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## OUT & EQUAL WORKPLACE ADVOCATES TO HONOR “TRANSPARENT” AT ANNUAL MOMENTUM GALA MARCH 26 IN SAN FRANCISCO

*Actor Amy Landecker to Accept Recognition During Event Hosted By Comedian Kate Clinton*

**SAN FRANCISCO (Feb. 4, 2015)** – [Out & Equal Workplace Advocates](#), the world’s largest nonprofit dedicated to achieving workplace equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) employees, honors the Golden Globe-winning television show, “Transparent,” at its 8<sup>th</sup> annual fundraising gala, [Momentum](#). Hosted by comedian Kate Clinton, Momentum is Out & Equal’s annual leadership celebration and gala dinner that features entertainment, fundraising auction, a cocktail reception and inspirational speakers. The event takes place Thurs., March 26 at San Francisco’s Hotel Nikko.



Amy Landecker,  
co-star of “Transparent”

Click here for a [video](#) introducing viewers to the Pfefferman family.

Momentum also includes a pre-reception panel discussion on creating a professional LGBT and Allies (LGBTQA) brand. Successful LGBTQA leaders will share their experiences with building and leveraging their professional brands for career growth and to add value to the workplace.

Momentum concludes a three-day Executive Forum conference which convenes dozens of corporate executives, business and community leaders, individuals and allies to help build leadership skills, strengthen business connections and discuss how to achieve LGBT equality and advancement in the workplace.

As part of Momentum 2015, Out & Equal honors “Transparent” for both its groundbreaking portrayal of the transgender community and for hiring transgender cast and crew members to best present the transgender experience.

“Transparent” co-star, Amy Landecker, who plays leading character Sarah Pfefferman, will accept the award on the show’s behalf.

“Momentum comes at a crucial point for the LGBT equality movement: the Supreme Court is expected to make a definitive ruling on marriage equality in June, yet workplace equality continues to lag behind. Employees can still be legally fired in 29 states for who we are and who we love,” said Selisse Berry, founder and chief executive officer of Out & Equal. “Although there’s still much work to be done when it comes to LGBT equality, ‘Transparent’ is breaking new ground. The show has hired 20 transgender people for its cast and crew and more than 60 transgender actors as extras, while raising the community’s visibility and boldly portraying issues faced by transgender people every day.”



Selisse Berry, Founder & CEO, Out & Equal

## **About “Transparent”**

Amazon Studios’ “Transparent” is a Golden Globe-winning television show that follows the lives of the Pfefferman family upon learning that patriarch Mort (Jeffrey Tambor) is transgender. At this year’s Golden Globe Awards, “Transparent” was named Best Television Series in a Musical or Comedy, while co-star Jeffrey Tambor won the award for Best Actor in a TV Series, Musical or Comedy. As one of the first television shows to spotlight transgender issues, “Transparent” is praised for its portrayal of the transgender community.

“I’m deeply honored to accept this award on behalf of ‘Transparent,’ a show that continually makes me proud,” said co-star Amy Landecker. “Out & Equal’s work toward workplace equality for members of the transgender community is vital and an important step toward full equality for all members of the LGBT community.”

## **Out & Equal’s Executive Forum**

Momentum takes place at the conclusion of Out & Equal’s [Executive Forum](#), an annual, three-day conference for prominent LGBT business leaders and emerging executives to network and discuss diversity best practices. Out & Equal works with companies from around the world to support their work in creating more equitable work environments for LGBT employees.

## **CALENDAR EDITORS, PLEASE NOTE:**

### **What:**

Out and Equal Workplace Advocates’ annual fundraising gala, Momentum

### **Where:**

Hotel Nikko  
222 Mason St., San Francisco, CA 94102

### **When:**

Thurs., March 26, 2015

### **Timeline:**

- Panel discussion on building LGBT brand from 4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.
- Reception from 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Dinner 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

### **Who:**

Attendees include:

- Amy Landecker, co-star of “Transparent”
- Out and Equal CEO Selisse Berry
- Comedian Kate Clinton
- Momentum Gala chairs Lori Fox and Charlene Grabowski

### **Admission:**

Ticket prices start at \$175 per person and are available at [www.outandequal.org/events/momentum](http://www.outandequal.org/events/momentum).

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**2015 Momentum Gala**

Out and Equal's 2015 Momentum Gala takes place on March 26, 2015 and will be hosted by Kate Clinton, a comedian specializing in LGBT political commentary. Chairs for Momentum are Lori Fox and Charlene Grabowski. The event begins with cocktails at 6:00 p.m., dinner and keynote speaker Amy Landecker at 7:30 p.m., followed by post-dinner dancing. The event is business cocktail attire and catered by Hotel Nikko. Tickets, priced starting at \$175, are available at [www.outandequal.org/events/momentum](http://www.outandequal.org/events/momentum) or by calling (415) 694-6508.

For further information, please visit Out & Equal online at: [www.outandequal.org](http://www.outandequal.org) or call (415) 694-6500.

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**ABOUT OUT & EQUAL WORKPLACE ADVOCATES**

[Out & Equal Workplace Advocates](http://www.outandequal.org) is the world's premiere nonprofit organization dedicated to achieving lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) workplace equality. Out & Equal collaborates with Fortune 1000 companies and government agencies to provide a safe, welcoming and supportive environment for LGBT employees. Since 1996, Out & Equal has worked with executives, human resources professionals and Employee Resource Groups to provide leadership and professional development, education and research.

Out & Equal hosts the annual Workplace Summit, where employees and experts from around the world gather to share strategies and best practices to create workplace equality, inclusive of all sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions. Visit [www.outandequal.org](http://www.outandequal.org) for more information.

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