

booking Julia Serano for your college or conference!



Julia Serano is a writer, performer, activist, and biologist. She is best known as the author of *Whipping Girl: A Transsexual Woman on Sexism and the Scapegoating of Femininity*, a collection of personal essays that debunk many of the myths and misconceptions people have about trans women, femininity, and the subjects of gender and sexism more generally. Now in its second edition, *Whipping Girl* has garnered rave reviews—*The Advocate* placed it on their list of the best non-fiction transgender books, and readers of *Ms. Magazine* ranked it #16 on their list of the 100 Best Non-Fiction Books of All Time.

Julia's second book, *Excluded: Making Feminist and Queer Movements More Inclusive*, was a finalist for the Judy Grahn Award for Lesbian Nonfiction, and *Autostraddle* named it one of the "Top 10 Queer and Feminist Books of 2013." Julia's other writings have appeared in over a dozen anthologies, in news and media outlets such as *TIME*, *The Guardian*, *The Daily Beast*, *Salon*, *AlterNet*, *Out*, *Bitch*, and *Ms.*, and have been used as teaching materials in gender and queer studies, sociology, psychology, and human sexuality courses in colleges across North America. More info about her writings and other work can be found on her website: juliaserano.com

Hello, and thanks for your interest in bringing me out to your campus, conference, or event!

Over the last ten years, I have given performances, presentations, workshops, and readings at a wide variety of colleges and universities. I have also been a keynote or featured speaker at numerous academic and activist conferences (a selected list of these can be found on the second page of this pamphlet).

I can speak to a broad range of topics related to feminism, queer/LGBTQ+, and transgender issues and activism. While I am always happy to tailor my presentations to fit your needs and/or the theme of your event, this pamphlet provides brief descriptions of some of my most frequently requested talks.

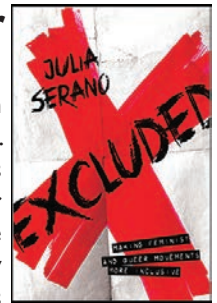
I typically follow my presentations with an extended Q&A session, so that audience members can share their thoughts and questions. In addition, I am also open to informal meetings or discussions with students and organizers while I am in town. If you decide that you want to bring me out to your conference or campus, just email me at hi@juliaserano.com.

Best wishes, -julia

a presentation based upon Julia's latest book:

"Making Feminist and Queer Movements More Inclusive"

Exclusivity is a daunting problem within feminism and queer (i.e., LGBTQIA+) activism. Some feminists condemn other feminists because of their manner of dress, interests, or for the sexual partners or practices they take up. There is a long history of lesbian and gay activists who outright dismiss bisexuals, trans people, and other gender and sexual minorities. These and other instances of exclusion arise when we prioritize certain forms of sexism and marginalization over all others, thus resulting in far smaller movements with far more narrow and distorted agendas.



In this talk, Julia discusses numerous strategies that she forwards in her recent book *Excluded: Making Feminist and Queer Movements More Inclusive* that empower us to challenge all forms of sexism and marginalization, even those that we may be unfamiliar with. These strategies include recognizing natural variation in gender and sexuality, and that people are fundamentally heterogeneous; moving beyond fixed views of sexism and marginalization that deny many individual's unique situations, experiences, and perspectives; and learning to more generally recognize double standards, double-binds, and methods of invalidation that are routinely used to undermine minorities and marginalized groups.

Julia's most frequently requested presentations

Trans Feminism

Trans feminism refers to transgender perspectives on feminism and/or feminist perspectives on transgender issues. In this talk, Julia provides an overview of the history of this movement and discusses her own views, including some of the ideas that she forwarded in her book *Whipping Girl: A Transsexual Woman on Sexism and the Scapegoating of Femininity*.

I'll See It When I Believe It: On Perception and Gender Entitlement

Julia's most accessible talk, perfect for more general audiences. As human beings, we tend to be focused on (and sometimes fascinated or concerned by) how other people "do" their genders. Yet we hardly ever take a moment to consider how we see and interpret other people's genders. With thoughtfulness, sharp wit, and a sense of humor, Julia draws on her own personal experiences having been viewed both female and male at different points in her life, to highlight how unconscious expectations and assumptions shape how we view other people. She also makes the case that *gender entitlement* (when we project our own meanings, value judgments, and assumptions about gender onto other people) lies at the root of all forms of sexism.

Putting the Feminine Back Into Feminism

As a feminist, biologist, and femme-identified trans woman, Julia has a unique perspective on feminine gender expression. In this talk, she moves beyond questions of "nature versus nurture," and challenges the popular tendency in our culture to denigrate and sexualize feminine gender expression. In addition to critiquing both sexist and certain feminist interpretations of femininity, Julia offers new potential directions for femme politics and activism.

Rethinking Sexualization

Sexualization occurs when sexuality is nonconsensually imposed upon a person, or when they are reduced to their sexual body or behaviors to the exclusion of other characteristics. Feminists have long discussed how women are often sexualized by men in our culture, but less attention has been paid to other forms of sexualization: the way in which LGBTQIA+ individuals and other minorities are often accused of being sexual predators, deviants, and/or promiscuous, or the way in which attraction to certain types of people is described as a "fetish" rather than viewed as genuine. In this talk, Julia offers an intersectional approach to explain why sexualization is such an effective tactic to intimidate and invalidate marginalized people.

Outspoken: Transgender Oral History & Spoken Word Poetry (new for 2016-17!)

In this talk (largely based on her forthcoming book *Outspoken: A Decade of Transgender Activism and Trans Feminism*), Julia shares her personal experiences growing up trans and finding transgender community in the pre-Internet age, performs some of the slam poetry/spoken word she created as a trans activist in the early-to-mid '00s, reflects upon the evolution of the transgender movement over the last several decades, and discusses some of the new challenges we face moving forward.

Activism, Language, and Differences of Opinion (new for 2016-17!)

Within social justice movements, there are always differences of opinion with regards to whether certain ideas, language, or approaches are useful and productive, or self-defeating and destructive. These debates have intensified in recent years, as certain activist strategies and terminologies have increasingly garnered momentum and mainstream attention. Drawing from her extensive writings on such matters, Julia will attempt to shed light onto the underlying forces (e.g., how discrimination works, the varying approaches to activism, considerations of language) that lead people to come to very different conclusions with regards to how best to challenge marginalization.

more talk suggestions, plus a comprehensive list of Julia's past workshops, classes, and presentations, can be found on the "booking" page of julia's website (juliaserano.com/booking.html).

Julia has given keynote or featured talks at the following conferences & events:

Lewis and Clark Gender Studies Symposium • Philadelphia Trans-Health Conference
Translating Identity Conference • Seattle Trans* Pride • TransForming Feminisms • Vermont Pride
2nd Annual Bodies of Knowledge Symposium • Technologies and Locales of Knowledge Symposium

selected list of colleges that Julia has performed or presented at:

American University • Amherst College • Brown University • Bryn Mawr College • Carleton College
Clark University • Concordia University • Cornell University • DePaul University • Furman University
Grinnell College • Johns Hopkins University • New York University • Queen's University • Reed College
Smith College • Southern Illinois University • Stanford University • Stony Brook University
Swarthmore College • Syracuse University • University of British Columbia • University of Cincinnati
University of Georgia, Athens • University of Kansas • University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
USC • Vanderbilt University • Vassar College • Wright State University • Yale University