

TRANS & QUEER STAFF AND FACULTY ASSOCIATION Newsletter

February, 2025



"I believe that no one should ever have to choose between a career we love and living our lives with authenticity and integrity."
-Selisse Berry

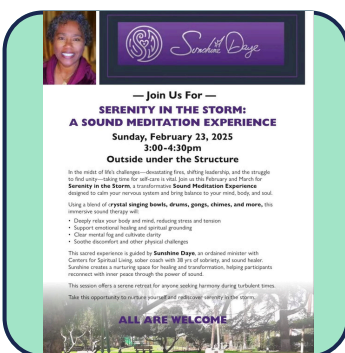
Announcements

TQSFA Officer Elections Coming UP!

Officer Elections will be held during the May 9th General Body Meeting. If you are interested in running for one of our officer positions, please reach out to Sara Dozier (Sara.Dozier@csulb.edu). Deadline for submissions is May 2nd!



Member Submissions



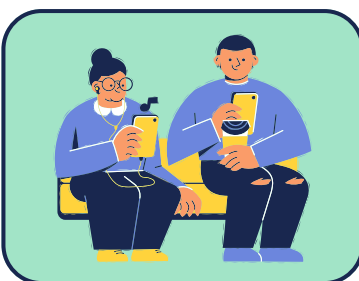
SOUND BATH - SERENITY IN THE STORM

Serenity In the Storm: A Sound Meditation Experience Amid life's challenges-devastating fires, shifting leadership, and the struggle to find unity- taking time for self-care is vital. Join us for a Sound Meditation designed to calm your nervous system and bring balance to your mind, body & soul. Sunday, February 23, 2025 3:00-4:30 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Long Beach 5450 East Atherton Street Long Beach, California 90815



T* IS FOR THRIVING-A TEXT FOR EDUCATORS TO USE IN TURBULENT TIMES

Dr. Kia Darling-Hammond and Dr. Bre Evans-Santiago co-edited a book filled with inclusive lessons for all ages and content to use in classrooms right now. The book focuses on celebration and affirmation of T* and Gender Creative children in schools. The text also includes vignettes from T*GC interviewees who shared what was needed or appreciated in schools for them. This book may help with inclusive teaching in ways to still promote and support our kids that the government attempts to erase in schools. Purchase at your bookstore or on Amazon, or go to the publisher website



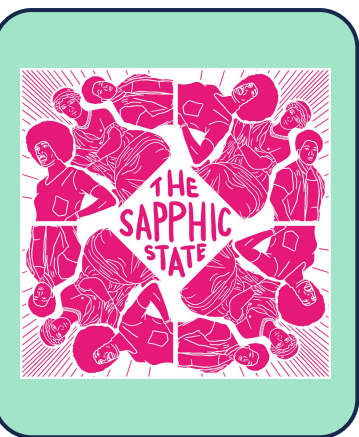
"I'M OUT HERE LIVING MY BEST LIFE. HALLELUJAH ON BEING QUEER!"

Skyler Morgan recently published an article titled: "I'm Out Here Living My Best Life. Hallelujah on Being Queer!": A Qualitative Exploration of the Coming Out Process Among Formerly Incarcerated LGBTQ+ People" [You can read here!](#)



KATHRYN PERKINS ELECTED TO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP

At the last annual meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA), Dr. Kathryn Perkins, TQFSA member and Chair and Associate Professor of Political Science, was selected as Chair-Elect of the Sexuality and Politics section, the primary organization for scholars of LGBTQ politics. She will organize all section panels for the 2026 meeting in Boston and preside over all section events at the 2027 meeting in Washington, D.C.



JOURNAL OF LESBIAN STUDIES (JLS) SPECIAL ISSUE "THE SAPPHIC STATE: LESBIAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO STATE THEORY, POLITICAL THOUGHT AND GOVERNANCE" ACCEPTING ABSTRACTS UNTIL 3/20

The special issue "The Sapphic State" seeks to explore political theory from a lesbian studies perspective, emphasizing the importance of examining the state through a sapphic lens. It aims to highlight the contributions of lesbian and queer women to political theorization and activism, challenging the patriarchal dominance in the field. The issue invites works from lesbian scholars, theorists, practitioners, and grassroots organizations worldwide. Please consider submitting an abstract by 3/20. [More information here.](#)

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Upcoming Events

Date	Event Title	Link/Notes
2/27 @9am	Coffee Meet up!	Come grab coffee and socialize with colleagues! Location TBD
3/12 @12pm	Coffee Meet up! @School of Art Galleries	Slight refreshments will be provided
3/22	National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day in DTLA	More information and details here!
4/15 @4pm	Trans Week of Joy Boba Mixer w/Students	Location and other details to come!
4/18 9:30am - 4pm	Trans Wellness Conference	To volunteer, please contact Dr. Lauren Jensen
5/2 5pm	Deadline to Submit Statements for TQSFA election.	For questions, reach out to Sara Dozier
5/9 @5pm	Lavender Graduation in USU Ballrooms	Volunteer link and more information to come soon!

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