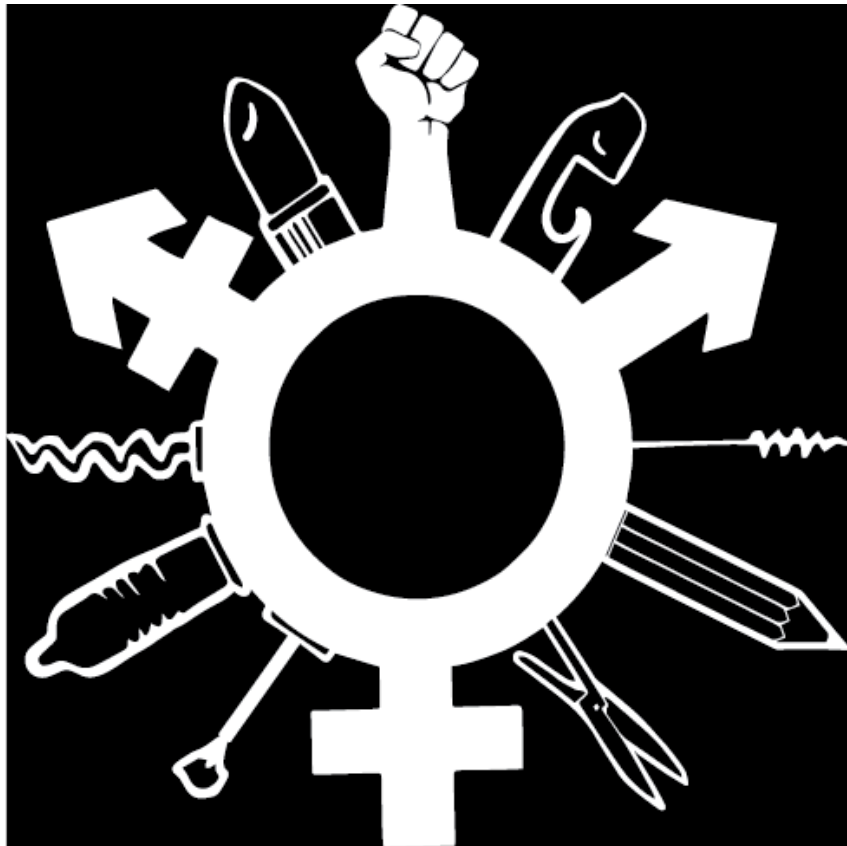


**ELEVEN YEARS Five College Queer  
Gender and Sexuality Conference @  
Hampshire, Saturday, March 7, 2020**



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## **HOW CAN I LOCATE ORGANIZERS, GET QUESTIONS ANSWERED AND OFFER FEEDBACK?**

**ORGANIZERS** and **VOLUNTEERS** will be wearing a beaded lanyard. There will be folks who are happy to help at the registration tables. There is a feedback form for each workshop and for the whole event which will be used to plan future events.

# Raffle Prizes

You can exchange completed feedback forms for a raffle ticket to be entered to win one of our awesome raffle prizes, including Queer Conference swag. Winners will be picked after the last workshop at 5:45pm in the FPH lobby. There will also be cake.



# Navigating Campus

The conference takes place in **Franklin Patterson Hall (FPH)** and the **Roos-Rhode House**. The workshops, keynote, QTPOC dinner and registration take place in FPH. The evening event which includes the Comedy Show will take place in the Roos-Rhode House.

Places to eat on campus:

**The Bridge Café** is located on the top floor of the Robert Crown Center (elevator access is located on the ground floor of the library building). Food options include sandwiches, sushi, burritos, chicken fingers, snacks, and large selections of drinks. Saturday hours 4pm-11pm. The **Dining Commons** is in the Merrill quad—go out the front doors of Franklin Patterson Hall and take a left. Saturday hours are 10am-2pm.

Parking Be sure to park in marked parking spaces. There is a parking lot outside of FPH.

