



In the South, conservative political and social ideology surrounding gender plays a central role in trans men's understanding and experiences of what it means to be a man. The Southeastern United States is a location where trans identities have not always been tied to queerness or heightened understandings of gender. Overall, place matters and is crucial to understanding gender and what it means to be a "man." As we watch conservative political and social ideas about gender and masculinities run rampant across the country, understanding how this ideology has held prominence in the South for centuries, and continues to be upheld despite changes in scientific discovery and visibility of queerness, is vital. This lens can provide one perspective for understanding and strategically considering ways to overcome toxic masculinity.

join us for a
Social Theory Talk
featuring
**Dr. Baker A. Rogers, MSW,
Ph.D. (they/she)**

**Friday, October 17, 2025
2-3:30 pm**

**Alumni Gallery,
William T Young Library**

followed by a happy hour,
**4-5:30 pm at
Kentucky Native**

Baker Rogers:
Examining
Masculinities & How
Trans Men Navigate
This Toxic Terrain in
the Southeastern U.S.