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OHIO ACTION ALERT: Ohio House of Representatives to vote on Equal Housing and Employment Act!

Wednesday, June 17, 2009—2:30pm, Room 017 (basement level) - Show your support for the Equal Housing and Employment Act!

Tomorrow will be the first time a vote has ever been taken in either the House or Senate on a bill that supports LGBT people and our families, rather than does them harm. We know after three weeks of testimony, some of it compelling, some of it downright odd, that the committee members have been presented strong reasons to pass House Bill 176. We know we have a number of allies on the committee. We also know we have a number of people who are struggling to decide which way they will vote.

We have been told that those who oppose this bill are currently heating up the committee members' phones, potentially weakening their resolve to vote YES.

WE MUST CONTACT THEM AS WELL TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO VOTE YES.

We believe these individuals are still considering their vote and could be swayed either way. Please call or email them and urge them to vote yes on HB 176 tomorrow.

- Rep. Cheryl Grossman (R-Grove City): (614) 466-9690 district23@ohr.state.oh.us
- Rep. Cliff Hite (R-Findlay): (614) 466-3819 district76@ohr.state.oh.us
- Rep. David T. Daniels (R-Greenfield): (614) 466-3506 district86@ohr.state.oh.us
- Rep. Gerald L. Stebelton (R-Lancaster): (614) 466-8100 district05@ohr.state.oh.us

The following 2 committee members are unlikely to vote yes; however, we should never give up hope. Please call or email them and ask them to give thought and consideration to protecting all Ohioans, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

- Rep. John Adams (R-Sidney): (614) 466-1507 district78@ohr.state.oh.us
- Rep. Dave Hall (R-Killbuck): (614) 466-2994 district97@ohr.state.oh.us

And finally, please call or email the following committee members who are either sponsors or have said they will vote yes and thank them for their on-going support for HB 176:

- Chairperson Ronald Gerberry (D-Austintown) (614) 466-6107 district59@ohr.state.oh.us
- Vice Chairperson Matt Lundy (D-Elyria) (614) 644-5076 district57@ohr.state.oh.us
- Rep. Dale Mallory (D-Cincinnati): (614) 466-1645 district32@ohr.state.oh.us
- Rep. Dan Stewart (D-Columbus): (614) 466-1896 district25@ohr.state.oh.us
- Rep. Vernon Sykes (D-Akron): (614) 466-3100 district44@ohr.state.oh.us
- Rep. Brian G. Williams (D-Akron): (614) 644-5085 district41@ohr.state.oh.us

Local & National Calendar of Events – June 2009

Tue June 16, 2009

7pm Kaleidoscope Youth Center - Gender Support Group
7:30pm Gender Dysphoria Program of Central Ohio - Columbus

Wed May 6, 2009

5pm Xavier University's Queer Alliance - Xavier University
7pm TransOhio Transgender Support Group - Center on High

Thu June 18, 2009

6:30pm TransFormers (Youth) - LGBT Center of Cleveland
7pm PFLAG Akron Monthly Meeting - 671 Canton Rd., Akron
(Route 91 at Albrecht Ave)

Fri June 19, 2009

PRIDE COLUMBUS

Sat June 20, 2009

PRIDE COLUMBUS
PRIDE CLEVELAND

Sun June 21, 2009

TransOhio Monthly Meeting—RESCHEDULED

Tuesday June, 23, 2009

6pm-9pm Akron TransFamily Meeting - Emmanuel Fellowship
Church, 60 North Arlington St, Akron, OH 44305
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Church, 60 North Arlington St, Akron, OH 44305
7pm-9pm Kaleidoscope Youth Center - Weekly Gender Support
Group - Kaleidoscope Youth Center - Columbus, Ohio

Thu Jun 25, 2009

6:30pm-7:30pm TransFormers (Youth - Cleveland) - LGBT Cen-
ter of Cleveland (6600 Detroit Ave, Cleveland, OH

Fri Jun 26, 2009

5pm-7pm Xavier University's Queer Alliance - Xavier University,
Dorothy Day House

Sat Jun 27, 2009

2pm-4pm TransOhio Partners Discussion Group - The Center on
High, 1160 N. High Street, 2nd Floor
7pm-11:30pm URNotAlone Trans Party - Pyramid Night Club

Sun Jun 28, 2009

2pm-4pm PFLAG-Columbus Meeting - First Unitarian Universal-
ist Church of Columbus Ohio

Tue Jun 30, 2009

7pm- Kaleidoscope Youth Center - Weekly Gender Support Group
- Kaleidoscope Youth Center - Columbus, Ohio

JULY 2009

Wed Jul 1, 2009

5pm-7pm Xavier University's Queer Alliance - Xavier University,
Dorothy Day House
7pm-9pm TransOhio Transgender Support Group - The Center on
High (Stonewall Columbus) 1160 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio

Thu Jul 2, 2009

6:30pm-7:30pm TransFormers (Youth - Cleveland) - LGBT Center
of Cleveland (6600 Detroit Ave, Cleveland, OH

Fri Jul 3, 2009

5pm-7pm Xavier University's Queer Alliance - Xavier University,
Dorothy Day House
8pm-11:30pm Crossport of Cincinnati ~ Girl's Night Out - Adonis
Nightclub, 4601 Kellogg Ave., Cincinnati

Sat Jul 4, 2009

Independence Day
7pm-11:30pm The Crystal Club @ Score Bar - Score Bar Colum-
bus, Ohio

Tue Jul 7, 2009

7pm-9pm Kaleidoscope Youth Center - Weekly Gender Support
Group - Kaleidoscope Youth Center - Columbus, Ohio
7:30pm-10:30pm Gender Dysphoria Program of Central Ohio
(GDPCO- Private Support Group) - Columbus, Ohio

Wed Jul 8, 2009

5pm-7pm Xavier University's Queer Alliance - Xavier University,
Dorothy Day House

AUGUST 2009

August 14-16, 2009

2nd Annual TransOhio Transgender and Ally Symposium
Registration Now Open! Register Online at
www.transohio.org

For a full calendar of events, please visit
www.transohio.org

2nd Annual TransOhio Transgender and Ally Symposium

TransOhio is proud to announce that this year's keynote speaker at the 2nd Annual Transgender and Ally Symposium will be author Helen Boyd. The symposium will be hosted on-site at Capital University Law School in downtown Columbus, Ohio the weekend of August 14-16, 2009.