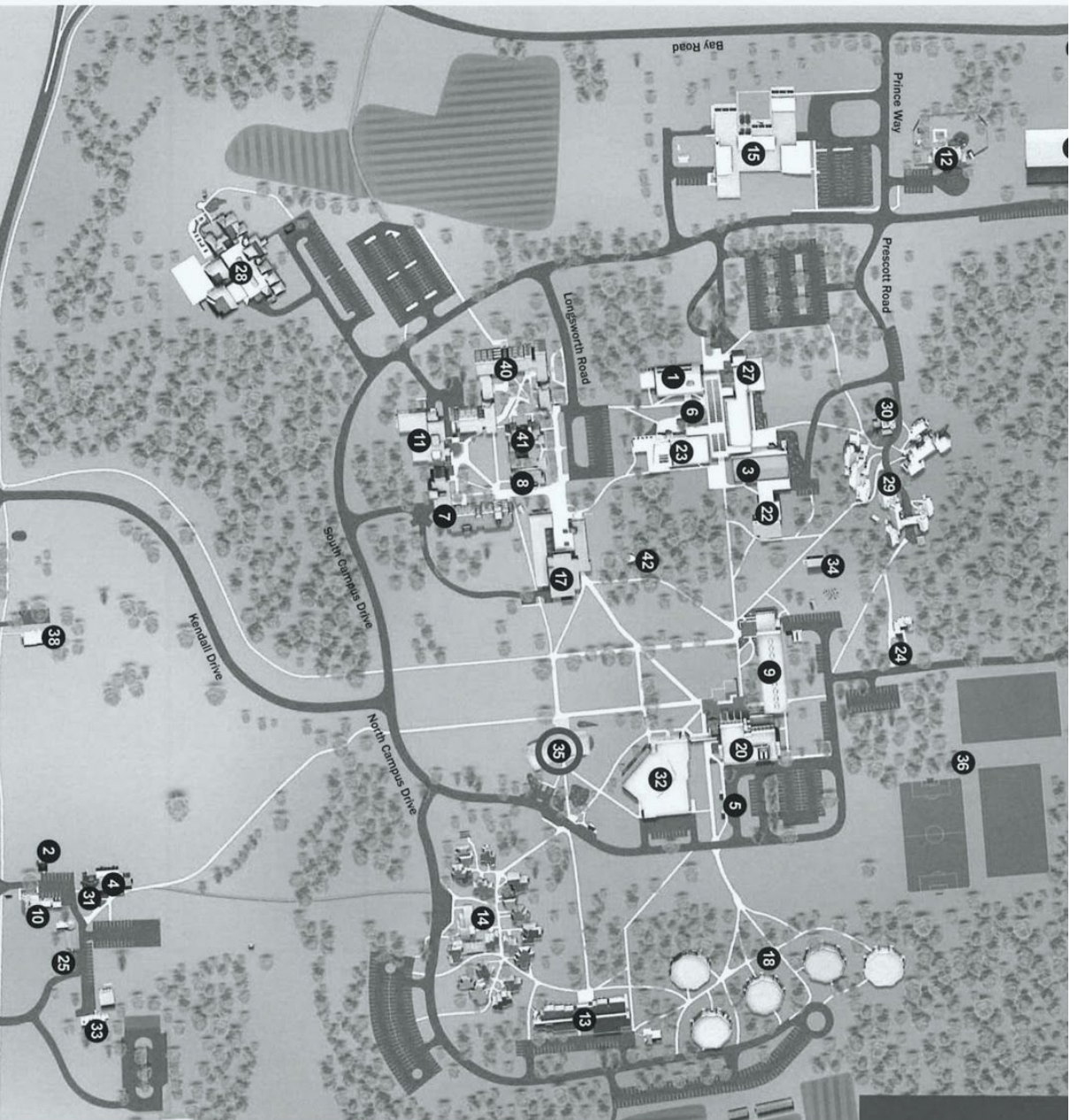
PVTA Buses 38 and 39 run from Hampshire to the towns of Amherst and Northampton, respectively.

## A Campus Map is Located on the Next Page.

**Important Locations on the Map (Next Page) and their Location Number:**

Franklin Patterson Hall (FPH): #17

Roos-Rhode House: #34



1. Adele Simmons Hall (ASH)
2. Annex
3. Arts Barn
4. Blair Hall
5. Bus Stop/Shelter
6. Arts Village
7. Merrill House
8. Merrill Living Room
9. Cole Science Center
10. Alumni & Family Relations
11. Dining Commons (SAGA)
12. Early Learning Center
13. Emily Dickinson Hall (EDH)
14. Enfield Mods
15. Eric Carle Museum
16. Facilities and Grounds
17. Franklin Patterson Hall (FPH)
18. Greenwich Mods
19. Hampshire College Farm
20. Harold F. Johnson Library
21. Hitchcock Center for the Environment
22. Lemelson Building
23. Liebling Center for Film, Photography, and Video
24. Cultural Center
25. Health Services
26. Multisport Center
27. Music & Dance Building
28. National Yiddish Book Center
29. Prescott Mods
30. Prescott Tavern
31. Red Barn
32. Robert Crown Center (RCC) and Bridge Cafe
33. Robert Styles House
34. Roos-Rhode House: Mixed Nuts
35. R.W. Kern Center: Admissions, Financial Services  
New Student Programs, Kern Kafé
36. Soccer Fields
37. Tennis and Basketball Court
38. Warner House
39. Wenczyk House
40. Dakin House
41. Dakin Living Room
42. The Yurt

