

Feminist, Queer, and Transgender Activisms
Institute For Transforming Social Justice
Week Two

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9:30-12 & 1:30-4:30.

Over the course of the week, we will examine the writings, tactics, histories, demands, and politics of radical movements for gender and sexual liberation in the post-1970s United States. We will examine issues such as: incarceration and policing, health care, immigration, marriage, state power, HIV/AIDS, hormones, race and white supremacy, disability, and economic justice. Central to our concern will be exploring how feminist, queer, and trans activists have reimagined the ways we organize our world. What does a queer future look like and how do we bring it into being?

Schedule of Readings

Monday, June 13

- * Cathy Cohen, "Punks, Bulldaggers, and Welfare Queens: The Radical Potential of Queer Politics?"
- * Combahee River Collective, "The Combahee River Collective Statement."
- * Anna M. Agathangelou, M. Daniel Bassichis, and Tamara L. Spira, "Intimate Investments: Homonormativity, Global Lockdown, and the Seductions of Empire."
- * Siobhan Somerville, "Queer."

Tuesday, June 14

- * Greg Jobin Leeds, "Introduction," "Reclaiming Wholeness: The LGBT Movement," and "Epilogue" from *When We Fight We Win!*
- * Michelle O'Brien, "Tracing This Body: Transsexuality, Pharmaceuticals, & Capitalism."
- * Eric A. Stanley, "Gender Self-Determination."
- * Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries, "Survival, Revolt, and Queer Antagonist Struggle."
- * Dean Spade, "Methodologies of Trans Resistance."

Wednesday, June 15

- * Susan Stryker, "My Words to Victor Frankenstein above the Village of Chamonix: Performing Transgender Rage."
- * Audre Lorde, "The Transformation of Silence into Language and Action," "Poetry is Not a Luxury," "The Uses of Anger: Women Responding to Racism" and "Uses of the Erotic: The Erotic as Power."
- * Cherríe Moraga, "Preface" to *This Bridge Called My Back: Writings By Radical Women of Color*.

Thursday, June 16

- *Reina Gossett, Che Gossett, and A.J. Lewis, “Reclaiming Our Lineage: Organized Queer, Gender-Nonconforming, and Transgender Resistance to Police Violence.”
- * Emily Thuma, "Against the 'Prison/Psychiatric State': Anti-violence Feminisms and the Politics of Confinement in the 1970s."
- * Stephen Dillon, “The Only Freedom I Can See: Imprisoned Queer Writing and the Politics of the Unimaginable.”
- * Jessica Stern, “This is What Pride Looks Like.”

Friday , June 17

- * Dean Spade, “Intersectional Resistance and Law Reform.”
- * Lisa Duggan, “After Neoliberalism? From Crisis to Organizing for Queer Economic Justice.”
- * Audre Lorde Project State on Marriage
- * Beyond Same Sex Marriage: New Strategic Vision For all Our Families and Relationships
- * Craig Willse, “Ban Marriage!”