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**Trans\* Awareness Week to Celebrate CSUN Trans\* Community and  
Features Author and Activist Janet Mock as Guest Speaker**

Northridge — The Pride Center at the University Student Union is inviting all CSUN students, faculty and staff to attend a series of events celebrating Trans\* Awareness Week from Monday, Nov. 16 to Thursday, Nov. 19. The week is dedicated to bringing attention to the Trans\* community through educating the public and advocating support around the challenges faced on campus and across the nation. Events will include special guest speaker Janet Mock, ground breaking film screenings, dynamic discussions, engaging events and other interesting speakers from various professions.

“Trans\* Awareness Week is an annual event that welcomes all students, faculty and staff to celebrate the Trans\* community at CSUN,” said Sarina Loeb, Pride Center Coordinator, “It helps raise the visibility of the community and addresses key issues faced by these individuals in a safe and inclusive setting on our campus.”

Trans\* Awareness week will begin on Monday, Nov. 16 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Thousand Oaks Room at the USU with Trans\* 101, an informative workshop about the trans\* experience. In the evening, New York Times best-selling author and trans\* activist Janet Mock will give a dynamic presentation based on her book “Redefining Realness” at 4 p.m. in the Northridge Center at the USU. Mock is host of “So POPular!” on MSNBC, a contributing editor for Marie Claire, correspondent for Entertainment Tonight, creator of #GirlsLikeUS, and a prominent figure in the trans\* community.

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You'll hear about her path to womanhood, identity and love during her presentation followed by a Q & A, book signing and meet and greet.

On Tuesday, Nov. 17 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Trans\* 101 returns in the Tujunga Room at the USU, followed by Transfeminist Revolt from 3:30 to 5 p.m. and the Variet\* Show from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the Grand Salon at the USU.

On Wednesday, Nov. 18 from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Thousand Oaks room at the USU, join us for Trans\*form Domestic Violence, a presentation in collaboration with Project DATE focused on domestic violence in the trans\* community. That evening a special movie screening from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Pride Center at the USU will feature "Still Black: A Portrait of Black Transmen."

Trans\* Awareness Week will then wrap up at the USU on Thursday, Nov. 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Plaza del Sol with the Trans\* Resource Fair, followed by Trans\* 101 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Flintridge Room and culminating with the Transgender Remembrance Ceremony from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Thousand Oaks Room at the USU.

For more information about Trans\* Awareness Week, please contact Pride Center Coordinator Sarina Loeb at [sarina.loeb@csun.edu](mailto:sarina.loeb@csun.edu). For a list of full events and descriptions, please visit [www.csun.edu/pride](http://www.csun.edu/pride).

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