

TIES POP-UP

Winchester

SATURDAY, JULY 14, 2018; 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Shenandoah University, Brandt Student Center
703 University Dr, Winchester, VA 22601

Program Overview

- 4:00-4:30 PM Registration
- 4:30-5:30 PM Is Welcoming Enough? Navigating the Search for an Embracing Faith Community
- 5:30-6:30 PM Employment Readiness for Transgender and Gender Diverse Professionals
- 6:30-7:30 PM The Journey of Transgender Latina Women in the U.S.
- 7:30-8:30 PM How to Tell Your Advocacy Story
- 8:45-9:00 PM Closing Remarks

Resource Center services available throughout the event:

—HIV Testing—

AIDS Response Effort will be providing free rapid HIV testing. No appointments necessary and you receive your results in 20 minutes.

—Appointments—

All Mental Health & Medical Consultations and Name & Gender Marker Change appointments are free and available first come, first served.

Workshop Descriptions

Is Welcoming Enough? Navigating the Search for an Embracing Faith Community

4:30-5:30 PM || Speaker: Roxanne Edwards

What are you looking for in Faith Community? Does the advertising on the sign out front match what goes on inside? How do you determine the genuine article? We will discuss some of the promises and pitfalls of being trans while seeking a community of faith. Roxanne will apply some stories of her various attempts to find a “church home” to illustrate some strategies for the search, including questions to ask and red flags to watch for signs of potential problems. We will focus in this session on those groups who are more traditional denominational communities with congregational gatherings.

***About the speaker:** Roxanne Edwards, AIA is a licensed architect in the Commonwealth of Virginia and earned LEED AP accreditation in 2009 and her Bachelor of Architecture with Distinction at Virginia Tech. Since 2001, she has been in active leadership in TGEA, Transgender Education Association of Greater Washington, DC, serving three terms as president and over a decade on the board of directors. Roxanne speaks regularly on gender issues and as a lobbyist in Richmond and on Capitol Hill. She has been married to her college sweetheart for 44 years with three children and seven grandchildren.*



Employment Readiness for Transgender and Gender Diverse Professionals

5:30-6:30 PM || Speaker: Shaun Khurana

This workshop will take the usual employment readiness advice presented to a person about to hit the job market and look at it critically through the lens of a transgender person’s experience. This workshop will discuss ways to overcome the potential roadblocks when navigating employment opportunities and review options available if you experience discrimination. We will also cover content ranging from using your legal or chosen name on application materials, interviewing for a position, deciding which job offer to accept, to the state of employment law and protections for transgender people.

***About the speaker:** Shaun Khurana is originally from Winchester, Virginia. He is a recent 2018 graduate of the University of Virginia where he double majored in Philosophy and Cognitive Science. Alongside his studies at UVA, he interned at the LGBTQ Center and was the President of the Queer Student Union. Shaun hopes to direct his education and career towards continued service of the LGBTQ+ community and will be pursuing a Masters of Public Administration from The Ohio State University and then a Law Degree.*

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The Journey of Transgender Latina Women in the U.S.

6:30-7:30 PM || Speaker: Alexa Elizabeth Rodriguez

Many trans Latina immigrants are fleeing violence related to their gender identity, often from unstable regions like Central America. The risk factors that trans Latinas face are compounded by immigration challenges and access to necessary medical and social services. This workshop will present an intimate portrait of how some trans Latina women confronted, defied, and survived the challenges in their journey to the United States while transitioning.

About the speaker: *Alexa Elizabeth Rodriguez is originally from Usulután, El Salvador, but arrived to the United States in 2009 ready to fight and work for the transgender community. For the past 15 years, Alexa has been an activist fighting against issues affecting transgender and HIV positive people. She is the Executive Director of the Translatina Coalition DMV, a member of the National TransLatin@ Coalition, and works for the DC Health Department as a Health Impact Specialist working with trans Latinas and men who sleep with men (MSMs).*



How to Tell Your Advocacy Story

7:30-8:30 PM || Speaker: Vee Lamneck

Many of us want to see laws and policies that protect trans Virginians. Personal stories are some of the most powerful tools for advocacy and social change. This interactive workshop covers the basics of sharing a personal story for advocacy, as well as tips for speaking with media. Participants will be guided through steps for sharing a personal story, with a focus on how to call your audience to take action and how to place your story within a larger context.

About the speaker: *Vee Lamneck is the Deputy Director of Equality Virginia (EV), which is the leading statewide, non-partisan advocacy, outreach, and education organization seeking equality for LGBT Virginians. Lamneck holds a Master in Social Work from Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) and they were an appointed member of Governor McAuliffe's LGBT Tourism Taskforce in 2015. In addition, Lamneck is a recent graduate of Richmond's Emerging Nonprofit Leaders Program and they are a member of the Richmond Area LGBTQ+ Allied Leadership Circle. Lamneck has been with Equality Virginia since August 2013.*

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Equality Virginia (EV) is grateful to be in Winchester and partner with many wonderful local organizations that provide invaluable services for transgender individuals, their families, and allies in Northern Virginia. EV created TIES for trans and gender diverse individuals to gain support and resources, build community, and connect with each other.

Visit www.equalityvirginia.org to learn more about the work EV does for LGBT Virginians.