

# Q+A

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## HOW DO YOU IDENTIFY?

Latina Butch Lezzie

## WHAT DO YOU DO FOR A LIVING?

Camera Assistant/Filmmaker/Smasher of the Patriarchy

## HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN PORTLAND/OREGON? WHAT DO YOU LOVE/HATE ABOUT IT?

I moved to Portland in November of 2005. I love the beauty and geography of the city. I also love the visibility that we, as queer people, have in the city. The thing that I think Portland is most lacking is cultural and ethnic diversity. It's frustrating and disappointing that a city as high profile as Portland has become, that it continues to hide behind its liberalism/"progressive" politics and completely ignores issues of race and the marginalization of its people of color. This goes for both the straight and queer community.

## WHAT'S YOUR MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT OR A PASSION YOU HAVE THAT NO ONE WOULD GUESS?

My childhood affinity towards dinosaurs, which has carried into adulthood, is probably both "secret passion" and "embarrassing moment."

## WHO DO YOU LOOK UP TO OR REVERE IN THE GAY COMMUNITY OR HISTORICALLY?

A few of my queer heroes, in no particular order, are Cherrie L. Moraga, Joan Jett, Thomas Lauderdale, Sini Anderson and Anne Bonney.

## HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED DISCRIMINATION WITHIN THE QUEER COMMUNITY?

Everyone has their prejudices, even gay people. So, yes.

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