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Gender and the Body Undergraduate Conference

Keynote Speaker Kate Bornstein



In May 2014, *TIME* magazine proclaimed a transgender tipping point. Since then, Kate Bornstein—a groundbreaking gender nonbinary individual—has been studying and exploring trans identities that have made no such headway into mainstream culture.

In this keynote address, Bornstein uses the basic tenets of postmodern theory and Tibetan Buddhism and shows how they overlap at slapstick comedy. She infuses her own sense of humor and unique style to remind us that there is a great deal of physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual joy from creating and living one's gender mindfully!

Keynote address is free and open to the public. For more information, visit gsws.pitt.edu.

About the Speaker

Kate Bornstein is an historic figure in the queer and trans community. She is a celebrated author, performance artist, and public speaker, who has written several awardwinning books in the field of women and gender studies, including Gender Outlaw: On Men, Women and the Rest of Us and My Gender Workbook. Her 2006 book Hello Cruel World: 101 Alternatives to Suicide for Teens, Freaks and Other Outlaws propelled Bornstein into an international position of advocacy for marginalized and at-risk youth.

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