

Trans* month of events overview:

Transgender Day of Remembrance is on November 20th. It is a day set aside to honor the memories of the victims of violence against trans* people for simply being themselves. Every year the number rises, and we strongly believe that the only way to stop this violence is to spread education about the trans* community. We felt that this would be a perfect opportunity to reach out and educate others on issues of the trans* community. Although this is just geared towards our university, we hope that it can be a first step for us in helping the larger picture. We hope to help stop the spread of violence and misunderstandings through this month of awareness, education and activism, and that the knowledge and skills learned by those in attendance spreads throughout the RU community to further embody our social justice mission.

Thursday, November 1st, 4pm AUD 414

RU Proud and Feminist United co-meet and discuss trans* issues

Join RU Proud and Feminist United as we join our meetings together to discuss trans* issues as a group. We want to take this month of education as an opportunity, to not only educate the campus, but also to educate ourselves. We hope to watch clips from trans* or gender related documentaries and discuss them as a group. All are welcome to join us!

<http://www.facebook.com/events/156951697780241/?fref=ts>

Week 1:

Tuesday, November 6th, 5pm-6pm, AUD 414

Trans 101*: The Basics

Feminist United partners with RU Proud to present Trans*101: The Basics. The workshop will be lead by the Broadway Youth Center (BYC), and will be covering a wide rang of trans* identities and will focus on the different experiences of those in the trans* community. The workshop will also be focusing on how to be a better ally to the trans* community and the language used to describe the spectrum of gender identities and expressions.

<http://www.facebook.com/events/281328395319691/?fref=ts>

Wednesday, November 7th, 3pm-4pm, AUD 320
Genderqueer 101 Workshop

Join RU Proud as we welcome Chicago queer activists Lex Lawson and ellie navidson. This is a workshop designed to cultivate understanding of non-binary gender identities. Genderqueer is a term that's often embraced by people who experience their gender in ways that don't conform to social norms. We will discuss things like explicit inclusivity, compassionate communication, and cultural sensitivity. Refreshments will be served.

<http://www.facebook.com/events/454158391297159/?fref=ts>

Thursday, November 8th, 8am-5pm, Fainman Lounge
Trans* Day of Remembrance Art Gala

Although we will be on break during Trans* Day of Remembrance on November 20th, RU Proud and Feminist United wanted to honor the day with an art gala exhibit in Fainman Lounge. Art will be provided by MendyZ, Van Binfa, and Jared Gabor.

<http://www.facebook.com/events/451205211584531/?fref=ts>

Week 2:

Monday, November 12th, 8pm-10pm, AUD 2nd floor Congress Lounge
Nacho House Series

Featuring a free, full nacho bar with a plethora of options, including vegan and vegetarian! Featuring live music, spoken word, poetry, and art by primarily Roosevelt students and alumni. Bands and musicians performing will be announced soon. Anna Meyer, RU alum, Shay Barron, RU student, and M. Quinn Stifler, DePaul student, will provide spoken word and poetry. Art provided by Mo Krohm, Chicago based queer artist, Van Binfa, RU alum, Aslynn Cummings, RU student, and more.

<http://www.facebook.com/events/421714884558714>

Tuesday, November 13th, noon-1pm, Spertus Lounge AUD 244

"It Gets Messy in Here" Documentary showing and Luncheon

Join RU Proud as we show the documentary "It Gets Messy in Here" by Kai M. Greene. A full lunch will be served with vegan and vegetarian options available. This short documentary challenges gender assumptions and gender identities of all kinds by delving into the bathroom experiences of masculine identified queer women and transgendered men of color and uses their experiences in public restrooms to illuminate the complicated ways in which race and gender affect our daily lives. Kai M. Greene, the creator, is a spoken word poet, documentary filmmaker, and scholar invested in creating social and economic justice in low income communities and communities of color.

<http://www.facebook.com/events/484406598259095/?fref=ts>

Tuesday, November 13th, 4-5pm, AUD 628

Let's Talk about Sex: An All inclusive Sex Workshop

Join RU Proud as we welcome a speaker from Early2Bed to talk about sex. Let's Talk About Sex is all about sex positivity from a feminist perspective. Learn about safety, sex creativity, toys, and more. This is meant for people of all sexual orientations and all gender identities.

<http://www.facebook.com/events/373246322750830/?fref=ts>

Thursday, November 15th, 4:30pm-5:30pm, AUD 420

Transnormativity Workshop

Join RU Proud as we host ellie navidson (one of the presenters in genderqueer 101) for a workshop about transnormativity. Transnormativity is intended to be an exploration of archetypal trans* narratives. Although trans* experience is more varied than the number of folks who use the term, the stories and ideas that are accepted within mainstream culture are incredibly narrow. In this workshop ellie navidson will lead a discussion on what these transnormative narratives are, how they operate to limit and oppress us, and puts forward ideas on how we can work to not only live beyond those narratives but to create possibilities for transcending these limiting terms.

<http://www.facebook.com/events/454562164587533>

Week 3:

Thanksgiving Break

Week 4:

**Tuesday, November 27th 6pm-8pm, AUD 2nd floor Congress Lounge
What's The T?**

Feminists United and RU Proud welcome About Face Youth Theater as they perform a piece from their main stage Production "What's The T?" The piece draws attention to the policing of queer and trans* youth of color in Boystown. The piece is based off true stories and interviews from youth in the Chicagoland area. What's The T draws attention to issues of race, age, and class and gender identity/expression in modern day Chicago.