Helen Boyd is the author of *My Husband Betty* (Thunder's Mouth, 2004) which was a finalist for a Lambda Literary Award. Her second book, *She's Not the Man I Married: My Life with a Transgender Husband* (Seal Press, 2007), has been called "a postmodern reflection on transness" by Jennifer Finney Boylan.

Over twenty-five workshops and presentations are scheduled for focus tracks that include:

- Health & Safety
- Legal & Employment
- Partners, Spouses and Family
- Religion and Spirituality
- Youth & Students
- Arts, Culture and Media

Registration for the 2nd Annual TransOhio Transgender and Ally Symposium is now open and you can register online at www.transohio.org! Registration fees:

- \$20 General Attendee
- \$10 Student Attendee
(valid student id is required at check-in)
- \$10 keynote address + catered lunch
(vegetarian and vegan options available)
- \$40 on-site/day of registration

A minimal number of scholarships for attendees are available. Scholarships cover registration fee only, and does not include travel expenses, hotel or meals.

Interested in volunteering?

Please email TransOhio@gmail.com for volunteer and scholarship information.

For additional information about the 2nd Annual TransOhio Transgender and Ally Symposium, please visit the conference website: <http://www.transohio.org/2009/index.aspx>

TransOhio serves the Ohio transgender and ally communities by providing services, education, support and advocacy which promotes and improves the health, safety and life experience of the Ohio transgender individual and community.

Hotel Information

We have a block of rooms set aside at the Red Roof Inn Nationwide Area for Symposium attendees. This RRI is not like usual RRI's you might see along the highway! It's a new hotel, clean, and has a ton of amenities! Plus, it's easy to walk to the famous Short North Arts District, and only blocks from Capital University Law School!



The rate is \$90.00 per night up to four people in the room. To make reservations and to receive this rate, call 1-800-RED-ROOF or the hotel directly at 614-224-6539 and refer to our GROUP CODE: B262TOTAS. The room block is released thirty days in advance which is July 14th. So, make your reservations now!

Red Roof Inn Nationwide Arena - Columbus
111 East Nationwide Boulevard
Columbus, OH 43215
614-224-6539

This RRI is located just 2.5 blocks from Nationwide Arena, 8 blocks from the State Capitol & adjacent to the Greater Columbus Convention Center. This Inn is surrounded by a variety of exciting downtown dining and entertainment, all within walking distance.

RRI is ADA Accessible, provides a Continental Breakfast, allows pets, has an airport shuttle and WiFi, easy access to local restaurants and coin laundry facilities.

Visit www.transohio.org or www.transohio.org/2009/index2.aspx for more Symposium information!

Register online at www.transohio.org/2009/index2.aspx

2nd Annual TransOhio Transgender and Ally Symposium

CALL FOR PERFORMERS

This year, the TransOhio Transgender and Ally Symposium will be hosting a full night of performance as a part of the symposium. Ohio performers wanted! One email per number please.

Deadline to submit is midnight on July 25th.

We are looking for drag performers, gender performance, performance art, burlesque, dance, music and spoken word. The theme of the show is "Fabulously Fluid" so bring your work that is genderbending, high energy, sexy, funky, and funny! Each performer/performance group may submit up to 3 numbers. All three may or may not go in depending on show size and spacing. There will be a performer dressing area and a stage. We will have a rehearsal a few hours before the show to run through numbers, prepare, etc. Info on that to come later.

Show Information

Date: August 15th, 2009

Location: Wall Street NightClub, Columbus, Ohio

Performance begins: 9pm

Performance ends: 11:15pm

18 & over, Cover: \$5

For more information about the TransOhio Transgender and Ally Symposium, please visit www.transohio.org/2009/index2.aspx.

Advertisement and Promotion:

Please feel free to advertise this event to your fan base! In addition to this, both the conference and the performers will be advertised over mainstream media, colleges and universities and GLBTQI orgs in Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Plus, it'll go out to Equality Federation organizations and GLBTQI Chambers of Commerce and more.

Please contact JAC Stringer if you have questions or have a performer referral. One email per number please. Send submissions to jac@genderqueercoalition.org.

JAC Stringer, Entertainment Director,
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2nd Annual TransOhio Transgender and Ally Symposium - Meet Our Speakers

Keynote Speaker Helen Boyd, is author of *My Husband Betty* which was a finalist for a Lambda Literary Award. Her second book, *She's Not the Man I Married: My Life with a Transgender Husband* was published in 2007. Besides being an author, Helen is an activist, academic and also partner to a transgender woman. Boyd's been running online groups since 2000 and has presented workshops at many conferences and has given keynote talks at gatherings such as First Event. Boyd's writing has also appeared in anthologies and she lectures regularly at colleges. Boyd has also taught Gender Studies courses at Merrimack College (MA) and at Lawrence University (WI), where she also taught a course on transgender lives. She was also a finalist for a 2009 A Room of Her Own Foundation Grant.

Melissa Marie Alexander, JD, CMP, is a transgendered woman living in the Columbus area. She lives fulltime as her true self and has been in transition for over a year. Melissa has undergone FFS and underwent Gender Confirmation Surgery in May 2009. Melissa works as a meeting and event planning where she has obtained the CMP designation which is only held by about twenty percent of her industry. She is currently on the Board of Directors for the Ohio Chapter of Meeting Professionals International as the Director of Communications. Prior to her work in this field, Melissa practiced employment and labor law for twenty years in West Virginia and she has been admitted to practice in West Virginia and Kentucky as well as several federal courts. Melissa obtained her undergraduate degree at Northern Kentucky University in 1982 in Political Science (cum laude) and graduated 22nd of 140 in her law class at West Virginia University in 1985. Melissa is in a committed relationship with her partner Paula and she has two adult children from her previous marriage. Melissa is also very proud of her involvement with TransOhio and NCTE.

