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Biography

TC Tolbert is a genderqueer, feminist poet and facilitator committed to social justice. S/he believes in working across communities – building bridges wherever possible. TC earned his MFA in Poetry from The University of Arizona in 2005 and is the Assistant Director of Casa Libre en la Solana, a literary nonprofit in Tucson, Arizona. S/he is the founder and director of *Made for Flight*, a youth empowerment project that utilizes creative writing and kite building to commemorate transgender people who have been murdered in the previous year.

TC is co-editor of the forthcoming *Anthology of Trans and Genderqueer Poetry* (EOAGH Books), the first anthology of its kind. His work won the Arizona Statewide Poetry Competition in 2010. TC's chapbook, *territories of folding*, was recently published by Kore Press and his collection, *Gephyromania*, is forthcoming from Ahsahta Press. His poems can be found in *Volt*, *The Pinch*, *Drunken Boat*, *Shampoo*, *A Trunk of Delirium*, *jubilat*, and *EOAGH*. www.tctolbert.com

TC is available for workshops, conferences, special events, readings, and staff trainings. Combining humor, critical analysis, and a love for human interaction, TC's facilitation creates an atmosphere that encourages dialogue, risk, and personal reflection on issues of gender identity, sexual orientation, class, race, and access to privilege. Walk away from each workshop with concrete, adaptable tools for being an ally in your community and using your unique voice.

Interactive Workshops

Made for Flight: Trans-Ally Development Participants learn the histories of Transgender women and men who have been murdered in the last year, investigate the larger scope of Transgender history and violence, learn about and write their own poems and stories with a safe, engaged group of peers, and decorate kites in remembrance of those murdered. 2-3 hours. All skill levels.

Made for Flight: Train the Trainers Participants are trained to facilitate and adapt *Made for Flight* for your campus or community. Includes kite building, LGBTQ 101, facilitation, and ally development. 3-4 hours. All skill levels. Intermediate to advanced LGBTQ knowledge required. www.madeforflight.com

LGBTQ 101: From Homoflexible to Transfabulous, All Hail the Queen! Participants will gain a rich understanding of LGBTQ identities and intersecting oppressions. This workshop is perfect for allies who wish to deepen their awareness and make their workplace, campus, or community a safer, more inclusive place. 1-2 hours. Beginner to intermediate understanding of LGBTQ issues and identities.

Throw Your Voice: A Poetry Workshop for LGBTQ Youth An introduction to LGBTQ poetry for LGBTQ youth. Participants will develop their own craft and get feedback on their work, while gaining confidence and valuable experience experimenting with their voices. 2-4 hours.

Tracing Erasures An introduction to trans and genderqueer poetry with an investigation of form as a bodily constraint. What might a trans-poetics of the body look like, feel like, sound like? Participants will engage with their bodies as texts and sites of textual analysis. 2-4 hours. Intermediate to advanced knowledge of poetry and trans identities required.

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