



**“I am a strategist, facilitator and consultant supporting innovative, creative and critical exploration, dialogue and implementation about issues related to diversity, inclusion and equity.”**

**S. LEIGH THOMPSON** he/they

S. Leigh Thompson is a white and Native queer trans genderqueer person with disability who has worked at the intersections of art and social and political justice for over 20 years. Leigh began working in social justice field in 2000, fighting against so-called “Defense of Marriage” amendment in Nebraska. Since then he has worked as a trainer, campaign strategist, community organizer and lobbyist for organizations such as the ACLU, GLSEN and Race Forward: The Center for Racial Justice Innovation. They hold a BA in Theatre from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and an individualized MA from Gallatin at NYU, focusing on utilizing creative participation for political and social change with course work in change theory, community studies, public policy, nonprofit management and campaign strategies.

Leigh is currently a consultant, facilitator and strategist supporting deeper understanding of equity, inclusion and justice and building tools to dismantle systemic power, privilege and oppression. His consulting clients include small local to large global nonprofits, educational institutions, movement coalitions and businesses from around the world. He was recently the lead author on several learning guides for the film Disclosure, an award-winning documentary about the history of trans images in film & TV.

Leigh was also an Out in Front Leadership Fellow with Stonewall Community Foundation in 2011. They also served as a Board Member and Board President of Pedagogy and Theatre of the Oppressed from 2011 to 2018 and has been providing training and curriculum design support for the Center for Racial Justice in Education since 2016. He has received an award from Brooklyn Borough President for his artistic activism supporting the LGBTQ community and from the Center for Racial Justice in Education for advancing racial equity."

## **AFFILIATIONS & AWARDS**

- Trainer and Curriculum Designer, Center for Racial Justice in Education. Jun 16-current
- Partner, Partners for Collaborative Change. Mar 17-Aug 20
- Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams: Recipient of commendation in 2014 for record of advocacy and social justice art in Brooklyn supporting the LGBTQ community.
- Center for Racial Justice in Education (formerly Border Crossers): Recipient of 2013 Community Partner Award for “racial equity and anti-oppression work in New York City.”



# SPEAKING TOPICS

- Power, privilege and oppression and the intersections of identity
- Gender diversity and transgender inclusion
- Queer communities and identity
- Whiteness and racism
- Cancel culture and accountability

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## WHAT PEOPLE SAY

"A gifted facilitator, trainer and problem solver, Leigh set us on the right path to help us advance our mission."

**Oliver Bernstein**

Founder & Principal, Steady Hand PR and Board Member, Sierra Club

"Leigh is the kind of big-hearted, fiercely intelligent teacher that pushes all of the people in the room to put their ego aside and continue to grow. You will leave the room vastly more prepared to be a problem-posing troublemaker in a world that needs more people shaking things up."

**Bobby Gordon**

Director of Special Projects, UCLA Art & Global Health Center

"Leigh is friendly and open, making it easy to tackle tough and sensitive issues together. He's thoughtful, methodical, and extremely knowledgeable."

**Sarah Hodgdon**

Partner, The Management Center

"Leigh brings a strong intersectional analysis that combines issues of race, gender, power and privilege that has been helpful in allowing participants to push themselves and see the impact of their identity in the work they are trying to accomplish."

**Benny Vasquez**

Chief Equity Officer, KIPP Foundation

