

Dean Spade Quotes

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Let's be gentle with ourselves and each other and fierce as we fight oppression.

~Dean Spade

Choosing an agenda that supports the apparatuses of racial violence always pays better.

~Dean Spade

I am not arguing that we should never use legal reform as a tactic. Instead, I argue that it should not be a goal.

~Dean Spade

More conservative advocacy work often encourages portrayals of trans people as people who deserve rights. Deservingness, of course, corresponds to national racial, gender and ability norms.

~Dean Spade

Military inclusion has never been a central demand from trans populations, who consistently name criminalization, immigration enforcement, poverty and joblessness as top priorities.

~Dean Spade

I am interested in recent scholarly work examining the emergence of women's studies and ethnic studies departments and the development of the neoliberal university.

~Dean Spade

My work is heavily influenced by critiques that many critical intellectual traditions, especially Critical Race Theory, have made of reform projects focused on legal equality.

~Dean Spade

We have seen the most well-funded gay and lesbian rights organizations valorize the US military in their work seeking inclusion in

military service.

~Dean Spade

I argue that legal equality has failed resistance movements aimed at transforming material conditions of violence, and that trans activists should take a decidedly different approach.

~Dean Spade

Many people who are drawn to work about racism and transphobia may be new to thinking deeply about colonialism and indigenous resistance in their North America.

~Dean Spade

Law reforms in the US, ostensibly enacted to prohibit racism, have proven ineffective because they focus on bad intentions of individuals and fail to comprehend population-level conditions.

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