
Voices

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André Wilson. LGBT activist for nearly 30 years, André's advocacy work on transgender and LGB health, insurance coverage, partner benefits and workplace issues is changing our lives. André's activism in the Graduate Employees' Organization local 3550 AFT resulted in trans-inclusive insurance coverage for UM grad employees, work now carried forward in the union movement with resolutions in the American Federation of Teachers Michigan, Pride At Work, and most recently, a non-discrimination resolution passed by the Metropolitan Detroit AFL-CIO Central Labor Council. André consults locally and nationally with advocacy groups and administrators, including at the Ann Arbor Human Rights Commission, AFL-CIO, Ohio State University, Michigan State University, Harvard University, University of California, Arizona State University, and the University of Washington, and has led workshops at GLMA, Creating Change, FTM Odyssey, and LGBTI Health Summit 2004. fifthwheel2004@yahoo.com

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Denise Brogan-Kator is an attorney for the Rainbow Law Center. She is the first openly transgender student admitted to the University of Michigan Law School. She has been active in the transgender community for over 15 years, including early lobbying for the passage of a transgender inclusive Hate Crimes Act and the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA). She can be reached at Denise@RainbowLawCenter.com.

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Jim Toy attempts to serve as an ally for transgender concerns. TBLGQ and many others are seen as transgressors of the "Rules of Gender" that govern the lives of us all. In consequence they are at risk of harassment, discrimination, and murderous assault. Transgender individuals are at greatest risk – and the risk is heightened when such persons are members of other denigrated groups – women, people of color, people with disabilities, poor people. We all must do all we can to create and sustain a society that welcomes, supports, and advocates for transgender individuals and groups and their concerns.

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Jackie Simpson.—"It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye." (The Little Prince). A quote that I try to live by and what has led me to be engaged in the work of social justice for the past 20 years. I am bi-cultural (North American and Spanish), was born in Florida, lived there till I was 14, then on to Kuwait for 2 years, Spain for 15 years, North Carolina 5 years, Iowa 4 years and now Michigan for 9 years. Luckily, my journeys have allowed me to travel widely and understand that "if you smile at me I will understand..."Cause that is something EVERYBODY everywhere does in the same language" (Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young—I am dating myself). I have a partner of 12 years-Jeanine, two dogs (Sneetches and Cricket) who I love very much. I spend much of my life participating in activities that include equity, justice, peace, fun and laughter for all! For the formal stuff, I received both my Master's Degree in Counselor Education and my B.A in Psychology and Spanish Literature from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro and have worked in the field of Student Affairs for almost 20 years.

9th Annual Nat'l Transgender Day of Remembrance: November 20th
Ceremony Date: November 18, 2007 6:00 -8:00 pm, reception follows

University of Michigan Rackham Building, Ann Arbor, MI

Transgender Day Of Remembrance

CONNECTIONS

Transgender Day of Remembrance was set aside to memorialize those who were killed due to anti-transgender hatred or prejudice. Although not every person being remembered identified as transgender—that is, as a transsexual, cross dresser, or as otherwise gender-variant—each of the 29 known victims died due to violence based on bias against transgender people.

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Washtenaw Rainbow Action Project (WRAP), the Rainbow Law Center, and the University of Michigan Office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Affairs-Division of Student of Affairs

In remembrance of those who died between November 20, 2006-November 20, 2007

There are countless unknown victims of anti-transgender violence murder, often unsolved.

And, innumerable others are silenced by the threat of anti-transgender violence.

Unidentified Transperson, (1 of 2)

-Guatemala City, November 22 '06

Unidentified Transperson, (2nd of 2)

-Guatemala City, November 22nd

Valentina Falco

-Novarra, Italy, November 26

Daxi Arredondo

-San Francisco, CA, November

Pelusa Liendro

-Salta, Argentina, November 28th

Unidentified Transperson,

-Alfonso López, Colombia , Dec. 19th

Susanna Mendoza

-Argentina, 4th Quarter, 2006.

Unidentified Transperson

-Villa Pinerol, Buenos Aires, Dec

Diamond Person

-Washington, D.C., January 3rd, '07

Nakia Ladelle Baker

-Nashville, Tennessee, January 7

Hasan Sabeh

-Baghdad, Iraq January 11th

Keittirat Longnawa

-Phuket City, Thailand, January 31st

Tatiana Gomes

-Trani, Italy, February 3rd

M. Flores

-Salvador Mazza, Argentina, February

J.Z.

-Mar del Plata., Argentina.

Moira Donaire

-Santiago, Chile, March 9th

Graciela "Chela" Carrasco

-Santiago, Chile, March 16th

Ruby Rodriguez

-San Francisco, CA, March 16th

Erica Keel

-Philadelphia , PA March 22nd.

Ms. Rosalyn Heights (Kent Perry)

-Mobile, Alabama, March 23rd

Bret T. Turner

-Madison, Wisconsin, April 3rd

Manuela Di Cesaire

-Pescara, Italy, April 21st

Unidentified Transperson

-Kingston, Jamaica, July 11th

Whitney Sparkles

-Seattle, July 11th

Oscar Mosqueda (known as Thalia)

-Daytona Beach, FL, July 29th

Victoria Arellano

-San Pedro, CA, July 20th

Stefanie

-Rome, Italy August 1st

Maribelle Reyes

-Houston, Texas August 30th

Ian Guarr Benson

-Holland MI, Nov. 16, 2007



Welcome *Jackie Simpson*

Voice *Denise E. Brogan-Kator*

Voice *Cynthia*

Voice *Jim Toy*

Voice *Audience, as desired*

Voice *André Wilson*

Ritual of Remembrance *All*

Reading of Names *Audience members*

Reception *All*



How Could Anyone Ever Tell You

How could anyone ever tell you, you are anything less than beautiful? How could anyone ever tell you, you are less than whole? How could anyone fail to notice, that your loving is a miracle? How deeply you're connected to my soul...

—Libby Roderick



History

Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) was first held to honor Rita Hester, who was murdered on November 28th, 1998. This marks the 9th year of international vigils and the 6th year of vigils in Ann Arbor. TDOR publicly mourns and honors the lives of those who might otherwise be forgotten. It allows us to connect again to those who are gone and raises public awareness of violence against people who transgress the normative boundaries of gender identity or expression.

Special thanks to Cynthia for compiling the list of victims.