# Accessibility

The Five College Queer Gender & Sexuality Conference does its best to provide an accessible space to all attendees. **If you have any accessibility needs, questions, or concerns, please go to the registration table or contact a volunteer or organizer.** We ask that all attendees be mindful and respectful of the accessibility needs of others. Because of this, we would like to provide a few guidelines.

- Please minimize the use of scented products; at a bare minimum, we ask that attendees refrain from applying perfume, spray deodorant or, god forbid, Axe body spray, inside the conference space.
- Please be mindful of mobility needs of others--avoid blocking the pathways of people who use mobility devices, and refrain from clustering in the center of hallways, doorways, stairs, and elevators.
- Please smoke only at Designated Smoking Areas. There are two DSAs outside of FPH, one behind the building and one closer to the dorms. If you smoke, please refrain from lingering in scent sensitivity spaces.
- Because flashing lights can trigger seizures or other symptoms, we ask that you avoid wearing or carrying decorative flashing lights, and please refrain from taking flash photography.
- Please speak loudly and clearly for those with hearing impairments or auditory-processing disorders. Due to the noise volume of the conference, as well as possible hearing/processing impairments of different individuals, please be prepared to respectfully repeat what you have said if requested.
- When speaking with an individual who is using an interpreter, please face and make eye contact with the person to whom you are speaking, *not the interpreter*, even if they turn towards the interpreter to better catch what is being communicated.
- Please remember that asking for consent is applicable to all actions and interactions at this conference and beyond! Ask before starting a conversation, ask before giving a handshake or hug, etc. Please respect folks' physical and emotional boundaries.
- Please ask to assist somebody before assuming that they need help and respect the independence of others--your help may not be as helpful or respectful as you think!
- Service animals are welcome in Hampshire College buildings, but, unfortunately, we cannot allow pets or other animals, including emotional support animals (ESAs).

**REMEMBER, NEVER TOUCH SOMEBODY'S WHEELCHAIR, MOBILITY DEVICES, ETC. WITHOUT EXPLICIT CONSENT.**

**PLEASE IGNORE ALL SERVICE ANIMALS--DO NOT MAKE EYE CONTACT WITH, MAKE NOISES AT, PET, OR OTHERWISE DISTRACT THEM. PLEASE DO NOT ASK ABOUT WHAT JOBS THEY PERFORM / "WHAT THEY DO."**

# Accessibility (cont'd)

As a conference we are committed to providing an accessible space but must also work within the constraints of our physical campus. We use Franklin Patterson Hall (FPH), which is one of the most wheelchair-accessible buildings on campus, for workshops, and we will do our best to make parking accessibility work for attendees. Space will be reserved in all conference events for individuals with accessibility concerns. For ease of access, here is an **Elevator Guide for FPH**:

- 2** - Faculty Lounge, East Lecture Hall, West Lecture Hall, water fountains, single stall bathrooms (not accessible)
- 1** - Rooms 101 through 108, water fountain, side entrance (not accessible)
- L** - Lobby, check-in desk, main entrance (accessible), vending machine, multi-stall bathrooms (accessible)
- G** - Main Lecture Hall, single-stall accessible bathroom, side exit to parking lot (accessible)
- B** - You will need to go through the hallways in the basement to get to the *ground floor* of the Main Lecture Hall for *ground floor wheelchair* access.

**A NOTE ON FOOD ACCESSIBILITY:** As we are not caterers and must provide/rely on donated food, we cannot ensure that we are providing food that is kosher/halal/meets other requisites for dietary restrictions. We DO have some alternative dietary options available; however, while we can provide information on securing food, we cannot guarantee that there is no cross-contamination. Please ask volunteers for more information or recommendations.

**A NOTE ON INTERPRETERS:** Unfortunately we were not able to secure sign language interpreting for this year's conference. We will have live captioning services, but we understand that this is not a substitute for full language accessibility.

**ALL BATHROOMS ON HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE CAMPUS ARE GENDER-INCLUSIVE.**

**Menstruation supplies** can be found in both of the bathrooms located in the FPH Lobby. Additionally, **Safer Sex Supplies** are located on a table in the FPH Lobby.

