The LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland hosted the first Trans in the CLE conference in 2017. It was presented again in 2019 and was made an annual event. During the COVID-19 global pandemic the conference was moved to a virtual format. This year it returns for the fifth time in-person.

Trans in the CLE celebrates the trans* and gender non-conforming community and brings together individuals and organizations for connection, resources, and celebration. The 2022 conference theme is TRANSforming Stigma: Connecting the Generations. This year’s theme reflects the need for our community to come together across differences and work collectively exchange wisdom, knowledge, and stories between our youth and elders to advance the call for transgender equity in society.

Trans in the CLE is a conference presented for and by transgender and gender non-conforming individuals in Greater Cleveland.
Schedule

9:00 am  Registration
10:00 am  Keynote Speaker (Indigo Room | 2nd Floor)
11:00 am  Workshops (See Workshop Schedules)
12:00 pm  Workshops (See Workshop Schedules)
1:00 pm  Break for Lunch (Indigo Room | 2nd Floor)
2:00 pm  Workshops (See Workshop Schedules)
3:00 pm  Workshops (See Workshop Schedules)
4:00 pm  After Party Gathering at Ninja City

All Day: HIV & STD testing in the 1st Floor Medical Offices

Keynote Speaker
Kelly Craig

Kelly Craig is a native of Buffalo. For the past 12 years she has worked for Evergreen Health where she now serves as the executive director of the Pride Center of Western New York. In this role, Kelly is responsible for the daily operations and strategic plan of the center. Kelly has a Masters of Public Administration and Non-profit Management. Kelly's work in the LGBTQIA+ communities span over 20 years.
11:00 am Sessions

How to Testify and/or Advocate Against Evil Bills and Resolutions
James Knapp, Trans Ohio
Yellow/Orange Room | 1st Floor
This workshop will go over accessible strategies, messaging and a variety of ways to advocate against evil bills no matter your experience, comfort, or availability level.

Living A Plant Based Lifestyle
Braxton Stock, Dedicated Publishing
Red Room | 1st Floor
The goal of this presentation is to give insight into what this lifestyle entails, where to start, how to make the transition, and an understanding of how making healthy dietary choices can significantly improve the lives of transgender people.

Beyond “The Surgery”: Trans Storytelling/Creative Workshop
Nicolas Shannon Savard, CWRU
Violet Room | 2nd Floor
The purpose of this storytelling workshop is to provide the opportunity for trans and nonbinary participants to connect with one another through personal narrative and creative expression. In this participatory workshop, attendees will explore and reflect upon our own experiences and narratives of acceptance and affirmation, of chosen family, of moments of gender euphoria, of taking a stand, of queer joy and rebellion.

Camp Lilac: Six Years Old and Growing
JodiLyn Solomon & Ann Williams, Camp Lilac
Blue/Green Room | 2nd Floor
The purpose of this workshop is to inform potential campers, parents, volunteers, and other interested people about what Camp Lilac is, our history, and our plans for 2023.

12:00 pm Sessions

Fighting Back! Strategies to Resist Erasure
Emilia Lombardi, Public Health Professor, BWU
Orange/Yellow Room | 1st Floor
This workshop will provide strategies to respond to misinformation and trans issues and to expose others to your messages. This workshop will: discuss anti-trans messages and those who repeat them; provide strategies to counter misinformation and discuss examples; and create and discuss ways to communicate supportive messages that include creating alternative communication channels.

Generations: Working with your Ancestors and your Mighty Dead
Ginger Marshall, Crooked River Crones
Red Room | 1st Floor
This workshop will encourage people to find and build connection with their blood ancestors or with “chosen” spirit ancestors, the Mighty Dead who give us inspiration and guidance even though not related by blood. We’ll talk about ways to connect and listen, and the growth that can come from it. We will share about some general spiritual principles, with a focus on safety and listening to others. We will do a short exercise about ancestors and the Mighty Dead each person might work with.

Discover your inner hero, a Poetry Workshop for all levels
Zuggie Tate, Black Space Inc.
Violet Room | 2nd Floor
The goal of this workshop is to take participants through the creative process of forming a poem. While they may complete a first draft, the idea is that they begin to formulate a new understanding of the writing process as well as a new perspective on approaching their personal narratives in poetry.

PreP for Preventing HIV
Akeem Rollins, MetroHealth
Blue/Green Room | 2nd Floor
Learn about your options for preventing HIV with PreP.
2:00 pm Sessions

Know Your Rights: An in depth discussion of your rights as a trans student, teacher, parent, etc, navigating a hurtful and shifting national and state landscape
Dara Adkison, Trans Ohio
Yellow/Orange Room | First Floor
This workshop will go over the current state of rights for trans people and their allies in a variety of common situations. Information will be current and Ohio specific. We will also discuss a variety of potential scenarios for the near future and planning for those contingencies.

Affirming Surgery: You Have Options; I Have Answers
ChrisTina Reed, LGBTQ+ & Gender Care at university Hospital
Red Room | 1st Floor
This workshop will inform participants about the various options available for affirming surgeries.

Trans* Survivorship: Understanding Impacts of Sexual Violence on the Trans Community
Elliot Williams & Sam Motes, Cleveland Rape Crisis Center
Violet Room | 2nd Floor
Presentation of services and health.

Trans 101
Devinity Jones, LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland
Blue/Green Room | 2nd Floor
This workshop will review the basics of transgender as an umbrella term which encompasses many gender identities and expressions. This workshop is an overview of being trans in the US.

