RHIZOMATIC RESISTANCE:
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ETHICS IN FEMINIST AND LGBTQ
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Abstract:
Trans Studies scholar Susan Stryker writes, “justice, when we first feel its claims upon us, typically points us toward a future we can scarcely imagine” (2007, 68). In this same passage, Stryker envisages a time when greenhouse gas emissions will become “morally indefensible” (68). This talk will offer an overview of LGBTQ+ environmental activism, ethics, and aesthetics from the 1970s to today. I’ll draw from my current book project, Environmental Eros: Picturing Feminist, Queer, and Trans Ecologies, which brings together environmental studies, gender and sexuality studies, and media studies. My talk will focus on 1970s ecological feminisms, the Radical Faerie movement (ca. 1979-today), and several contemporary environmental groups, including the Queer Ecojustice Project (QEP). Ultimately I not only make a case for the inclusion of these lesser-known movements in histories of American environmentalism, but I also argue that these groups offer us lessons and models for contemporary environmental action.