from fellow peers.

12:15-1:15 PM  | Lunch  
GOLDFARB COMMONS

12:15-1:15 PM  | Discussion Groups
Breakouts: Family Support-GOLDFARB 132
Health Care-HILLMAN 50/51
Public Policy/Law-HILLMAN 52/53
Education-BROWN LOUNGE
1:30-2:15 PM | Plenary Talk

"Transgressive Transformative Theology ~ Exploring Religion and Spirituality at the Crossroads of Gender"

delfin Bautista, MDiv, MSW - Director of the LGBT Center at Ohio University - Athens, Ohio

Introduction: Jaimie Hileman
A native of Miami, FL, delfin is of both Cuban and Salvadoran heritage. delfin is a social worker and activist theologian who holds a Master in Divinity from Yale University and a Master of Social Work from University of Pennsylvania. Their background includes case management, trauma therapy with survivors of domestic violence, hospital chaplaincy, faith-based advocacy, and child welfare/services. delfin is coauthor of, “Religion and Spirituality” in Trans Bodies, Trans Selves and also serves on their Board of Directors. delfin serves as an adjunct lecturer in Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Ohio University and is a contributor to Believe Out Loud, Young Adult Catholics, and "preaches" on their blog "La Lucha, Mi Pulpit."

2:30-4:00 PM | "The Socially Transitioning Family"

Kelly Storck, MSW, LCSW

Introduction: Shannon Hall
This presentation will cover the multi-faceted wonders involved in identifying, understanding and taking care of gender-expansive children within a family. Early social transitions are centered around the health and well-being of the child yet is a profound experience for everyone involved. With hopes of spreading the good news about kids who are supported to live authentically, this conversation aims to help all of us understand the rich and profound experience of raising, transitioning, supporting, and championing incredible kids and families.

2:30-4:00 PM | Liberation: Confronting Race

Moderator: Amy Cislo, PhD - Washington University in St. Louis

- "Transgender People of Color’s Experiences of Sexual Objectification"
  Mirella J. Flores, doctoral student in Counseling Psychology - University of Missouri-Kansas City
  Researched by Mirella J. Flores, Laurel B. Watson, Luke R. Allen, Mudiwa S. Ford, Christine R. Serpe, and Ping-Ying Choo. This paper presentation will explain a theory of transgender People of Color's (TPOC) experiences with sexual objectification (e.g., being treated as an object valued for its sexual use to others) that was developed from interviews with fifteen self-identified TPOC. Attendees can expect to gain an understanding of how contextual factors (e.g., identities and their intersection, systematic discrimination) influence the types of sexual objectification TPOC experience, the impact sexual objectification can have, and ways TPOC may cope with these experiences. We will also highlight the advice our participants gave to other TPOC who may be experiencing sexual objectification.

- "Resistance, Resilience, and the Gendered Experience of Gender Nonconforming People of Color"
  Graciela Olguin
  As the concept of gender expands, it is important to not collapse the experiences of those who identify outside of a gender binary. This research considers the narratives of multiple young gender-nonconforming individuals in order to contribute to a conversation about how people are subjected to ideologies regarding race and gender in the United States. How are people of color who self-identify as non-binary or gender-nonconforming subjected to and resistant towards a binary gender system; what acts of resilience do they practice in order to affirm their perceptions of self?

- "Ball Room 202: Ballroom Culture and the Transgender Community"

  Presented by the Cocoa Project
  Presenters: Trent O. Ramsey and Camillia Furtrell
  The Ballroom scene has always been such an influential part of many Transgender men and women. All aspects of the once completely underground sub-culture have included people under the Transgender umbrella. The scene's culture has a large bearing on how many Transgender people of color live their day to day lives. This program is intended to give those interested, misinformed, or unaware a glimpse into the intricate and fascinating culture of Vogue runway, fashion, and family.
2:30-4:00 PM | "Trans-masculine Experiences in St. Louis" (Trans Only)  
*Aiden Liam, Jae Anderson and Phiwa Langeni*  
An interactive space for those that identify on the trans-masculine side of the spectrum. The conversation will be guided by an array of intersecting identities including non-binary, social sphere professionals, POC, peer-support group facilitators and parents. Join in the group as we explore what it means to be Trans-masculine in St. Louis. There will be space for questions, commentary, and resource sharing.