Tara McKenzie Allison, Esq., is a resident of Columbus, Ohio. She was born and raised in south-central Pennsylvania. After graduating from high school in 1981, she enlisted in the US Navy and was trained as a nuclear reactor operator. After serving as an enlisted man for 2 years she entered the US Naval Academy in Annapolis and graduated in 1987 and was commissioned as a Naval Officer. According to the Naval Academy Alumni Association, she is only the second MTF transgender person that they know of that has graduated from USNA. Tara graduated from Capital University Law School and was admitted to the Ohio Bar in 2005.

David Brandebura, R.Ph., is the Director of Pharmacy at The Apothecary Shops in Columbus. In September 2006, David joined The Apothecary Shops, a family of independent, community pharmacies located throughout Arizona, Nevada and Ohio, and

opened the company's second out-of-state pharmacy. Prior to joining the company, he was a pharmacist at New Albany Surgical Hospital. David's areas of expertise include ophthalmology, women's health and diabetes. Through the American College of Apothecaries (ACA), he is certified in compounding and aseptic compounding techniques. David is a registered pharmacist in Ohio, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, Tennessee and Arkansas. He has more than 17 years of pharmacy experience.

Stephanie Battaglino, is a nationally-recognized activist and speaker on transgender issues. She is the Communications Director for IFGE, the International Foundation for Gender Education, and sits on their Board of Directors. She is also the Chair of the IFGE endowment fund, The Winslow Street Fund. She is a member of the Transgender Advisory Committee of Out & Equal Workplace Advocates, the national organization promoting workplace equality for the LGBT community. Stephanie has keynoted at both the IFGE and Southern Comfort Conferences and is a Communications Director at New York Life Insurance Co., where she successfully transitioned on the job in October of 2005. She is the first transgendered person to do so in the 164-year history of the company.

Edward Bowers was born in 1957 in Northeastern Ohio. His undergraduate work was completed at Kent State University and Graduate work completed at The Ohio State University in Educational Administration. Bowers moved to Columbus in 1988 and became involved in political activism. Volunteering in AIDS Education and Outreach along with mentoring within the Leather Community. Membership in The National Leather Association, Ohio Splash Swim Team, Centurions of Columbus, Titleholder in Great Lakes Leather Alliance in 2004. Contest Director in Great Lakes Leather Alliance 2006-2008.

Joni Christian, has created a place to welcome and embrace all the people in such a way to find their inner (child) voice. It is from this point of restoring the passion we become who we really are. Joni, who started The Open Door Coffeehouse is in its sixth year. She is a community educator for Working for a Hate Free Society/All the People. She is also a video artist, musical soloist for religious worship, theater and public performance.

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Dr. James Buccigross, Ph.D., DABPS is a licensed clinical psychologist, and also a board-certified forensic clinical psychologist & neuropsychologist who has worked in both the juvenile and adult criminal justice & correctional systems for over 25 years and has had experience working with transgendered youth who have become involved with the juvenile courts and with juvenile detention & corrections. He has also worked with transgendered adults not involved with the justice system and has specialized in working with LGBTQ clients when he was previously in private practice prior to going overseas. He is currently the Northeastern Ohio Regional Psychologist for the Ohio Department of Youth Services, working with youth committed to the ODYS who are currently on parole in 19 counties in NE Ohio.

Merâl Crane, M.A., L.P.C.C., I.M.F.T., has served in the East Coast (1973-1975), and in Central Ohio (since 1975) as a therapist, educator, and activist, always acknowledging Gender Diversity, to help create a society that is respectful of diversity in general, and of persons with trans issues, in particular. Over the last three decades, as Founder and Clinical Director of the Gender Program of Central Ohio (the GPCO, 1979), she has worked with LGBTQI individuals in relation to their partners, children, families, friends and colleagues at the workplace and has aided many in their GENDER AFFIRMATION process.

Dr. Elena A. Christofides, MD, FACE, is owner & physician of Endocrinology Associates, Inc. which is located in Columbus, Ohio. Endocrinology Associates is an adult-only specialty practice under the direction of Dr. Elena A. Christofides. Dr. Christofides focuses on diabetes, osteoporosis, hypercholesterolemia, hypertension, polycystic ovarian syndrome, pituitary disorders, male and female hormone replacement, thyroid disorders and transgender issues. Dr. Christofides is dual board-certified in Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism and Internal Medicine. She is a Fellow in the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AACE), the highest honor in her specialty.

Equality Ohio, is a statewide advocacy organization that works to educate and empower LGBT and allied communities. We envision an Ohio where everyone feels at home; living in families and communities where equality, diversity and inclusiveness are universally valued; and where government protects all people and responds to their needs, regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity or expression.

Diana Britt Franklin, has enjoyed a distinguished career as a journalist, public relations executive, and author. Born in England but raised in the United States, she began her career with the New

York Herald Tribune. Subsequently, she served in various editorial posts – from reporter and columnist to section editor and managing editor – at two other daily newspapers, the San Antonio (Texas) Light and the Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch. Franklin's public relations positions included press relations director for Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts; and director of public relations for Avis Rent A Car Inc. She presently heads Franklin & Son, a corporate consulting firm in Columbus, Ohio. For the past 30 years, Franklin also has written Cookbook Nook, a syndicated column that Universal Press Syndicate distributes to more than 250 daily newspapers. In recent years, she also has authored or co-authored a dozen books, including the history of Capital University Law School, site of the symposium this year. *The Good-bye Door*, an award-winning true-crime book, is her latest release. Franklin, who transitioned M-F in 2004, resides in Ohio.

