



## 2021 Trans Day of Visibility

Trans Day of Visibility (TDOV) is an annual holiday globally celebrated on March 31st. The day is dedicated to celebrating the existence, accomplishments, and victories of transgender & gender non-conforming people. It also serves to raise awareness of the work that remains to save trans lives and ensure that the trans members of our communities are treated with autonomy and honor.

University of Nebraska Omaha Professor of Sociology [Jay A. Irwin](#) writes on TDOV 2021, saying, “Visibility within the transgender community is often a Catch-22, especially for trans people of color, or those living in rural, conservative areas. Hiding one’s identity can be a damaging experience and increase feelings of [isolation, stigma and shame](#). But standing out as a trans person can make someone a [target for discrimination](#) or violence... [TDOV] is an important day that allows community members to come together and find support and solidarity by knowing they are not alone.”

Penn Law Lambda supports, values, and vows to advocate for trans and gender non-conforming individuals within our own community and beyond. We acknowledge the vast contributions made by trans individuals in fighting for LGBTQ rights, in creating art and scholarship and community, and in living with authenticity and joy. We cherish and support all trans individuals, including those who are unable to be comfortably open about their TGNC identities.

Celebrating trans people during this pandemic year is especially important. Trans individuals have been isolated without their communities, unable to access healthcare, and facing continued violence. QTPOC have dealt with horrendous acts of hate and racism and watched their communities face state-sanctioned oppression and violence. Despite the challenges of this year, trans people have built beautiful and vibrant online communities, developed support groups, promoted telehealth, and celebrated trans joy on globally accessible platforms.

The past year has also introduced an increase of legislation that targets trans people with [trans youth sports bans](#) and bills that [limit access to gender affirming health care](#). More than 20 states introduced [anti-trans bills](#) in 2020. The trans community is estimated to make up [less than 1%](#) of the United States population and this targeted, coordinated political campaign against the TGNC community demonstrates the extreme

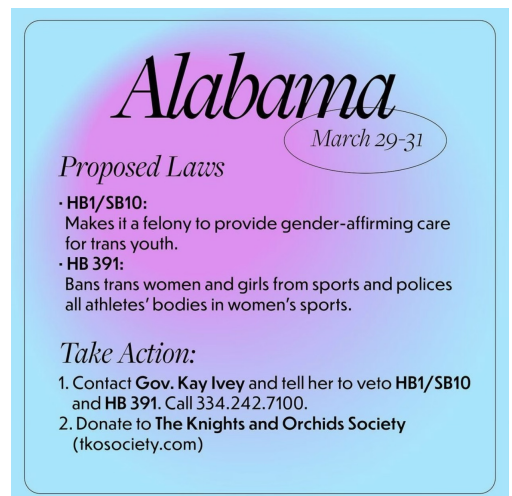
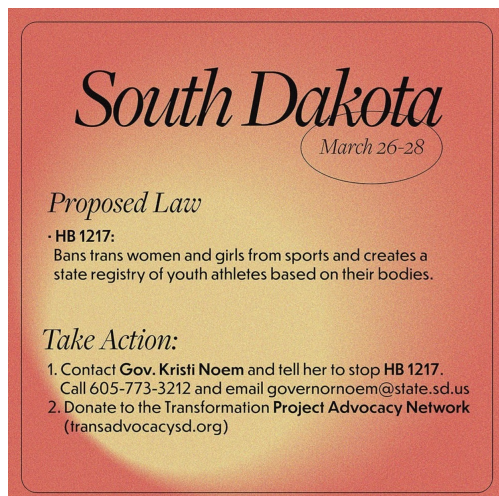
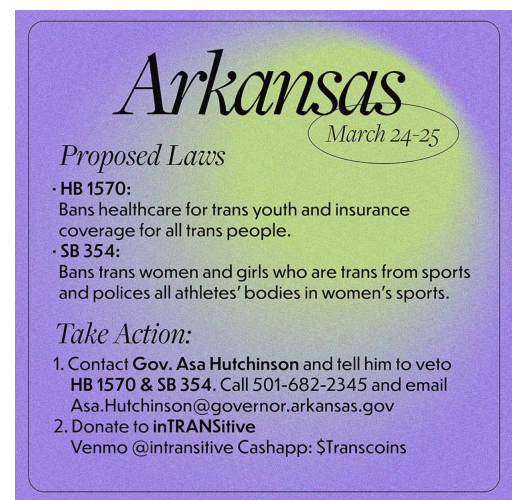
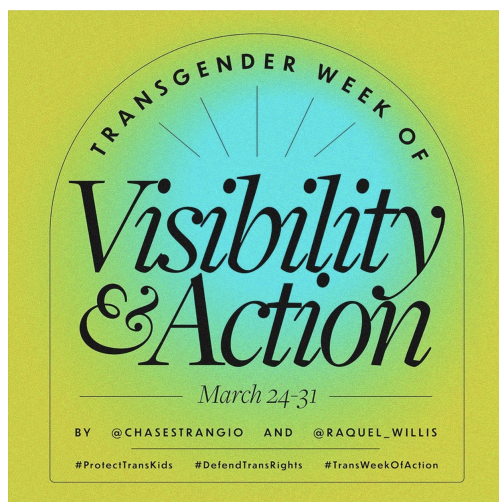


nature of transphobic hate; these bills are a violent way of attacking a minority population.

We would like to share several resources with the Penn Law community to provide educational resources on the status of various efforts, calls to action, and opportunities to affirm and celebrate trans dignity.

Raquel Willis and Chase Strangio have partnered to “raise more awareness of some of these hateful laws that ignorant [sic] politicians are trying to pass to police trans folks, especially trans women and girls.”

We encourage you to take on the action steps outlined in the following graphics and in more detail on [this public google document](#). See Raquel’s [instagram](#) for more info.





Chase and Raquel have co-authored the article [Visibility Alone Will Not Keep Transgender Youth Safe](#) with greater detail on the these bills. The ACLU has compiled a guide of legislation affecting LGBTQ rights to be found [here](#).

### **Local Engagement Opportunities**

#### **Professionalism in Practice: Ensuring Respectful Treatment of Transgender Clients**

On April 6th, Penn Law's Center for Professionalism will be joined by [Ethan Rice](#), Senior Attorney for the Fair Courts Project. Ethan will be presenting student attendees with hypothetical situations involving transgendered clients, and students will have to think through and share how they would deliver respectful and ethical representation of these clients. The program will be almost entirely interactive. This will be a welcoming space to ask questions and learn about best practices. Registration is linked [here](#).

#### **Drexel OUTlaw presents A Discussion With Professor Dean Spade On Queer & Trans Justice:**

The poster is for a virtual event. It has an orange background with a dark blue footer. At the top left, it says "APRIL 6TH, 2021" and "6PM-7:15PM (ET)". To the right is the Drexel University logo and "Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law". Below the date, it says "Drexel OUTlaw presents...". The main title is "A Discussion With Professor Dean Spade On Queer & Trans Justice". Below that, it lists his books: "AUTHOR OF NORMAL LIFE: ADMINISTRATIVE VIOLENCE, CRITICAL TRANS POLITICS, AND THE LIMITS OF LAW" and "MUTUAL AID: BUILDING SOLIDARITY DURING THIS CRISIS (AND THE NEXT)". On the right is a photo of Professor Dean Spade. The Zoom ID "834 6144 8585" is in the top right. The footer says "EVENT QUALIFIES FOR CLE" and "ASL INTERPRETING WILL BE PROVIDED" with the contact "me563@drexel.edu".

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