3:00 pm Sessions

Interdisciplinary Care for Gender Affirming Surgeries: A WPATH SOC8 Discussion
Kirtishi Mishra MD, Laura Mintz MD, Ginger Marshall, and Kathleen Alto PhD, MetroHealth Pride Network
Yellow/Orange Room | 1st Floor
Interdisciplinary panel will discuss the role of interdisciplinary care for transgender surgery in the context of the updated (version 8) Standards of Care issued by the World Professional Association of Transgender Health (WPATH).

Advocacy in Federal Programs for Gender Expansive
Jordi Luke, Care Alliance Health Center
Red Room | 1st Floor
This workshop will educate the audience on how to advocate for gender expansive people by engaging in the federal regulation process. Will include a discussion to exchange advocacy ideas.

Project ADVOCATE
Dr. Rachel Pope, University Hospitals
Violet Room | 2nd Floor
This workshop will provide information on the ADVOCATE study which has been looking at the experiences of transgender and gender diverse individuals in accessing and receiving gender affirming care.

Finally: The inclusion and prioritization of transgender people in HIV-related studies
Brooke Willis & Bob Bucklew, CWRU/UH AIDS Clinical Trials Unit
Blue/Green Room | 2nd Floor
Provide attendees with an update on HIV-related research in transgender communities and preview and engage in a discussion regarding transgender-specific HIV clinical research coming to Cleveland in the near future.
**Presenter Bios**

**Kathleen Alto PhD** (she/her) - Dr. Alto is a psychologist specializing in transgender health.

**Dara Adkison** (they/them) - Dara is Board Secretary of TransOhio, Ohio’s first and largest transgender equality organization, as well as a non-binary parent, president of the Cleveland Stonewall Democrats and formerly ran as an out Ohio House of Representatives Candidate.

**Bob Bucklew** (he/him/his) - Outreach Coordinator for Case Western Reserve/University Hospitals AIDS Clinical Trials Unit.

**Devinity** (she/her) - Devinity is a local drag queen and pageant title holder who works as the Transwellness and HIV Prevention Coordinator at the LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland

**James Knapp** (he/him) - James is Chair of TransOhio, Ohio’s first and largest transgender equality organization, as well as supervising attorney of the Ohio Name Change Legal Clinic, a joint program of Equality Ohio, Equitas Health, and TransOhio.

**Emilia Lombardi** (she/her) - Public Health Professor at Baldwin Wallace University.

**Jordi Luke** () - Chief Quality and Innovation Officer of Care Alliance Health Center. Former senior leader and public servant at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

**Ginger Marshall** (she/her) - Ginger, the Witch of Cuyahoga, is a pansexual transgender Witch, Crone, Healer, Seeker, and Teacher. She is on the board of Crossroads Universal Inc, the planning committee for Cleveland Pagan Pride, and is co-founder of Crooked River Crones.

Is the Metrohealth Pride Network Administrative Coordinator.

**Laura Mintz MD** (she/her) - Dr. Mintz is an Internal Medicine/Pediatrics primary care doctor specializing in transgender health.

**Kirtishi Mishra MD** (he/him) - Dr. Mishra is a reconstructive urologist specializing in transgender health.

**Sam Motes** () - Sam is an Education and Outreach Specialist at Cleveland Rape Crisis Center.

**Rachel Pope** (she/her/hers) - Dr. Pope is an obstetrician/gynecologist and division chief of Female Sexual Health in the Urology Institute at University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center in Cleveland, OH.

**ChrisTina Reed** (they/them) - 20+ years’ experience working gender diverse individuals; oversee service line at UH. Formal background in nursing, gender studies, and conflict resolution.

**Akeem Rollins** () -

**Nicolas Shannon Savard** (they/them) - Dr. Nicolas Shannon Savard is a theatre for social change facilitator, educator, and scholar of LGBTQ performance, culture, and history. Their work as a writer, theatre artist, and teacher explores how storytelling can be used as a tool for cultural change, community-building, and social justice.

**Jodilynn Solomon** (she, her, hers) - Co-founder of Camp Lilac, the camp for transgender and gender diverse youth in Ohio. Jodi is a teacher.

**Braxton Stock** (he/him) - Currently a delivery driver, author, and working on wellness coaching. Grew up in the suburbs of Cleveland. Went to a small high school growing up. Been out as transgender for 4 years, on T for 3. He has a passion for helping people and seeing others succeed.

**Zuggie Tate** (she/her/hers) - Zuggie is the founder, lead organizer, and executive director of Black Space Inc. Outside of that she is a poet, writer, educator, and artist.

**Russ Trippi** (he/him/his) - Russ teaches a course on “Queer Theology” at John Carroll University; he is the Director of Religious Education at St. Bartholomew’s, and a producer of the YouTube Channel “That Theology Teacher” which focuses a lot on LGBTQ+ Christian content.

**Ann Williams** (she, her, hers) - Ann is co-founder of Camp Lilac, the camp for transgender and gender-diverse youth in Ohio. Ann is a nurse.

**Elliot Williams** (they/he) - Elliot is a Hotline Advocate at Cleveland Rape Crisis Center, and an intern in the Edu. and Outreach Dept.

**Brooke Willis** (he/him/his) - Community educator & recruiter with Case Western Reserve University and University Hospitals AIDS Clinical Trials Unit.
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