Kat Holtz, is a Sexuality Educator and a Unitarian Universalist Atheist from Kent, OH. She trains various church and community groups in creating welcoming environments and advocacy for the transgender and BGL communities. She uses humor and chocolate in her presentations.

North Congregational United Church of Christ, is committed in word and deed to the equality of all God's people. We welcome and affirm persons of every race, gender, gender identity and/or expression, age, sexual orientation, nationality, ethnicity, family status, economic status, physical, mental or emotional ability into the full participation, membership, and leadership in our faith community. North Congregational United Church of Christ is located in Columbus, Ohio.

Dr. Christine McGinn, D.O., is a Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon, whose formal training was tailored specifically to transgender surgery. Her surgical practice includes FtM/MtF genital surgery, "FFS", FtM "Top" surgery as well as general cosmetic surgery. She is the founder of Papillon Gender Wellness Center, with offices in Key West and New Hope, Pennsylvania. PGWC is a gender wellness co-op that includes many professional services in addition to Plastic Surgery, offered in a trans-friendly environment. Her focus is to promote the importance of a holistic approach to helping gender variant individuals. Her practice includes an emphasis on preventive medicine, aftercare, research, community outreach, and therapeutic support systems.

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Shane Morgan is the Founder and Director of TransOhio, whose mission is to serve the Ohio transgender and ally communities by providing services, education, support and advocacy which promotes and improves the health, safety and life experience of the Ohio transgender individual and community. Shane presents locally and nationally at conferences and often speaks about: Transgender Homelessness & Shelters; Trans & Queer Community organizing; Female-to-male transition; Domestic Violence & Safety; Coming Out at Work; Creating gender-safe & neutral spaces; Sex and sexuality and Butch & Femme Identities & Dynamics.

Jacob Nash is an expert trainer and speaker on youth and adults who deal with transgender issues. He has worked to educate others about the struggles of transgender individuals throughout the nation over the past eleven years. Jacob is currently the Executive Director for TransFamily. As a training specialist on transgender issues and youth, he has worked with Children's Social Service agencies to help them understand transsexuality and how they can help transgender youth as well as Foster parents who care for them.

Milo Primeaux, Bio coming soon.

Barbie Rogers, is a post-op Intersexed Transwoman who still works for the same company she started with 15 yrs ago. Before she transitioned she had concerns on how family and friends would handle her transition. With regards to family, her mom wanted to go with her to Thailand for her surgery. Barbie's youngest child has been living with her since June of 2007. She continually provides education about intersexed individuals when ever possible.

Joelle Ruby Ryan, is a Ph.D. Candidate in American Culture Studies at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio. Previously, she earned Master of Arts degrees in English Literature and Women's Studies. Her master's work focused on images of transgender people in film, television and literature. Her current research interest are GLBT Studies, feminism, queer theory, ethnic studies, film and media studies, fat studies and sex work. Her dissertation is tentatively entitled: "Reel Gender: The Politics of Trans Representations in Film and Television." Her goal is to examine the ways that trans images function politically, and how they have shifted historically. What affect do these images have on furthering acceptance of gender diversity in society and on countering cultural transphobia?

Ellen Seigel, LISW-S, ACHT, T/B/L/G activist, teacher and public speaker. She received her Master of Social Work degree from Yeshiva University and she has been in private practice for 28 years. She obtained her credentials as an Advanced Clinical Hypnotherapist through the Wellness Institute in Washington State. She is a Certified Behavioral Therapist and has training in Trauma Memory Resolution, EMDR, Subtle Energy and Psychic and Spiritual Development and is a Reiki Master. Ellen is a member of the National Board of Certified Clinical Hypnotherapists, the National Association of Social Workers and the Heart-Centered Therapies Association.. She has received recognition for advocacy from GLSEN New York City and the New York State Legislature.

Sile P. Singleton, is a leading force in promoting the current, continuous and ever-changing development of the 'modern day' Drag King Cultural Explosion. Sile, a life student of gendered nuances and disruptions has been publicly engaged in visual representations of gendered identities for just about 14 years. Sile is fascinated with the intersections of race, class, age and gender, specifically in terms of mass popular culture. Sile is an activist of overtly covert subversive acts of resistance from way back. She is always reclaiming, re-examining and challenging the status quo within and outside of "drag king community." Not willing to be pigeon-holed as a drag king, queen, activist, parent, performer, writer, poet, playwright, Christian, wife, visionary, Sile's main vibe, you ask? Love, as Passion, Baby --- Shout it Loud and Act it Out --- however it goes --- Show Your Love, Baby, Love.

Emma Southard, is a Social Work and Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies major at the University of Cincinnati. Emma has participated in much leadership and diversity training and education through the Racial Awareness Program at UC. They have been involved with Genderbloc, a radical queer student group for over two years. In this group they have organized queer events, brought queer speakers and performers to UC, worked for trans-inclusive policies, and attended conferences. She also works at the University Wellness Center and as a Peer Advocate for Reclaim, which provides support to survivors of sexual assault.

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Professor Mark P. Strasser, has been named Trustees Professor of Law at Capital University Law School. This appointment recognizes Professor Strasser's extraordinary and sustained commitment to legal scholarship. Nationally recognized for his scholarship in family law, Professor Strasser is the author of numerous books and articles in the areas of family law, bioethics, and constitutional law. His most recent books include *On Same-Sex Marriages, Civil Unions, and the Rule of Law: Constitutional Interpretation at the Crossroads* (Praeger Publishers/Greenwood Publishing Group, 2002), *Marriage and Same-Sex Unions: A Debate* (Praeger Publishers, 2003), co-edited with Lynn Wardle, David Coolidge and William Duncan and *Questions and Answers: Family Law* (LexisNexis, 2003).

