Invisible Lives, Targeted Bodies



Queer Survival Economies and The Murphy Institute Present:

A 2-Day Conference on the Impacts of Economic Injustice on Vulnerable LGBTQ Communities

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Presented by Queer Survival Economies and The Murphy Institute
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INVISIBLE LIVES, TARGETED BODIES: Impacts of Economic Justice on Vulnerable LGBTQ Communities is a two day conference to bring together organizers, activists, scholars and community members to discuss overlooked and often invisible economic justice issues at the intersection of class, race, gender, immigration, non-traditional families, sexuality and the law. Our goal with Invisible Lives, Targeted Bodies is to bring together a conversation in our communities and with our allies to build movement possibilities in the face of economic crisis and queer marginalization. We hope to advance the concerns of poor and low-income LGBTQ people by making visible queer economic realities and begin to develop organizing strategies, research and policies to move this forward.

The conference organizing committee includes:

Colin Ashley, Kyla Bender-Baird, Richard Blum, Yana Calou, Jagadīśadevaśrī Dācus, Miriam Frank, Anne Jonas, Amber Hollibaugh, Rebecca Lurie, Dolly Martinez, Rahul Saksena, Nicci Yin;

and from the Murphy Institute:

Paula Finn, Karen Judd, Stephanie Luce, Ruth Milkman, Ed Ott, and Lucas Sifuentes.

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Visit the Queer Survival Economies website at: queersurvivaleconomies.com

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

9:30 AM - 10 AM Registration

10 AM - 10:30 AM

Welcome and Overview

Stuart Appelbaum (President, RWDSU) Amber Hollibaugh (Queer Survival Economies)

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Whose Communities? LGBTQ Perspectives on Surviving in Poor and Low-Income Communities

Kenyon Farrow (moderator), Sebastian Margaret, Scot Nakagawa, Andrea Ritchie

This panel brings together diverse LGBTQ members from vulnerable communities who will discuss queer issues in immigrant, HIV+, transgender, gender non-conforming, low income, sex workers, homeless, elders, queer workers, and people of color communities in order to thrash out the ways that gender and sexual orientation increases LGBTQ vulnerability and how to begin organizing to combat economic injustices.

12:30 PM - 2 PM

Lunch

2 PM - 4 PM

The Impact of Economic Injustice on Queer Low-Income and Precarious Workers

Rebecca Lurie (moderator), Marta Ames, Kate D'Adamo, isis, Hamid Khan, Riya Ortiz, Daniel Puerto

This panel will cover critical issues confronting low income queer community members in areas such as retail and service jobs, sex work and drug sales, health care and HIV/AIDS, for LGBTQ people who remain without needed legal protection from employment discrimination, while often also struggling with histories of drug use, incarceration and homelessness.

4 PM - 5:30 PM Break Out Groups

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM **Community Reception**

7 PM - 9 PM Film Screenings

LESBIAN FACTORY directed by Su-Hsian Chen **TALES OF THE NIGHT FAIRIES** directed by Shohini Ghosh

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Queer Migrations

Jessica González-Rojas (moderator), Veronica Bayetti Flores, Amanda Lugg, Ola Osaze

This panel highlights the ways economic injustice has shaped the lives of queer immigrants, both documented and undocumented, touching on NYC as an international gay mecca, transnational service work, kinship, HIV ban and legal battleground of the US border.

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Lunch and Book Signings

OUT IN THE UNION: A Labor History of Queer America

- Miriam Frank

STEEL CLOSETS: Voices of Gay, Lesbian and Transgender Steel Workers

- Anne Balay

AIN'T GONNA LET NOBODY TURN ME AROUND: Forty Years of Movement Building with Barbara Smith

- Alethia Jones (co-editor)

2 PM - 4 PM

AFTERNOON PANEL: Gender, Sexuality, HIV and Reproductive Justice

Reina Gossett (moderator), Terry Boggis, Carolyn Jackson, Tei Okamoto, Cara Page

Explores the ways legal, social and economic constraints threaten queer bodily autonomy and well-being, including issues of reproductive health, sexuality, incarceration, homelessness, the difficulties faced by non-traditional families and the tough terrains of gender non-conformity, transition and access to hormones.

4 PM - 5 PM

Closing Discussion & Next Steps







