

**Below are the workshop descriptions for the 2017 TIES conference.
Check back soon for updated 2018 descriptions.**

Workshop Descriptions

9:45-10:45 - Virginia Room A+B

MTF/NB Gender Confirming Surgical Options

Presenter: Dr. MacPhee

This workshop provides an overview of surgery procedures for transwomen and gender non-conforming people. The floor will then be open for answering questions.

9:45-10:45 – Virginia Room C+D

Trans-masculine Roundtable [CLOSED]

Facilitators: Micky Jordan & Ted Heck

This will be a round-table discussion for anyone on the trans-masculine spectrum to share experiences and information related to their social, legal, and/or medical transition. Attendees can learn from each other, address challenges unique to trans-masculine individuals, and connect with their larger community. Please note this is a closed session for those who identify as trans-masculine.

9:45-10:45 – Commonwealth Ballroom A

Family Round Table Discussion [CLOSED]

Facilitators: Shannon McKay & Dr. Lisa Griffin

This session will provide a starting point for participants to bring their questions, concerns, and feelings to share with others in a safe space. Please note this is a closed workshop for adult family members of transgender individuals.

9:45-10:45 – The Forum (1st Floor)

Faith Leaders for Trans Equality

Panelists: Pastor Lacette Cross, Pastor Kenny Callaghan, Pastor Linda Higgins, and Postulant Seeking Holy Orders as a Deacon in the Episcopal Church—Katherine Ferguson.

A panel of transgender-affirming faith leaders joins us to share the importance of faith-based transgender inclusion and advocacy. ???

9:45-10:45 – Richmond Salon 3

TPOC Roundtable [CLOSED]

Facilitator: Charley Burton

This will be a round-table discussion for all transgender and gender variant people of color to share experiences, learn from each other, address challenges unique to transgender and gender variant people of color, and connect with their larger community. Please note this is a closed session for those who identify as transgender people of color.

11:00-12:00 – Virginia Room A+B

FTM/NB Gender Confirming Surgical Options

Presenter: Dr. MacPhee

This workshop provides an overview of surgery procedures for transmasculine and gender non-conforming people. The floor will then be open for answering questions.

11:00-12:00 – Virginia Room C+D

Trans-feminine Roundtable [CLOSED]

Facilitators: Keri Abrams & Circe Strauss

This will be a round-table discussion for anyone on the trans-feminine spectrum to share experiences and information related to their social, legal, and/or medical transition. Attendees can learn from each other, address challenges unique to trans-feminine individuals, and connect with their larger community. Please note this is a closed session for those who identify as trans-feminine.

11:00 – 12:00 Commonwealth Ballroom A

Families in Transition: The Social, Emotional, and Logistical Impact of the Entire Family

Facilitator: Shannon McKay

Family support is a major predictor in the health and well-being of a transgender person. Often other identities such as race, religion, class, and generational and cultural differences can have an impact on the ability of family members to accept and support their transgender loved one. In this session, a panel of parents of various intersections will share their personal experience of navigating a family member's transition. Session participants will have an opportunity to ask questions in this Q & A style session.

11:00-12:00 – The Forum (1st Floor)

America's Next Top Ally!

Presenter: Rebecca Kling

Join us for a discussion on how to be a great ally to the trans loved ones in your life. During this workshop, we will discuss many aspects of being an ally, ranging from everyday interactions to advocating for systemic change. Share your successes and challenges in being a supportive ally to trans people and communities.

11:00-12:00 – Richmond Salon 3

Couples Workshop

Facilitator: Denise Brogan-Kator

Check back soon for workshop description!

1:00-2:00 – Richmond Salon 3

EV Advocacy: Inside Scoop

Presenter: James Parrish

Executive Director of Equality Virginia James Parrish will provide an update from the past year on EV's policy and legislative efforts to protect transgender Virginians. This workshop will include a discussion on what to expect in the 2018 General Assembly session and strategies to increase transgender advocacy.

1:00-2:00 – Commonwealth Ballrooms A

Trans Students' Rights 101

Presenters: Virginia ACLU

This workshop will provide participants with an overview of the unique needs of transgender youth in schools and the legal tools that can be used to advocate for the needs of trans youth. This session presents valuable information for ensuring a trans youth's successful school experience and creating a more gender-inclusive school community.

1:00-2:00 – Virginia Room A

Radical Trans Bible Study: Gender, Sex, & God's Good Creation

Presenters: Yaz Nunez & Rev. Onofrio

Description: Scripture has been weaponized to harm Trans & GNC people, People of Color, Queer People, and Women, so we're here to break open the text together. Join Soulforce for an hour-long Bible Study where participants can read and engage scripture in a radical space that centers the lived experiences of Trans/GNC people while presented with trans-affirming readings of Christian scripture. All are welcome to learn more about ways to defang scripture in solidarity with Trans/GNC folks - People of all or no faiths are welcome.