JAC Stringer is the founder of The GenderQueer Coalition of Cincinnati and the Ohio Gender-Identity-Variance Research Project. He is currently employed as the LGBTQAIP Coordinator at Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio. A Cincinnati native, he has dedicated his activist career to bettering the city and the state for genderqueer and queer populations. He is a Walnut Hills High School Alumni (2002) and has a B.A. in Psychology with a minor in Sexuality Studies from the University of Cincinnati. While attending the University of Cincinnati he founded the genderqueer radical activist group GenderBloc, the Queer Peer Education Program, and a Student Movement for a University-Funded Queer Student Center. In 2008, he founded the University's first queer publication, *The Queer Canon Zine*, where he served as an editor and writer. He is a lobbyist on the Advocates for Youth Ohio Council for Sex Education Reform, an AmplifyYourVoice.org Front Page Blogger, and a GLSEN High School Gay-Straight Alliance Mentor for Walnut Hills High School. JAC is pursuing independent research in sexology and gender studies focusing on non-pathologized gender variance, GID reform, and queer sexualities.

Erin Tarr, Bio coming soon.

Charleta B. Tavares, is the Executive Director of the Multiethnic Advocates for Cultural Competence (MACC). The organization recently conducted the first ever statewide cultural competence mental health needs assessment for the State of Ohio. Tavares is a locally, state and nationally recognized behavioral/health, cultural competence and human services advocate, policy-maker and speaker. Prior to joining MACC and Council, Tavares left a legacy for the citizens of Ohio during her 5 ½ year tenure in the Ohio General Assembly as the State Representative in the 22nd House District. Tavares was the first African-American female to serve in the state legislature from Franklin County(1993)

and the first African-American woman in the history of Ohio to hold a leadership position in the Ohio General Assembly (1996) which opened the doors for other women to walk through. Tavares formerly served as the Chief of the Children's Protection Section in the Ohio Attorney General's Office (Lee Fisher). In this position, she played a leadership role in developing and advocating for policy and legislative initiatives to protect the health, safety, education and security of Ohio's children.

Elizabeth Weiss, has a master's degree in psychology and is an educator and advocate for safer sex education. She teaches at the college level and does research on GLBT issues. She has presented workshops on safer sex, GLBT issues, and body image for various audiences.

Symposium Sponsors:

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Trans-Sex & Identity

Trans identities create a sexual landscape where you can't assume what the "opposite" or "same" sex is, especially when someone is in transition. Not only is the trans person often reinventing his or her own sexuality, but if s/he has a partner, or is looking for one, lots of issues come up. How does a heterosexual partner of a trans person "transition" to having a same sex partner? How does a lesbian partner find support in her community when she's being identified by others as straight? How do we balance our public and private identities in ways that don't invalidate either partner's sense of self? How can we respect & validate our partners' gender before, during & after transition? How can the trans person find ways to let their partner know if/when their sexual feelings have changed?

Presenter: Helen Boyd (Helen is kink-, poly-, and queer-inclusive. All are welcome to attend, and partners are encouraged to come with questions/issues.)

Queers of Size: Promoting Fat-Positive Community and Activism in LGBT Organizations

From *The L Word* to the pages of *Out Magazine*, often the queer body is presented as thin, toned, and nautalized. In spite of these stereotypical images, LGBT folks come in all shapes, sizes and weights. This panel looks at size and sizeism in the queer/trans community and the need for greater fat-acceptance. We will discuss our experiences as queer people of size and fat studies scholars, as well as our work as activists and community organizers to promote fat-positivity with both society-at-large and within LGBT spaces and organizations. Attendees will emerge with a better understanding of fatphobia, as well as critical tools and resources for promoting fat liberation and size diversity within their own community spaces, organizations and advocacy groups.

Presenter: Joelle Ruby Ryan

Communicating under Stress (A workshop for partners)

Communicating your thoughts clearly in a way that nurtures both yourself and the other person is a win-win experience. This workshop is an opportunity for partners to examine new thoughts and to consider some creative ways of communicating. Learn how to get your points across in a kindly manner while also validating your own feelings and experience. Taking good care of yourself and enhancing your own personal growth can be done while caring for your loved one.

Presenter: Ellen Seigel

Our Experience in Becoming an Inclusive Congregation

Representatives of a variety of congregations across Ohio that specifically mention gender identity or expression in their state-

ments of welcome will briefly outline the reasons for their decision, what "went into" making it, and what the decision has meant to their respective congregations. It is expected that at least a few denominations will be represented. Representatives may include, but will not be limited to, clergy from those churches.

Presenter: North Congregational United Church of Christ

Hormones & Black Market Perils

Description coming soon.

Presenter: David Brandebura, R.Ph.

HRT for Transgender Patients

Description coming soon.

Presenter: Dr. Elena Christofides, M.D., FACE.

FtM MtF Surgery: Regional Care now available in New Hope & Key West

Dr. McGinn will discuss her vision for regional transgender care and emphasize the advantages of rewarding trans-friendly cities with our business in the current economy. She will share the current offerings of Papillon Gender Wellness Center as well as her current surgical results for Vaginoplasty, FFS, Ring flap metoidioplasty and FtM top surgery. This talk is useful for the FtM as well as the MtF community.

Dr. McGinn will also be available for private consultation on Saturday and Sunday. Consult reservations are required and can be made by contacting the office at 1-215-693-1199.

Presenter: Dr. Christine McGinn, D.O.

Practical Legal Applications for the Transgendered Person & Allies

In this workshop, we'll be discussing topics that include: interacting with law and government officials, traveling and dealing with the TSA, driver's licenses, birth certificates, managing your medical paperwork and how/when to disclose your transgender status, medical power of attorney, wills and estates, contracts housing, trusts, funeral arrangements and more. Topics are relevant to all attendees.

