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Join Ernest Guillén on **Tuesday, June 23**, at **2:00 p.m.** for a virtual discussion of the documentary film, **The Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson.**

During a time where systemic racism is being scrutinized and our campuses are creating safe spaces to reflect upon issues of systemic racism and bias. This film begins the discourse which examines how one community's struggles have ripple effects...not only on other marginalized groups, but the impact those ripples have on us today in our Pandemic/Protest/Policing/Political reality.

Victoria Cruz, LGBTQ+ activist and contemporary of Johnson's, with the help of fellow Stonewall rioter and Gay Power activist Sylvia Rivera, investigates the mysterious 1992 death of Black gay rights activist and Stonewall veteran Marsha P. Johnson, an American Gay Liberation activist, co-founder of S.T.A.R. and self-identified Drag Queen who was among the vanguard of the Stonewall Riots.

Using archival interviews with Johnson, and new interviews with Johnson's family, friends and fellow activists, director David France attempts to shed light on how this important voice in social change was tragically silenced.

At the intersection of **Black Lives Matter** and **Black Trans Lives Matter**, and the **LGBTQ+ civil rights struggle**...let us broaden the District-wide conversation and examine how prejudice and racism spill over into other communities, the impacts these intersections have on race, gender and sexuality...as well as the real life consequences to activists for social change. We will also discuss ways allies/accomplices use not only their privilege to uplift marginalized communities, but how to do so in a sensitive, respectful way as members of ancillary groups.

When: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 2 p.m.

Zoom Link: <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/93913258291>

Trailer: [The Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson](#)

This documentary is available to watch on Netflix.

We will utilize film clips directly pulled from the documentary to help facilitate our discussion.