2:30-4:00 PM | Children’s book reading by Bear Bergman, reading his own works  
Introduction: Sayer Johnson

2:30-4:00 PM | "Creating Inclusive Classrooms"  
*Katy Paul, Safe Connections*  
Introduction: Kathryn O’Brien, MAEd, LCSW  
This workshop will provide educators with the tools to improve their classroom and school’s climate for transgender and gender non-conforming students. This training discusses empowering all students and teacher as allies, the incentives of being a proactive vs. a reactive school and classroom, and important district policies that help keep all students safe. Best practice tips and curriculum resources for educators will also be shared.

4:15 PM | Storytelling Presentations and Closing Remarks

5:00 | Community Meeting

7:00-9:00 PM | Film Screening: "From This Day Forward" |
PRESENTERS

Jae Andersen (he/him) is a co-facilitator for The Locker Room, a trans masculine support group through Metro Trans Umbrella Group. He started his transition at age 37 and would like to help people maintain hope.

Logan L. Barsigian, M.A. in Community Counseling - Loyola University of Chicago, B.A. in Comparative Human Development and Psychology - University of Chicago. Logan is a counseling and student affairs professional with an interest in identity development and mental health. I am queer, White, and non-binary. I currently study LGBTQ issues at City College of San Francisco and work as an advisor at UC Berkeley.

Ryan Berg Berg’s debut book, *No House to Call My Home: Love, Family and Other Transgressions*, won the 2016 Minnesota Book Award for General Nonfiction, the 2016 NCCD Media for a Just Society Award and was listed as a Top 10 LGBTQ Book of 2016 by the American Library Association. He’s received the New York Foundation of the Arts Fellowship in Nonfiction Literature and was a Lambda Literary Foundation Emerging Writer’s Fellow. His work has appeared in *Ploughshares*, *Slate*, *The Advocate*, *Salon*, *Local Knowledge*, *The Rumpus* and *The Sun*. Ryan has been awarded artist residencies from The MacDowell Colony, Yaddo, and Virginia Center for the Creative Arts. In addition to writing, Ryan is the Program Manager for ConneQT Host Home Program of Avenues for Youth, where community members share their homes and resources with LGBTQ youth experiencing homelessness. He lives in Minneapolis.

Leon Braxton Leon has been active in the St. Louis LGBTQIA community for over 35-years, raising countless dollars and serving in many leadership capacities. Leon is excited to be a member of the Board of Pride St. Louis, Inc. as The Director of Diversity and Inclusion and Chair of the Scholarship and Community Outreach Committee. In addition to being on the board of Pride St. Louis, Leon has served on the boards of SAGE Metro St. Louis, St. Louis Effort for AIDS, St. Louis AIDS Foundation, Out, Proud and Healthy, was a master Guardian with Project Ark, is the Vice President of The Official Black Pride St. Louis and is the founder of the I CARE! Campaign and Intersex St. Louis. He brings with him a successful background in finance and is also known in entertainment and fundraising circles for his illusion of the incomparable Dieta Pepsi. As Dieta, Leon has used his talents to raise money for several of our LGBTQIA organizations including Doorways, Food Outreach, Metro East Pride, Power of One, Bethany's Place, and The Transgender Memorial Garden. Leon is currently on the Grove CID Marketing Committee and owns and operates The Braxton Group, a Recipe Development Consulting Company.

Cierra Malone Burks is a 36 year old black transgender woman from Detroit. She started her transition in 2001, began her career as show girl / performer in 2002 and2005 she enrolled in the L.E.A.D (Learn, Educate, Advocate, Drive) Program through KICK - The Agency for LGBT African Americans (now LGBT Detroit) and became its first transgender valedictorian. Also that year, she was the first transgender woman of color to chair an event for Hotter Than July, Detroit's black gay pride celebration. She was on the cover of Between The Lines Magazine and was a featured in the "LGBT in the D" campaign - a billboard, print and social media campaign whose goal was to increase the awareness and visibility of LGBT people of color in Detroit. For the past 3 years, Burks has been a member of a trans centric Youth Advisory Board with Community Health Awareness Group (CHAG). She is a former Miss Woodward, the current reigning Miss Port Huron and has competed in the Miss Continental Plus pageant. Cierra is one of the Founding Mothers of the Trans Sistas of Color Project - Detroit and is working as a project assistant on the forthcoming docufilm and book project, *What's T? Exploring the Narratives of Transgender Women of Color in Detroit.*

Carissa Clohessy, MArch Clohessy holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from Ball State University. Her graduate thesis was, “LGBT Inclusion in Schools”. She is currently a middle school engineering teacher and LGBT youth mentor in Houston, TX.