As large gatherings such as this conference can be exhausting or overstimulating for many folks, a **Chill Space** will be located in FPH Room 107. This room will have comfy seating, reduced lighting, fidget/stim/textured supplies, zines and herbal tea.

**Please help us work to diminish access barriers at the conference & continue to build with us so that our conference can be more accessible to more people each year. If you have feedback, questions, or suggestions, or want to volunteer or help organize around access, please email [QUEERCONF@GMAIL.COM](mailto:QUEERCONF@GMAIL.COM).**

# Media Policies

- Photographers will be clearly designated as such. If participants do not want photos that they are in to be published, they are asked to see a conference organizer or the photographer.
- **We ask that all participants who are not comfortable having photographs published attach a red colored sticker on both sides of their name tags.**  
These red stickers are available at the registration table.
- We will take many photos but will only share those in which participants have given consent. Whenever possible, we let participants know if their images will be used in external publications (for instance, Hampshire College's webpage).
- We ask that attendees show the same level of concern for the privacy of others when taking photographs. Photos can be a great memento, but can also out someone.

# Clothing Swap

A clothing swap will take place in the East Lecture Hall.

**This clothing swap is primarily intended to benefit folks with marginalized gender identities.** Meaning, anyone is welcome to bring clothes, but we want to prioritize trans/non-binary/GNC people, POC, fat folks, and folks with low incomes being able to take clothes. In general, these folks have much less access to clothing, and so it is our goal at this conference to disrupt that and offer a resource to people who need it most.

Please bring all kinds & sizes of clothing/accessories to trade or donate! Make sure everything has been freshly washed and dried for sanitary reasons. (No underwear please--bras and binders are ok.) Don't bring anything that has been in a house with bedbugs or clothing moths. Scent-free - to - low-scent is ideal. If you do not have scent-free laundry detergent, please wash and dry a few days prior to minimize the smell. We will try to have clothes organized by size as best we can, so please be prepared to hang things up or fold and organize clothes that you bring.

**You do not need to bring clothes to take clothes!**

Any clothes left at the end of the conference will be donated to the Gender Affirming Regalia Box (GARB) resource on campus for trans, non-binary, and GNC students (accessible all academic year in the Center for Feminisms).

# Schedule At-A-Glance

## Saturday March 7th

- 10:00am-6:00pm**      **Registration Open in Lobby**  
***Light Breakfast Provided***  
**Clothing Swap in East Lecture Hall**  
**Community Tables Open**
- 10:45am**              **Welcoming & Announcements in West Lecture Hall**
- 11:00am-12:20pm**      **Keynote Speaker Earl D. Fowlkes Jr.**  
***Passing the Torch to Post-Millennial Queer Activists***  
**in West Lecture Hall**
- 12:20pm-12:45pm**      **Pizza Lunch in Faculty Lounge**
- 1:15pm-2:30pm**        **Workshop Slot 1**
- 2:45pm-4:00pm**        **Workshop Slot 2**
- 4:15pm-5:30pm**        **Workshop Slot 3**
- 5:45pm**                **Closing and Cake in Lobby**
- 6:30pm**                **QTPOC Dinner Reception**  
**in the Faculty Lounge**
- 8:00pm-11:00pm**      **Queer Conf. After Party in Roos-Rhode House**  
**Comedy w/ Hayden Kristal (wings, music & more)**



# ***Featured Speakers & Performers***

## **Earl D. Fowlkes Jr.**

**Keynote Speaker**

***Passing the Torch to Post-Millennial Queer Activists.***

Saturday 11:00am, FPH West Lecture Hall



**Earl D. Fowlkes Jr.** serves as the President/CEO of the Center For Black Equity, Inc. (formerly the International Federation of Black Pride (IFBP). He founded the IFBP in 1999 ago as a coalition of Black Pride organizers the United States, Canada, United Kingdom and South Africa formed to promote a multinational network of LGBT Pride and community- based organizations. The Center For Black Equity is the only Black LGBT international organization in the world.

Earl previously served fifteen years as the Executive Director of the DC Comprehensive AIDS Resources and Education Consortium (DC CARE Consortium) and Damien Ministries. He was licensed as a Social Worker (New Jersey) and has worked on HIV/AIDS and LGBT issues for twenty five years. Earl serves on seven non profit boards of directors and community advisory boards.

