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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

“What Transpires Now: Transgender History and the Future We Need”

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Susan Stryker's historical scholarship, social change activism, media-making, and theoretical insights have helped shape the field of transgender and queer studies for more than a quarter century. Susan graduated magna cum laud from the University of Oklahoma in 1983 with a B.A. in Letters, and earned her Ph.D. in United States History at the University of California-Berkeley in 1992. She held a postdoctoral research fellowship in sexuality studies at Stanford University, and has been a distinguished visiting faculty member at Harvard University, Macquarie University (Sydney), Simon Fraser University (Vancouver), and the University of California-Santa Cruz. She was Associate Professor of Gender Studies at Indiana University-Bloomington 2009-2011 before joining the faculty at the University of Arizona, where she was Director of the Institute for LGBT Studies 2011-16, and currently holds an ongoing appointment as Associate Professor of Gender and Women's Studies. Susan won an Emmy Award for her documentary film *Screaming Queens: The Riot at Compton's Cafeteria*, a Lambda Literary Award for her anthology *The Transgender Studies Reader* and the Ruth Benedict Book Prize for her anthology *The Transgender Studies Reader 2*. She is also author or editor of the award-nominated books *Gay by the Bay: A History of Queer Culture in the San Francisco Bay Area*, *Queer Pulp: Perverse Passion in the Golden Age of the Paperback*, and *Transgender History*, as well as numerous influential academic journal articles such as "My Words to Victor Frankenstein Above the Village of Chamounix," "Transgender Studies: Queer Theory's Evil Twin," "Dungeon Intimacies," and "Transgender History, Disciplinarity, and Homonormativity." Susan consults regularly on media projects on transgender topics, and recently served as a consulting producer on Rhys Ernst's GLAAD Media Award-winning web-based trans history documentary series *We've Been Around*. She is a founding editor of the academic journal *TSQ: Transgender Studies Quarterly*, and worked for five years, 1999-2003, as Executive Director of the GLBT Historical Society in San Francisco. In 2009 Susan won the David Kessler Award, and in 2015 the Michael Brudner Prize, for lifetime contribution to LGBT Studies.