1:00-2:00 – Forum (1st Floor)

Medical and Surgical Care Options for Transgender Youth

Presenters: Dr. Christine Burt Solorzano & Dr. Melinda Penn

This workshop is for youth and their families/support persons and will discuss the current approaches and guidelines for gender-affirming medical and surgical care for children, teens, and young adults. We will review when to start puberty blocking medications and gender-affirming hormone therapy and the process involved to make sure each individual is ready for medical treatment. We will also discuss general aspects of surgical options available for young adults. We will leave time for answering specific questions from the group.

1:00-4:30 – Virginia Room C

Transfeminine Partner Support Group [CLOSED]

Facilitator: Angela Callahan

This group's intention is to provide support, networking, and camaraderie to those persons whose partners have come out as trans-feminine and may be on various paths of transitioning. The group will discuss topics such as partner's new identity, the struggles of staying in the relationship, couple and family stressors, how their partner's changes affect themselves, and views from society. Hear how others have struggled and triumphed in a new world for their relationships. Please note this is a closed session for partners of MTF individuals.

1:00-4:30 – Virginia Room D

Transmasculine Partner Support Group [CLOSED]

Facilitator: Dr. Shawn Rubin

This workshop will be dedicated to providing space for partners of FTM transitioning individuals to share their stories with each other, network, build community, learn from each other, and support one another. This will be a space for partners to share

their struggles, challenges, hopes, and successes. Please note this is a closed session for partners of FTM people.

1:00-4:30 – Virginia Room A

Partners of Non-Binary Folks Caucus [CLOSED]

Facilitator: Kristi Emmons

This workshop will offer a safe space for partners of non-binary identified folks to discuss unique experiences and share their stories with one another. We will explore how to navigate roles, relationship challenges, and evolving identities. Please note this is a closed session for partners of non-binary people.

2:15-3:15 – Commonwealth Ballroom A

TPOC Activist & Zine Making Space [CLOSED]

Facilitator: Xemi Manibusan

This workshop is designed for transgender activists and artists of color to gather and share successes, struggles, and barriers to the many social justice movements that define us. How do these movements intersect? How can we streamline efforts to meet our mutual goals? Meet your future co-organizers and spread stories of hope and resilience. Zine and craft materials will be available throughout the workshop. Please note this is a closed session for those who identify as transgender people of color.

2:15-3:15 – Virginia Room A

Non-binary and Gender Variant Roundtable [CLOSED]

Facilitators: Alice Meyers & Rigby Bendele

This will be a round-table discussion or anyone who identifies outside the gender binary of male or female to share experience and information related to their social, legal, and/or medical transition. Attendees can address challenges unique to non-binary individuals, learn from one another, and connect with a larger

community. Please note this is a closed session or those who identify outside of the gender binary.

2:15-3:15 – The Forum (1st Floor)

College Bound: Parent Panel

Facilitators: Andrew Wilson & Shannon McKay

Parents and students will learn about what to do and what not to do when preparing to apply and attend college. Which schools are trans-friendly? What about gender markers? What about housing options? All of your questions can be answered in this session which will have a panel of parents with Freshman college students and a college student speaking from his own perspective.

3:30-4:30 – The Forum (1st Floor)

Genderqueer 101

Presenters: Bee & Liz Coston

NCTE's 2015 USTS showed that a third of transgender people identify as non-binary! Attendees of this session will leave with a better knowledge of who non-binary people are, definitions and context to help you become a better non-binary ally, and an overview of needs and barriers specific to non-binary people.

3:30-4:30 – Commonwealth Ballroom A

Transgender Health Care and Insurance Access Under the Trump Administration

Presenter: Katie Keith

The workshop will discuss recent changes in federal LGBTQ health policy related to the Affordable Care Act with an emphasis on changes being made by the Trump administration and the status of nondiscrimination protections in health insurance and health care for transgender people. At the end of the workshop, participants will be able to: Understand changes and potential

threats to LGBTQ health at the federal level; Identify the types of conduct—by health insurers and health care providers—that may violate federal health care nondiscrimination protections, and identify opportunities to engage federal and state policymakers

3:30-4:30 – Virginia Room A

Creating Trans-Affirming POC Spaces

Facilitator: Micky Jordan

Check back soon for workshop description!

4:45 – 5:15 – Commons Theater

Closing Remarks