<https://centerforblackequity.org/about-us/staff/earl-fowlkes/>

## ***Featured Speakers & Performers (cont'd)***

# **Hayden Kristal**

### **Comedy Performance**

Saturday 8:00 pm, Roos-Rhode House



**Hayden Kristal** (preferred pronouns they/them/theirs, but accepts anything said with good intent) is a Deaf, bisexual, Jewish, queer activist and stand-up comedian. Living their life at the intersection of multiple marginalized identities has led Hayden to a career as a professional speaker, exploring the intersections of ability, gender, sexuality, and access – particularly within the spheres of activism and social justice. They have brought their funny, engaging, and interactive workshops and speeches to dozens of conferences, businesses, and schools all across North America including Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Vistaprint, and the Connecticut Supreme Court. In the realm of speaking and activism, Hayden has been a TEDx Presenter, a Catalyst Award winner, and a Lavender Graduation commencement speaker; comedically, Hayden was a semifinalist for Stand Up NBC, a finalist for Full Frontal with Samantha Bee’s Comedy Writing Mentorship, a featured performer at Limestone Comedy festival, and has opened and featured for Maria Bamford.

<https://www.campuspride.org/hayden-kristal/>

# Workshop Descriptions

## Workshop Slot #1 (1:15-2:30pm)

### **Trans Asylum Seeker Support Network Volunteer Orientation**

*Room 101*

The Trans Asylum Seeker Support Network is a broad network of over 500 volunteers, run by an internal collective of anti-state abolitionists. We are a mutual aid solidarity project committed to getting transgender and genderqueer asylum seekers across the US-Mexico border, supporting them while they are in detention, and getting them out of detention. We help them move to Western Mass, secure legal support, housing and build thriving lives and communities. We provide companionship, rides, financial support, and more. We are also engaged in the larger fight to abolish all borders, police, ICE, and capitalism. We are engaged in political education, direct action, and movement building. We seek to collectivize care amongst our community and treat each other based in values of trauma-informed tenderness, compassion and kindness, pleasure activism, and joyful militancy. During this volunteer orientation, we will discuss the history of, structure, politics, and values of our collective and network, discuss its future, and help everyone get plugged in. We are seeking organizers, radicals, artists, healers, and community members of all kinds to get plugged in!

### **A Space for Aces: A Discussion of Asexuality and Aromanticism with**

Ronnie Morabito

*Room 102*

We will discuss the basics of asexual and aromantic identities, as well as how being asexual and/or aromantic affects relationships, self-image, sex drive, and other aspects of life. People of all sexual/romantic identities are encouraged to come and learn more about the ace/aro community!

### **Self-Care in Queer Research with Hailey Greenhalgh**

*Room 103*

This presentation will focus on the importance and practice of self-care while researching for students and young professionals who are interested trans/queer research. Within-community research is common among queer academics and is important to further academic discourse, but also can be incredibly taxing on the researcher's self. This workshop plans to introduce and discuss different self-care tools that researchers can utilize while completing their research project that focus on improving and recognizing the importance of mental health

**LGBTQ Homelessness: A Place to Call Home** with Zarie Leonardo  
*Locke Room 104*

This workshop will discuss the topic of homelessness. How is this issue prevalent in our community and what organizations are working on this issue? During this workshop we will explore how someone may fall into unstable housing, whether it be yourself or someone else and how we can utilize the resources in our areas and ask for or give support.

**Nothing About Us Without Us: Self- and Collective Advocacy in a Provider-Dominated Transgender Health Care System** with Lee Leveille and Ianka Mitchell-Conway  
*Room 105*

Have you or someone you know gone through the transgender health care system and felt like your voice wasn't heard? Do you want to move beyond binaries to focus on patient rights? Join us for a teach-in/workshop about the current state of consumer rights in transgender health care and efforts in grassroots organizing.

**Not Your High School Sex Education** with Maeve Driskill and Soe Herman-Dunphy  
*Room 106*

In this pleasure-centered workshop, we will guide participants through foundational conversations on topics of queer gender, sex, and sexuality. The sex education in our country leaves too many people out of the conversation, and spreads misinformation that we hope to remedy. Anyone can benefit from the information in this session, so we encourage all to join.

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## **Workshop Slot #2 (2:45-4:00pm)**

**LGBT Activism in Communities of Color (Closed Space for POC)** with Earl D. Fowlkes Jr.  
*Room 101*

This workshop will explore LGBTQ activism in Communities of Color particularly the intersectionality of race, culture, faith, class, economics and the Civil Rights movement. This workshop will also explore the code switching that many Queer activists of color do to survive within their own communities and the larger LGBTQ community.

