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It’s crazy what art and a great brew can inspire

-Taylor L. Curtis

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We’re born naked and the rest is Drag!

-RuPaul

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 |  | Thursday, March 20th @ 5:30pm *Evie Lovett Art Exhibit opening And SGE1 Kick-Off Celebration**Backstage at the rainbow cattle Co.* Exhibit open and the *Sex, Gender, Expression & 1st Amendment Symposium Series*  |

**Welcome to Evie Lovett’s *Backstage at the Rainbow Cattle Co* Exhibit Opening,** and **the *Sex, Gender, Expression and the First Amendment* Project Kick-Off.** Photographer Evie Lovett will speak about her years-long experience shooting the work and the unique collaboration between photographer and subject. Please join us to celebrate Evie’s innovative vision and the *SGE1 Project Kick-Off* for a month long exploration of the intersection between Sex, Gender, Expression and the First Amendment.

March 17th - April 12th

**Evie Lovett’s *Backstage at the Rainbow Cattle Co. the Drag Queens of Dummerston, Vermont* Exhibit***,* is displayed at Vermont Law School in **Oakes Hall and the Second Floor of the Cornell Library.** In this exhibition of photography and audio, photographer Evie Lovett offers a unique and highly personal portrait of drag queens in rural Vermont. We see the backstage metamorphosis before the glittering show—waistlines synched, cleavage created, hips inserted, rough skin smoothed with foundation. And we hear Miss Candi describe a trip to Lord and Taylor to buy an evening gown, and about Mama’s first time in drag.

Evie describes photographing the Ladies of the Rainbow Cattle Co. as a personally transformative experience. “I went into the basement with curiosity and an interest in how drag queens use dressing up to explore different parts of themselves. I didn’t think I had much in common with someone who dressed as a drag queen. I emerged wishing I had more in common: more guts to explore a different side of myself, to be courageous and outrageous, to write my own story rather than follow a prescribed path that I feel I should walk. My time with the Ladies has prompted me to ask myself: how can I achieve that degree of freedom—and fun—in my own life?”

Evie Lovett’s work inspired the *Project* and will set the tone for a month of education. We hope to create a dialogue that not only brings these complicated and highly contentious issues to the forefront, but that will provide enlightening, honest, and fun discourse.

What is the project?

Vermont Law School’s Alliance and National Lawyers Guild invite you to participate in our *Sex, Gender, Expression and the First Amendment Project (SGE1)* starts today and will commence early April of 2014. Alliance is a coalition of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, and straight members of the law school community, who strives to achieve equality before the law, promote diversity, and educate the community about LGBTQQ identities. National Lawyers Guild is legal and political organization of lawyers, legal workers, and law students, who represent progressive political movements, using the law to protect human rights above property interests and to attain social justice.

Our project this spring will consist of a series of panel discussions, speakers, a film showing, an art exhibit, and Gayla, a celebration of the historic queer art form of drag. This project will highlight conceptual issues related to the rights to free expression, assembly, and association as they concern sexuality, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and queer intersectionality.

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#### 5:30 Artist Reception

#### 6:00 Opening Remarks

**6:40 Artist Talk**

**7:00 Art Walk**