Nancy Corcoran, csj Nancy is a member of a community which has played publicly with gender since 1636 in France. In 1991, she became a chaplain with a ministry that revolves around presence and accompaniment. Nancy is most fascinated by the multiple ways culture molds us - for better or worse. She talks funny because she was raised in Boston, and yes, she did get a degree from Hahrvard in feminist theology and ethics.

Jess T. Dugan is an artist whose work explores issues of gender, sexuality, identity, and community. She has been photographing within LGBTQ communities for the past decade and is deeply committed to the transformative power of photographic portraiture. Her work is regularly exhibited internationally and is in the permanent collections of several major museums.

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Kelly Hamilton is co-founder and served as Chief Creative Officer of ALIVE Magazine and founder of EQ Magazine. He currently serves as Board President of PROMO, Missouri's statewide LGBT advocacy organization. Kelly is passionate about the transformative power of storytelling, especially in topics related to personal identity. As a transgender man who transitioned in his mid-30s, he finds it vital to continue to share his story with students, researchers, health care professionals and other service providers working in the LGBT space. He frequently participates in educational panels for corporations and schools.

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Jaimie Hileman, Co-Executive Director of Metro Trans Umbrella Group - Prior to joining MTUG Jaimie had 24 years of experience in the business world and was then Board President of MTUG in (2015-2016) after serving on the board since 2013. She routinely facilitates the MTUG Trans 101-103, speak at conferences in plenaries, panel discussions, and workshops regarding the intersection of Trans identities, lived experiences, and human rights, as well as advocates through intersectional Trans activism for equality. Past presentations Include: the 2015 Transgender Spectrum Conference (UMSL), the 2015 White House and Health and Human Services Regional LGBT Civil Rights Conference (Washington University St. Louis), and the LGBT National Gay and Lesbian Task Force LGBTQIA Leadership “Creating Change” conference (Chicago, ‘16).

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Joan Lipkin divides her time between New York City and St. Louis, where she is the founder and Artistic Director of That Uppity Theatre Company, whose mission is to give a voice to underserved populations. In St. Louis, she is the co-producer of the Briefs Festival of Short LGBTQ plays. She has also devised work with numerous populations including women with cancer, people with disabilities, LGBTQ youth and adults and their families, people with HIV/AIDS, people with Alzheimer's and early stage dementia, adolescent girls, college students, women who have been sexually trafficked and exploited, people in recovery from substance abuse, communities of faith and youth at risk. Joan has received the Association for Theatre in Higher Education award for Leadership in Community-Based Theatre and Civic Engagement, a Visionary Award, the Arts Innovator of the Year and the Ethical Humanist of the Year, among many others. She is committed to helping people access their voice and creative capacity through performance and writing workshops for all levels of experience.

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RJ Robles, MDiv Candidate, Vanderbilt University. RJ Robles is a transgender, genderqueer Puerto Rican, spoken word artist, activist, and educator who grew up in Chicago. They currently reside in a rural, Bible belt, region of the South. Robles is currently doing their Master of Divinity (M.Div) at Vanderbilt Divinity School, where their focus is on finding ways to build transgender pastoral care, transgender practical theology via transgender studies and transgender theology. They are the Program Coordinator of Trans Buddy Program at LGBTQI Health at Vanderbilt University that assist transgender people in getting access to all forms of healthcare in Nashville. They spend much of their spare time in protests, writing/reflecting, and scheming about dismantling the systems. They are a bilingual, spoken word artist, and is a practical person that loves sarcasm, and they have a dapper sense of style.

Sarah Ray Rondot, PhD postdoctoral fellow at the University of Oregon. Her current book project documents how twenty-first century trans*-identified autobiographers, filmmakers, and digital storytellers create new understandings of gender diversity.
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