## **How the hell do we do this? Creating Queer Communities Beyond Violence** with Ollie Schwartz and B Bradburd

*Room 102*

What does the anti-violence movement have to teach queer communities, and what do queers have to teach the movement? As queer and trans people working in the domestic violence (DV) field, we offer a revamping of classic DV tools of the trade by adding frameworks from the queer left. Our work contributes to conversations queer communities are having (and yearning to have) about accountability, disposability, harm, interdependence, and relationship anarchy.

## **The Spectrum of Relationship Orientation** with Nichol McCarter

*Room 103*

As most queer people are aware, there are many ways to love and be loved. Relationship Orientation is the concept that we all exist on a spectrum, from monogamy, non-monogamy, agamy, polyamory and more. In this workshop, we will learn about the many ways we can form relationships, how this can be revolutionary and have time to discuss any questions people may have about these many ways of being.

## **Intersex Voices** with Banti Jaswal

*Room 104*

In this workshop, participants will hear the experiences of intersex people through storytelling, quotes, videos, and art. (Most materials provided by an Intersex youth organization called InterAct). The presenter will cover the basics of what Intersex is and share what Intersex youth are fighting for.

## **Trans History and Activism at Hampshire College: A Legacy of Hope** with Teal Van Dyck and Perry Zurn

*Room 105*

In this workshop, we map out a brief history of trans life at Hampshire College, situating that history in a larger narrative of trans life in the Pioneer Valley as well as the US. By attending to cycles of social change on campus initiated by trans students, staff, and faculty, we cultivate an appreciation for queer and trans people's contribution to the college's history and future. We will close with a collaborative and participatory reflection on the vibrancy and wisdom of trans practices of hope.

**In a Bind: Binding health and safety through a harm reduction framework** with Alek Meyer

*Room 106*

In this workshop, we will discuss the results of recent binding health research, with a focus on practical ways we can use this information to bind as safely and healthily as possible. There will be many binders in a wide range of sizes available for workshop participants to try on! This workshop is a closed space for transgender and nonbinary people.

**LGBTQ+ Self-Defense Workshop** with Telly Jacobs

*FPH Faculty Lounge*

This is a basic self defense class geared towards the LGBTQ+ community (as opposed to the very popular women's self defense class). No experience or coordination needed! Come as you are and learn how to defend yourself and keep yourself safe while doing so!

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## **Workshop Slot #3 (4:15-5:30pm)**

**Hope is a Queer Thing: Discovering Spirituality, Old and New** with Liza Neal

*Room 102*

Both queerness and spirituality are extremely personal journeys that can take a lifetime to bloom. They are also not inherently incompatible. In this workshop, Liza will walk attendees through a wide array of conceptualizing and engaging with spirituality through a queer lens.

**#PolyamoryGoals** with Hailey B. Greenhalgh

*Room 103*

The primary goal of this workshop is to introduce the topic of polyamory (and its similar variances of non-monogamy and anarchical relationships) to individuals new and curious to the relationship structure. Along with this, I discuss what is a healthy relationship and advice on how to make open relationships work.

## **Trans Health Workshop: Your Health and You** with Zarie Leonardo Locke

*Room 104*

This workshop will talk about our trans health and how do we ask for help if we're having a hard time without mental health? How to communicate our needs effectively to our friends, medical providers and partners?

This space will be here to talk about setting up support systems, asking for help and how to communicate our needs.

## **Sapphic Community Building: Now and How** with Ianka Mitchell-Conway

*Room 105*

Part recreation feminist café-bookstore, part history teach in and part interactive workshop. We'll explore the histories of lesbian, bisexual, pansexual and wlw communities in the context of inspiring modern organizing. Open to women who love women and wlw aligned folks.

## **Lessons on Ability from my Deafblind Dog** with Hayden Kristal

*Room 106*

Heartwarming and unique, this talk addresses the lessons to be learned -about love, trust, and how we define "ability"- from Hayden's journey with his deafblind dog, Bitsy. Born completely deaf and blind, many recommended that Bitsy be euthanized as a puppy, citing concerns about her ability to function and her quality of life. Could Bitsy adapt? Could she survive in a world that was not built for her? Three years later Bitsy is not only surviving, but thriving; she does therapy work, participates in dog sports, swims, hikes, camps, plays fetch, and is an avid canoer. But how does what the world expected for Bitsy translate to how we perceive disability on a larger scale? How do we confront the ableism we've internalized, even as people with disabilities? What does it mean to "accommodate" someone?