Presenter: Melissa Marie Alexander

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Transgender Youth & the Juvenile Justice System

An overview of the challenges faced by transgender youth when they become involved with the juvenile justice system:

* Overview of the juvenile justice system * How transgendered youth may become involved with the juvenile courts. *Myths about transgendered youth in detention *How the juvenile courts may perceive transgendered youth *How the juvenile system responds to transgendered youth *Issues of differential treatment *Issues of harassment/potential violence *Legal rights of transgendered youth *Experiences of transgender youth in the juvenile system *Special concerns with transgendered youth in the juvenile justice system: *Mental health issues *suicide *Protection from harm *Healthcare issues *Advocacy & reform issues *Working with transgendered youth in the juvenile justice system

Presenter: Dr. James Buccigross

Open Door Coffeehouse

Open Door is celebrating their 7th year through its partnership with the Akron Area Pride Collective, to proclaim God's extravagant welcome to LGBT and allied community. Open Door has successfully offered a non alcohol venue with some wonderful entertainment from the community. The Open Door Coffeehouse is an "open mike" style program for all people, including the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community. The Open Door Coffeehouse, an alcohol free/issue free event for people to gather, socialize and make new friends. Participants read poetry or short stories while others share from personal experiences. They also have serious musicians and karaoke projected on a screen so others can sing along. You choose what to sing, play on the piano or other forms of entertainment such as funny and professional videos from on line and personally crafted. Organizers try to accommodate anyone whatever their genre or expertise, unless you would rather just sit back and watch/listen. If you have a yen to perform (music, poetry, interpretive dance, fiction etc.) you can let it out here. Or you can make friends and be part of the audience in the very safe, supportive environment.

Presenter: Joni Christian

Safer Sex for Everybody

This session would cover the basics of safer sex and would include information on generalizing good safer sex options to the trans population. "Standard" safer sex literature often does not include information that is readily applicable to trans people. In addition to basic information, the session would include a question and answer portion, and discussion as appropriate.

Presenter: Elizabeth Weiss

Making History Come Alive

Many people would like to write a book but don't know how to go about it. This program would explore some of the basics the presenter has learned from almost 60 years as a writer/author. Although I could do this solo, it also could be an interesting panel discussion with one or two other published authors.

Presenter: Diana Britt Franklin

Partners of Transgender Individuals Panel

Description coming soon.

Panelists: TBA, Moderator: TBA

Parents of Transgender Individuals Panel

Description coming soon.

Panelists: TBA, Moderator: TBA

Intersexed: A frank discussion of the lives of intersexed individuals

Intersexed People: How many of us are there, how little people know about us and the condition we have. The more we educate people, the more they will understand.

Presenter: Barbie Rogers

Legislation and You

This session will focus on current legislation, how it effects the everyday lives of the transgender community, and the importance of making change. Participants will additionally learn impactful ways to tell their stories in order to effectively educate and challenge current legislation.

Presenter: Equality Ohio

Everything You Wanted to Know about TRANS but Never Asked!

Open to All TQI & Allies, Partners, & Family Members of TQI. Sensitive and thoughtful discussion of participant-raised topics of TRANS Concerns, Questions and Answers with, Merâl Crane, Clinical Director of the GPCO (Gender Program of Central Ohio) since 1979. No Questions off limits!

Presenter: Meral Crane

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Trans Survival: Initiating activism on college campuses

Initiating policy change to make your college campus a more trans-inclusive environment can be overwhelming. This program will start with a discussion of the environments of different college campuses. In the discussion each person in attendance will explain the changes they hope to see on their campuses in order to make them more trans-inclusive and the foreseen barriers to making these changes. After this discussion everyone will look at the Trans Survival Guide made by members of GenderBloc at the University of Cincinnati. We will discuss the process of creating such a document and how the creation of the document and the networking it requires can open doors to initiate the previously discussed changes at your college or university to create a more trans-inclusive environment.

Presenter: Emma Southard

Queer Parenting

Description coming soon.

Presenters: Sile Singleton & Erin Tarr

"You look like a Freak": Influences of Gender on Societal Recognition

Identity is communicated through gender expression. Societal gender norms determine what behaviors and expressions are culturally acceptable and create a concept of normalcy. Normalcy is the key determinant in societal recognition. We group identities based on recognizable traits that align to gender normative expectations. Atypical expressions in sex, sexuality, gender identity, and gender presentation that exist outside a heteronormative construct lack normalcy. This lack of normalcy results in marginalization, denial of societal recognition, and the label of "freak."

This workshop evaluates the cultural concept of normalcy and how it affects members of the queer, and more specifically the transgender and genderqueer community. It will cover gender identity, sexuality, desire, and how these elements play into the presentation and creation of freaks. It will also discuss who enforces the rules of gender expression, why we feel we have to follow them, and how we can break them.

Presenter: Jac Stringer

Sex Change Hospital - Episode Screening & Discussion

Stephanie will lead a discussion and a Q&A session around the screening of her episode of the GLAAD Media Award - nominated documentary series, Sex Change Hospital. The series ran for the first time in the U.S. on the Women's Entertainment (WeTV) cable network in the fall of 2008, and is currently still being shown on that channel. It was also featured in the United King-

dom on Channel 4 in 2007. The episode also features Stephanie's dear friend and noted author, Diana Franklin, of Dublin, Ohio. Diana accompanied Stephanie to Trinidad, Colorado for her gender reassignment surgery with Dr. Marci Bowers in July of 2006, which is chronicled in the episode. Diana will co-lead the discussion and Q & A as well. Presenters: Stephanie Battaglini and Diana Britt Franklin

Gods, Goddesses, Atheists and Jesus - Transgender in Religion

What has religion had to say about transgender people throughout history? Which religions and denominations are accepting and welcoming today? Why does the Pope, while presenting in some interesting fashion choices, have a problem? How do you choose a place of worship? How do transgender religious professionals and congregants negotiate these issues? How can we make our church or religious groups more educated and accepting? We will look at and discuss these questions in a practical and fun session.

