

FAIRNESS FIRST X TALK



featuring

Megan McCoy, PhD

*“Transforming Silence into Action:
Building Alliances for LGBTQ2S+
Older Adults in Arizona”*

Join us for a captivating talk by Megan McCoy on AZALEA Project, a recently formed stakeholder group focused on health equity for LGBTQ2S+ older adults, is being created with the community. Homophobia, transphobia, and ageism all conspire to create silences for LGBTQ2S+ older adults, many of whom fear having to go back into the closet to access care in later life. The AZALEA Project draws on the expertise of community members, service providers, and researchers to, in the words of the poet and activist Audre Lorde, **“transform silence into language and action”** through working together in alliance. Don't miss this opportunity to delve into this vital topic and its implications for public health.

Wednesday, Feb. 28

@ 12:00 p.m., MST
1-Hour Zoom event



Megan C. McCoy (she/her/hers) is a member of the LGBTQ+ community and Assistant Professor of Social Work. She brings 22 years of direct practice, non-profit management, and community-based research experience in settings serving older adults to her role. Dr. McCoy's research addresses the impact of historical institutionalized silences in later life with a focus on health equity for LGBTQ+ older adults and the potential for community-based settings to function as identity-affirming spaces which promote resilience.



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