## **Queer and Trans Yoga** with Allison Scott

*Faculty Lounge*

This will be a space to practice Yoga, which includes breath work, movement, and meditation. The theme of the yoga practice will be inspired by adrienne maree browns book Emergent Strategy. We'll explore physical postures and actions as well as meditations and reflections based on the elements of Emergent Strategy. Props and variations will be provided to try and make the practice as accessible as possible.

# About the Organizers

**Brianna Bryse** is a Hampshire College Alum of 2019. They helped organize the 2017-2020 Queer Conferences, and are passionate about organizing other local events that serve our community. Bri currently works at a residential program for transgender foster youth, but continues to take on side projects and organize conferences & more in their spare time to keep busy and stay creative.

**Emily Rimmer** has been the staff advisor for this conference since the beginning. As the Director of Women's and Queer Services she has organized 14 conferences at/for Hampshire. Emily is also the mother of the toddler who will be walking around the conference and a dog who wishes she'd spend more time cuddling him.

**Ernie Alugas** (They/He) is a third year Hampshire student studying Communication Disorders, psycholinguistics and ASL. They were an organizer last year and is very invested in making events as accessible as possible.

**Gryffon Baum** is a Div III currently working on evolutionary biology and ecology. This is their first year working on the Queer Conference as an organizer, and their third year of their training to become a mad cricket scientist.

**Joshua Swift** is a Division III student studying dance, psychology, and human connection. He has been involved with planning the Five College Queer Gender & Sexuality Conference for the last 2 years.

**Maeve Driskill** is a third-year student doing work in sex, love, food, and identity. As an organizer for the conference this year, Maeve is excited to help others feel more confident and positive about their queer identity in order to foster a culture of care and wellbeing.

**Sylvan Bachhuber** (she/her) is a third year student studying Spanish and anthropology with a focus in reproductive justice and human rights. This is her first year helping to organize the Queer Conference and she's excited about the events and workshops planned for this year!

# About the Presenters

**Alek Meyer** (he/him) is a Div III student at Hampshire College who studies medical anthropology and public health with a focus on transgender healthcare access. His Division III project is "In a Bind: A Health Assessment of Chest Binding in Transgender and Nonbinary Communities," a mixed methods research study addressing the health impact of binding with a focus on developing practical harm reduction strategies.



**Alla Sonder** (they/them) is the founder of the Trans Asylum Seeker Support Network. They are an ultra-left communist passionate about anti-state and state-disruptive mutual aid collectives, collectivizing care and abolishing the family, and building community power and resistance outside of electoralism. They are a survivor of state abuse, the alt-right, and homelessness, and trauma-informed compassion and interpersonal community resiliency inform all that they envision and do.

**Allison Scott** (they/them) is a graduate of the Adhikara Yoga School. They have studied yoga to deepen their own practice, build facilitation skills and knowledge, and strengthen community. Yoga has provided them with a space for grounding, reflection, and connectedness. Allison seeks to expand access to yoga, particularly in non-typical settings and reaching diverse communities. They currently teach for AmeriCorps members and youth workers, and participate in Queer & Trans yoga community, which has been an important experience of healing individually and together in community.

**B Bradburd** (he/him) (M.A. Political Science) is the LGBTQ and Management Consultant at Elizabeth Freeman Center, the domestic and sexual violence response center for Berkshire County, MA. He leads the Center's LGBTQ Access Project, which works to build safety, justice, and healing for queer survivors, and he consults with other non-profits on issues of economic justice, LGBTQ/T accessibility, and data management. He throws an annual neighborhood pie party ("clear pies, full heart, can't lose") and never met a pun he didn't like.

**Banti Jaswal** (they/them) is a senior in high school at PVPA (a performing arts high school). They are a member of the GLSEN Shine Team, as well as interAct (a national advocacy organization of intersex youth). They have also been the keynote speaker at GLSEN's fall conference, and had an essay and comic published in an international journal "YOUth & I" (a collection of writings and art by intersex youth). They have also been quoted in TeenVogue, and on various social media outlets. They love being an advocate for greater understanding and acceptance of Intersex people. In their free time they enjoy burritos and snuggling on the couch with their dog.

**Cora** (she/her) is a fat queer Jewish woman. She is a local activist and Hampshire College alum. She works around several causes such as anti-capitalism, prison abolition, anti-imperialism, disability justice, and fat liberation. She currently works as the Cross Disability Community Coordinator for the Western MA Recovery Learning Community. Outside of organizing, she loves fashion and being a style icon. When she's not working or organizing, she's dreaming about a post-Revolutionary society.