Presenter: Kat Holtz

FTM Panel Discussion (This discussion is for FTM/Masculine self-identified individuals only.)

Let's drop the polite conversations and let's talk bluntly. Come talk to Shane, Jacob, Milo and Edward about their experiences growing up, changes in community once you transition, coming out, sexuality and relationships, things we know now that would've been helpful years ago, hormones and experiences with emotional and physical changes, managing anger & aggression, support networks, mentoring and more. There will also be a discussion about surgical options and a chest surgery show-and-tell. This discussion is for FTM/Masculine Identified individuals only.

Panelists: Shane Morgan, Jacob Nash, Milo Primeaux, Edward Bowers

"Learning your Needs" Multiethnic Advocates for Cultural Competence (MACC) Statewide Needs Assessment

In this workshop, we'll discuss the following: 1) Learning to describe your needs - Cultural Competence Needs Assessment Project design and process, 2) Listing the Needs Assessment findings and 3) Discussing the project outcomes and implications for the transformation of Ohio's behavioral health system.

Presenter: Charleta B. Tavares

21st Century Kings: An Introduction to A New Brown-skinned Masculinity

CALL FOR SUBMISSION

3 Kings are three Brown-skinned/Black – male identified trans persons who seek to give voice and page to the array of persons of color* who may have been born female and now live all or a significant portion of their lives as TransMen, FtM, Boi, Daddy, Tranny, Tranny Fag, Butch, G3 (gee cued –gender gifted guy,) 'masculine/masculinized' women (butches, studs, aggressives, ballers, playas....,) Drag Kings, male illusionists, Transgenders, Transsexuals, gender-queers, stealth, boys like us and the likes**.

When considering works written over the past 25 years, there are a plethora of books addressing the 'social construction of masculinity.' About 90 books deal specifically with TransGendered identities. To my knowledge only four of the 90, specifically offer more than an obligatory glimpse of what is repeatedly understood as the 'illusive FtM of color.' Where are the voices, opinions, insight of all the black, brown, red and yellow 'masculine/masculinized' women, FTMs and others?

We are the ones we are looking for and what our next generation needs.

We are requesting your unpublished stories, photographs, poems, essays, drawings. At this time and for this volume, we are specifically seeking submissions from the African Diaspora who identify as and/or live all or a significant portion of their lives as FtM, Transmen, TransGender, Fag, Boi, Tranny, Tranny Fag G3 (gee cubed –gender gifted guy,) Transsexuals, Stealth, boys like us, Trans-identified Butches and the likes.

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All submissions, commentary and visual works will be fully considered. Each submission will receive a receipt of delivery via email. We are also seeking/accepting photos, sketches, drawings, digital imagery, cartoons and did we say poetry?!

Word Count/Page Limits:

- Personal Narratives: Up to 15 pages/5000 words Double Spaced

- Fiction: Up to 15 pages/3750 words – Double Spaced
- Critical Essays and Cultural Critiques: Up to 15 pages (including bibliography) 3750 words – Double Spaced
- Poetry/Rhymes: No more than 3 pages per poem/rhyme and 3 poems per poet/mc – Double Spaced
- Graphic Stories: No more than three pages per submission (number of panels up to you). Up to three pieces/stories per artist.
- Photographs/Paintings/Collage/Drawings: 3-5, scanned as B/W only. (No Originals, we are not returning ANYTHING).

New writers welcome!

DEADLINE: open until Midnight, September 1st 2009.

Please copy and paste your text into your email. Please send images in jpeg format or paste into document. E-Mail to: 3kingsanthology@gmail.com

Here is our CURRENT FOCUS of WORKS being requested:

1. As Men: African American TransMen on their life, experience, and journey to 'man'.

Tell us your story. We want anything you want to share about your transition

2. Third Sex/Recognize Me For Me: Passing African American butches and non-transitioned/No Ho transgender folks on their life, experience and journey to be a true expression of themselves.

Here we imagine receiving work from African American Male/Masculine identified folks who are not currently on hormones.

3. In Spirit We Trust (?): TransMen and Spirituality

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Here are some ideas that may help spur your writing...

Self/personal journey:

Who supports you? Are you coupled? How do you see yourself? What kind of challenges / issues do you have to deal with being you? Do you see yourself as gay, straight, bi or...? Are you okay with being referred to as a Tranny? Trans? Transexual? Are you stealth? Who are your friends? Are you a parent? Co-parent? Adoptive parent? Foster parent? Guardian? A Primary Provider for someone younger than 18?

On the job:

Did you transition at work? What was that experience like? Did you keep your job? Do you feel safe?

Your Spiritual Life:

Is spirituality important to you? Has your relationship to spirituality, religion or your spiritual or religious community change after you began taking T?

Have you transitioned? How so, in what ways? Are there differences in life as a woman of color to life as you live it now?

What about relationships with your family, children, "males" in your life, friends, intimate ones, girlfriends, tricks, neighbors and random human contact?

Health / wellness:

Do you have safe places to go?

Contact: 3kingsanthology@gmail.com

We are currently in negotiation with a publisher and will have one listed shortly.

Copy Rights:

We will retain copy rights until publication. You have full rights after publication.

*We are aware this term may be offensive to some...if it offends you we apologize.

**There are as many terms as there are communities. Please contact us if you feel you fit in this group even if you don't identify with the terms.

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TransOhio Partners Discussion Group

The TransOhio Partners Discussion Group is an opportunity for people to talk about common issues, to receive support, to exchange resources and to openly share personal experiences (personal frustrations and fears, the high's and the low's, dealing with children, friends, family, managing social situations and addressing issues of sexuality, personal identity, and social perceptions).

The next group discussion will be held on *Saturday, June 27, 2009, 2pm at The Center on High (2nd floor) 1160 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43201. This group is for Non-Transgender partners (dating, married, co-habitation, etc).*

TransOhio TG Support Group

Peer led support group that meets at The Center on High (1160 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43201) on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Open to all - FtM, MtF, Cross Dressers, Gender Queer, Intersexed, etc. Drop-ins welcome! This group is open to all ages. Facilitated by TransOhio. Questions? Email TransOhio@gmail.com or call (614) 441-8167.

