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NOVEMBER 17-23

Monday 11/17 - 6pm

TRANSCENDING GENDER ART SHOW

Art Lounge, Union

Wednesday 11/19 - 5pm

FILM: En El Fuego

Educational Conf. Center, School of Social Work

Friday 11/21 - 7pm

TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

4th Floor Conf. Rooms, Rackham

Sunday 11/23 - 10am-4pm

LGBT ALLY TRAINING

MSA Chambers, 3rd Floor, Union

For a full list of events:
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TRANSGENDER AWARENESS WEEK 2008
TRANSGENDER GENDER JUSTICE



Transgender Awareness Week
November 17-23, 2008
"Gender Justice"

Sunday, November 16

Transgender Inclusivity in Student Organizations
7p-8p, MSA Chambers, 3909 Michigan Union
Sponsored by: LGBT Commission

This presentation focuses on transgender inclusivity within LGBT Organizations. Part of the presentation will involve summarizing information from NCTE/The Task Force's "Opening the Door" booklet released this summer. The presentation will also incorporate an activity and discussion to make this topic real for the audience. The focus, though, will be on taking steps to become aware of how organizations (like LGBT Commission) can be more inclusive for trans-identified individuals.

Contact: Sean Collins, smcoll@umich.edu

Monday, November 17

Staged Reading
12p-1p, School of Social Work McGregor Commons
Sponsored by: Rainbow Network

The Rainbow Network of the School of Social Work will perform a gender and trans identity themed dramatic staged reading. The reading is compiled of brief excerpts from both fictional and non-fictional works regarding gender expression and identity and transgender issues. The reading is approximately 10 minutes.

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Transcending Gender Art Show Opening Reception
6p-8p, Michigan Union Art Lounge, First Floor
Sponsored by: Spectrum Center and LGBT Commission

The goal of *Transcending Gender* is to bring awareness to the campus community about gender identity and gender expression that is not in line with mainstream conceptions of gender norms, as seen from the lens of the artists' personal experiences. The November 17 opening reception includes discussions with the artists and spoken word and poetry performances as well as appetizers and desserts. Art pieces will be up in the Union Art Lounge from November 17 through November 23.

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Wednesday, November 19

Hate Crime and Bias Incident Training
12p-2p, School of Social Work
Sponsored by: TBLG Matters Initiative

This is an interactive workshop where participants will learn the difference between a hate crime and bias incident, how to report a hate crime/bias incident, essential regulations in hate crime/bias incident laws/protocols, as well as the effects that hate crimes and bias incidents have on victims and survivors of hate crimes/bias incidents.

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En El Fuego Film Screening
5p-7p, School of Social Work Educational Conference Center
Sponsored by: Rainbow Network, TBLG Matters Initiative, Spectrum Center

Transphobia is an everyday problem around the world and in a religious and conservative city like Lima, Peru where transgender citizens are not protected by any law, it can be downright dangerous. Transgender people from Lima, Peru open their lives and hearts and tell their stories about fear, hate, discrimination, abuse, hopes and dreams in a society that has openly turned its back to them. Despite the danger of living openly, these Peruvians prosper and persevere. They earn degrees, work with children and stand for themselves, effectively changing the status quo for their LGBT community.

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Friday, November 21

Transgender Student Scholarship Meeting
5p-6:30p, Spectrum Center

This group works to provide a transgender student scholarship at U-M.

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Transgender Day of Remembrance
7p-9p, Rackham East and West Conference Rooms
Sponsored by: Rainbow Law Center, Washtenaw Rainbow Action Project, Spectrum Center, LGBT Commission, Rainbow Network

Transgender Day of Remembrance was set aside to memorialize those who were killed due to anti-transgender hatred or prejudice. The event is held in November to honor Rita Hester, whose murder in 1998 kicked off the "[Remembering Our Dead](#)" web project and a San Francisco candlelight vigil in 1999. Since then, the event has grown to encompass memorials in dozens of cities across the world. We will take time to both remember our past and celebrate our future. For more information, visit the following website <http://www.gender.org/remember/day/>

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Sunday, November 23

LGBTQ Ally Training Program

10a-4p,

Sponsored by: Spectrum Center, spectrumcenter@umich.edu

The LGBTQ Ally Training Program, started in 2005, seeks to empower members of the University community to be active allies to LGBTQ people. More than just a Safe Space program, the Ally Training Program uses a social justice framework to guide participants through a curriculum that bridges new knowledge of developmental theory to the lived experiences of LGBTQ people and Ally-identified people.

All are welcome to attend, but pre-registration is required. To register for this session, please fill out the form found here: <http://uis.umich.edu/workshop2/workshopdet.cfm?wid=257>

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