**Hailey Greenhalgh** (they/them) is a Ph.D. student in the Dept. of Political Science and a graduate teaching assistant in the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program at the University of Connecticut. Their research centers on transgender human rights, transgender violence, polyamory, self-care in research, and long-distance relationships.

**Ianka Mitchell-Conway** (she/her) is a lesbian activist, playwright, artist, educator and writer. She devoted her entire Div 3 to proving that it is in fact possible to write a play about her life.

**Jack St. Georges** (he/they) is a construction management major in his third year of school at Central Connecticut State University. He is a trans man and uses he/him pronouns. He also really loves video games!

**Jax Padilla de la Rosa** (they/them) is an organizer, artist, educator and community member. They are a Latinx leader in the Trans Asylum Seeker Support Network, and fully committed as a facilitator and comrade to the asylum seekers and members of the collective.

**Lee Leveille** (she/he) is a transgender intentional peer support specialist. S/he holds a Bachelors in Psychology and Community Studies from University of Maine at Machias, as well as certification in community-based mental health rehabilitation and WRAP facilitation. S/he is a founding board member of GCCAN, a consumer-run nonprofit that seeks to support consumers of transgender health care services in pursuit of wellness. In his/her spare time, s/he also writes about his/her experiences with gender, sexuality, and recovery at [reclaimingtransbutch.com](http://reclaimingtransbutch.com).

**Liza Neal** (she/they) is a Spiritual Director guiding and exploring spirituality beyond binaries and borders through deep listening conversation, writing, and energy work. Liza lives in the area with her partner, half-elf child, and many animals. Liza is a former staff member and an alum of Hampshire College who loves the commitment, creativity, and activism of Hampshire students.

**Maeve Driskill** is a third-year student at Hampshire College. Originally from Santa Clarita, CA, Maeve studies sexuality, personal, and relationship health education. Maeve has not had the chance to do much professionally in this field yet but hopes to host workshops and other community events that foster acceptance, passion, and celebration.

**Nichol McCarter** (they/them) is currently a graduate student at UMass Amherst in the English Literature program. Their studies focus on a critical analysis of how rhetoric and literature affect the human consciousness through the lens of environmental issues, queer studies, animal studies, disability studies, and their intersections with one another. Outside of their work at UMass, they work as the program coordinator for Central Connecticut State University's LGBT Center.

**Ollie Schwartz** (no pronouns) (M.Ed. Social Justice Ed.) is a trans organizer and educator in the Connecticut River Valley, MA and beyond. Ollie has made home at the margins of higher education, interpersonal violence prevention, and training/consulting. Non-profit worker by day and community organizer by night, Ollie aspires to create space for marginalized folks to build connections between their lived experiences and their role in healing our torn world.

**Perry Zurn** is Assistant Professor of Philosophy at American University. He is a former Visiting Assistant Professor in the School of Critical Social Inquiry at Hampshire College.

**Ronnie Morabito** (they/them) is a Senior at Central Connecticut State University studying Psychological Science. They are a student worker at their LGBT+ Center and Secretary of the Pride Club.

**Soe Herman-Dunphy** (she/they) is a fourth-year student at Hampshire College, studying biology, human sexuality, and reproductive justice. Soe and her co-presenter lead a peer sex education student group, Sexperts, on campus. Soe will continue to pursue a career in sexuality education after graduating in May.

**Teal Van Dyck** is an educator, cultural organizer, and interdisciplinary artist. For over a decade, they have been weaving storytelling, poetry, somatics, and social neuroscience into queer temporalities, gender alchemy, trauma-responsive systems, femmecraft, and a radical ethics of care and pleasure. They are a founding staff member of the Ethics & the Common Good Project at Hampshire College. Teal likes most snacks, all cats, and building the movement for collective liberation and healing.

**Telly Jacobs** (they/them) is a freshman at UMass Amherst studying astronomy and philosophy. They have been taking karate for 10 years and teaching for 6. When they're not working they are probably doing something with the UMass marching, concert or pep band.

**Zarie Leonardo Locke** is a 21 year-old queer and non-binary afro latinx activist working with in the Greater Boston LGBTQ community. Their main work revolves around LGBTQ competent health education, Homelessness advocacy and uplifting the QTPOC community throughout Boston. Zarie is passionate in alleviating health disparities within LGBTQ communities and work hard to reach trans folks and queer/trans folks of color who don't always have access to affirming education on their mental, physical and sexual health.

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