<http://www.facebook.com/events/241714932621880/?fref=ts>

Wednesday, November 28th, 6pm-8pm, WB 418

Spill The T: Intersections of the Trans* Community

Feminist United partners with RU Proud to bring you the panel Spill The T: Intersections of the Trans* Community. The panel features KOKUMO, a Chicago-based trans* activist and artist, Precious Davis, artist and Youth Outreach Coordinator at the Center on Halsted, and Nic, a young Chicago-based artist and activist. The panel will focus on the cross-sections in the trans* community and the trans hierarchy. The panel will draw on how race, class and age affect experiences within the trans community.

<http://www.facebook.com/events/486910581332204>

Thursday, November 29th, 2012, 1pm-2pm, WB 418

Trans* Ally workshop and Luncheon

Join RU Proud as we welcome Catherine Jacquet, professor of history and women's and gender studies at UIC and former instructor at RU, for a workshop and discussion on how to be a trans* ally on campus. Cat will discuss ways that students as well as faculty and staff can make the university a safe and open place for TGI people. Refreshments will be served.

<http://www.facebook.com/events/440188136018565>

Trans* Month at RU is sponsored by RU Proud, Feminists United and SAFAC. Co-sponsored by The Women and Gender Studies Department and C.O.R.E. (Coalition of a Responsible Education – Student Activism Group).

RU Proud meets:

Monday 5pm-6 in AUD 648 and Thursday 4pm-5 in AUD414

Feminist United meets

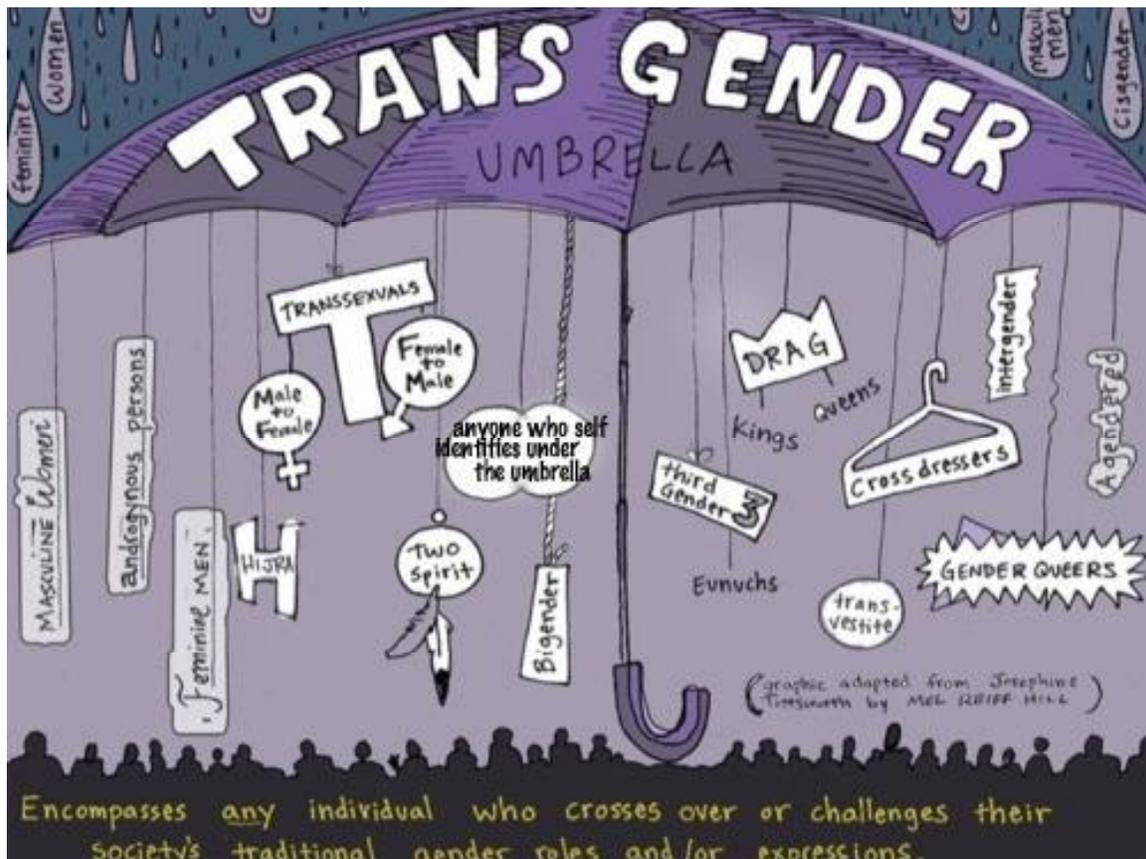
Monday 3:30pm-4:30pm in AUD 518

C.O.R.E. meets:

Thursdays 3pm-4pm in AUD 644

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* When you add an asterisk to trans, it becomes a more inclusive term. When you say trans, it is assumed that you mean someone who is transgender male to female or female to male. The hope is that when you include the asterisk and say trans* that you are including the entire wide array of identities under the trans* umbrella. If you use the term trans*, make sure you are being inclusive to the entire community and not just the binary identities.



* * It is also important to note that it is typically not the case that intersex people fall under the trans* umbrella. The reason for this is that intersex people are typically forced to fit within the gender binary, physically, through often-unwanted surgeries in their childhood pressured upon them by the medical industry. While some intersex people identify as gender non-conforming and fall under the trans* umbrella, it is not true that they fall under the trans* umbrella simply for being intersex. The reason behind this is that intersex people often do not have a choice – or give consent – to what is done to them by the medical industry as children, while trans* identified people typically give consent and have control over their identity and bodies.