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Proceedings from CLAGS's *Trans Politics, Social Change and Justice* conference will be available in January 2007 under the title *Transgender Justice*. Like the conference, the publication will include voices from Argentina and Mexico, as well as the US. *Transgender Justice* will present multiple models of activism: from the use of international human rights instruments to the building of ties with other movements; from educating schools, congregations and individuals, to critically examining the trans movement's own beliefs and differences.

The title refers to a revitalized vision of what justice means, articulated by trans people and our allies. For people insulated by various forms of privilege, the word "justice" often conjures up little more than the image of black-robed men dispensing punishments in a court of law. But for many in the trans community, justice is the product of struggles for fundamental changes in the way people think, the institutions we interact with, and the societies and cultures we live in. The justice of *Transgender Justice* is a *transformative* vision.

Richard M. Juang, National Center for Transgender Equality, Advisory Board, Co-Chair

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twilight of queerness from binaries to connectivity

Most current LGBT political activism focuses on the marriage/anti-marriage debate, and accordingly, scholarship debate disputes relational/anti-relational ideologies. Both grossly miss a larger political and intellectual potential for queer studies and that the definition of discreet identity binaries is, itself, destructive to a truly radical and progressive discourse.

QUEER CUNY VIII is a student conference that seeks the end of the isolationist queer political discourse and moves toward what Lisa Duggan, who will be delivering the conference's keynote address, thought of as a time when "we might find ways of thinking, speaking, writing, and acting that are engaged and curious...that are respectfully affiliative and dialogic, that look for the hopeful spots to expand upon." Further, the conference will make a space where queer students, activists, teachers, community members, and others are able to imagine and discuss what life might be like beyond the limits of ongoing dichotomy and division.

other news

making sheep straight?

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals has launched a campaign against experiments on "gay" sheep by scientists at Oregon State University and Oregon Health and Science University. In a press release, PETA's Shalin Gala writes "The goal of these experiments is to hormonally manipulate sheep's sexual partner preferences to be heterosexual, with the insidious implication being a cure for homosexuality in humans." According to PETA, one of the researchers wrote in his grant application to the National Institute of Health that the sheep study "will furnish important information that is needed to formulate and test novel hypotheses about the biological basis of sexual orientation in higher mammals **including humans.**" In addition to opposing OSU's stance that same-sex partner choice is a "medical condition" from which affected individuals "suffer," PETA says the sheep are not treated humanely or ethically in these experiments. Individuals interested in speaking out can contact Shalin Gala at shaling@peta.org or visiting the PETA website at www.peta.org.