Transgender and Ally Symposium August 14-16, 2009 Columbus, Ohio www.transohio.org

Suicide Prevention Resources



The Trevor Project operates the only nationwide, around-the-clock crisis and suicide prevention helpline for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth. If you or a friend are feeling lost or alone call The Trevor Helpline.

For more information about The Trevor Project, visit www.thetrevorproject.org.

If you are a youth who is feeling alone, confused or in crisis, please call 1-866-4-U-TREVOR. You'll be able to speak confidentially with a trained counselor 24/7.

Do

- Reach out and Ask questions
- Show that you care and Encourage your friend to talk
- Listen without making judgments
- Talk openly about suicide, Be positive and Remain calm
- Ask direct questions: Are you planning on killing yourself? How? When? Where?
- Suggest people you can both turn to
- Know your limits, Get help and Act quickly if you think your friend is in danger

Don't

- Make your friend's problem sound unimportant
- Act shocked or Keep your friend's suicide plans a secret
- Try to take any weapon away from your friend
- Leave your friend alone when he or she is in crisis
- Assume that your friend is simply having a bad day
- Take on the responsibility of your friend's safety by yourself or Stop being a good friend, no matter what
- Lose patience if your friend tries to reject your help
- Give up hope <http://www.helppreventsuicide.org>.

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- Pride Rally, Saturday, June 20, 11:30 a.m. – Statehouse Lawn
- Pride Parade Step-Off, Saturday, June 20, 1:00 p.m – The Statehouse
- Pride Brunch, Sunday, June 21, 11:00 a.m. – The Westin Great Southern Ballroom
- Bat-N-Rouge, Sunday, June 21

Visit www.columbuspride.org
for a complete list of events, entertainment
and information!

The Queer Canon

by the badass whimsy and other
sacred fakes

The Queer Canon, is the very first queer publication to be created for the University of Cincinnati campus. This first issue is part of a Queer Education initiative which was started by GenderBloc in 2006. The Queer Canon is published three times a year.

Submissions are open, just check submission guidelines on the website! You can find it around campus and Cincinnati, or you can download it as a PDF file on GenderBloc's website at <http://queercanon.genderbloc.org>.

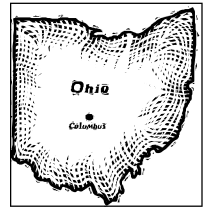
The Stephanie Chaffin Fund

Please consider a donation to The **Stephanie Chaffin Fund** through TransOhio and Stonewall Columbus. This is another symbolic way of keeping Stephanie's name alive. This goal is deemed more meaningful in light of the way Stephanie's estranged and rejecting family chose to have a funeral where she was shown as a man. Your contribution no matter how small will be very welcome. At the end of each Stonewall TG support group meeting, we typically pass around an envelope to collect donations to help Stonewall. Stephanie, whose funds were clearly limited as a result of which she neglected and could not afford to take her heart medication, used to always empty her pockets of the change she had on her, which was at times as little as a few cents. Thus please contribute what you can as Stephanie did. Our goal is to have The Stephanie Chaffin Fund be used for a medical emergency for a transgender person, such as the kind of medical help Stephanie could have benefited from.

Donations for The Stephanie Chaffin Fund can now be made online through the TransOhio and Stonewall Columbus website. To donate to The Stephanie Chaffin Fund, visit <http://www.transohio.org/donate.html>. Donations made to this fund are tax-deductible through Stonewall Columbus.

Ohio Local Resources

- BRAVO (Buckeye Region Anti-Violence Organization): www.bravo-ohio.org
- Columbus AIDS Task Force: www.catf.net
- Central Ohio CD Support: www.crossohio.org
- Chi Lambda Epsilon, a Chapter of Tri Ess (Ohio & Western PA.): www.triess-cle.org
- COLAGE: www.colage.org
- CrossPort Cincinnati: www.transgender.org/crossprt
- Equality Ohio: www.equalityohio.org
- Gay People's Chronicle: www.gaypeopleschronicle.com
- Gender Program of Central Ohio: www.genderprogram.com
- GenderBloc: www.GenderBloc.org
- Kaleidoscope Youth Center: www.kaleidoscope.org
- Outlook News: www.outlooknews.com
- PFLAG Columbus: www.pflagcolumbus.org
- PFLAG Dayton: www.pflagdayton.org
- SpeakOUT: www.speakoutcols.org
- Stonewall Columbus: www.stonewallcolumbus.org
- The Apothecary Shop: www.theapothecaryshop.com
- The Alpha Omega Society: www.aosoc.org
- The Crystal Club: www.thecrystalclub.org
- Transcendence: www.transbg.org
- TransFamily of Cleveland: www.transfamily.org



Donate to TransOhio!

TransOhio operates under the umbrella of the Stonewall Columbus 501(c)3 status, which makes your monetary donation to TransOhio tax-deductible!

To make an online donation to TransOhio, visit our website at www.transohio.org/donate.html

Thank you for your support!

National Resources

- American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU): www.aclu.org/lgbt
- FTM International: www.ftmi.org
- Hudson's FTM Resource Guide: www.ftmguide.org
- Human Rights Campaign (HRC): www.hrc.org
- InterPride: www.interpride.org
- Out & Equal Workplace Advocates: www.outandequal.org
- National Center for Transgender Equality (NCTE): www.nctequality.org
- National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF): www.theTaskForce.org
- PFLAG: www.pflag.org
- PFLAG's Transgender Network (TNET): www.pflag.org/tnet.html
- Queertransmen.org: www.queertransmen.org
- Tgcrossroads: www.tgcrossroads.org
- Transster.com: www.transster.com
- World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH): www.wpath.org



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