

Keynote Bios

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Walter Bockting, PhD

Walter Bockting is a psychologist and an Associate Professor at the University of Minnesota, Department of Family Medicine and Community Health. He is the course director of Sexual Counseling for Physicians, a required course for family medicine and psychiatry residents. He supervises medical residents, and students in sexual counseling practicum, and supervises post-doctoral clinical/research fellows in psychology and human sexuality.

Dr. Bockting's research interests included gender identity development, transgender health, sexuality and the Internet, HIV prevention, and intersexuality. His current grant supported research includes: NICHD "Gender Identity and HIV Risk II" 2007-2012 Principal Investigator, Assessing the sexuality and HIV risk behaviors of men who have sex with transgender persons and integrate his findings into an Internet-based sexual health intervention for the U.S. transgender population.

Walter Bockting is currently the President of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health.

Jaime Grant, PhD

Dr. Jaime Grant, Director of the Policy Institute at the US National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, holds a Ph. D. in Women's Studies from the Union Institute where she studied with Minnie Bruce Pratt, Barbara Smith and queer historian John D'Emilio.

For six years, she directed the Union Institute's Center for Women, the nation's only academic women's center dedicated to collaborations between scholars and activists. Her articles on transformational organizations and coalition work have been published in major academic journals and anthologies. Dr. Grant has offered a course in social movements at Georgetown University and workshops on gender expression and sexuality at Whitman Walker's Lesbian Services Program and The Task Force's Creating Change Conference.

Her piece on butch/femme erotics was developed at Whitman Walker and appeared in Leslea Newman's anthology The Femme Mystique and in Sojourner: The Women's Forum. Grant recently served as a program designer and facilitator for the Ford Foundation's signature leadership program, Leadership for a Changing World, at the Advocacy Institute.

Ira Hebold Haraldsen, MD PhD

Dr. Haraldsen is the founder, Medical Director and chief psychiatrist of the Gender Identity Clinic at Rikshospitalet University Hospital, the main tertiary care hospital in Oslo, Norway. Ira received her medical degree at the University of Bonn, Germany in 1985. She practices in the areas of psychiatry, neurology and endocrinology. She began working with the Norwegian transgender community in 1995. Dr. Haraldsen is a board member of the AGIR (Adolescence Gender Identity Research) Group, a European, American and Canadian clinical research group standardizing activities between the main gender clinics of the western countries. Dr. Haraldsen was the chair of the Local Organizing Committee of the World Professional Association of Transgender Health Symposium held in Oslo in June, 2009.

Dr. Haraldsen is a world leader in the area of the effects of hormone therapy on adolescent brain function. She is the primary investigator of the *SOBER* (Sex on Brain European Research) projects with total grant funding of \$2.5 million across four European countries (Belgium, Germany, Netherlands and Norway). The SOBER project compares brain development using MRI in patients diagnosed with GID, and evaluates sex differences in neuropsychological stimulation of the hippocampus. They have also developed an animal model to critically evaluate the effects of gonadotropin releasing hormone blockade and cross sex hormones on brain and reproduction in human adolescents. These results will provide critical insights into the role of sex hormones on functional brain development.

Daniel L. Metzger, MD FAAP FRCPC

Dr. Dan Metzger is a Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the University of British Columbia, and a Pediatric Endocrinologist working on the Endocrinology & Diabetes Unit of BC Children's Hospital. He and his colleagues follow transgender teens and young adults from across the province at the BC Children's Hospital Pediatric Endocrinology Clinic.

Dr. Metzger received his medical degree from Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine (Cleveland, Ohio) in 1985. He did his pediatric internship and residency at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital (Cleveland). He served as a general pediatrician on St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands. He did his fellowship in Pediatric Endocrinology at the University of Virginia Health Sciences Center (Charlottesville). He accepted his current position in Vancouver in 1993. He has published in several journals including the *Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism*, and *Trends in Endocrinology & Metabolism* looking at gonadal steroid hormone regulation of the somatotropic axis during puberty in humans.

Viviane Namaste, PhD

Dr. Viviane Namaste has just been given the 2009 Canadian Award for Action on HIV/AIDS and Human Rights by the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network and Human Rights Watch. Viviane Namaste is Concordia University Research Chair in HIV/AIDS and Sexual Health and an Associate Professor at the Simone de Beauvoir Institute at Concordia University. The honour recognizes her research and activism in the area of HIV/AIDS prevention and services, particularly with regard to bisexuals and transsexuals.

Her research examines gaps in our knowledge of HIV/AIDS prevention, considering communities of people affected by HIV/AIDS that have been overlooked to date. One of her current research projects analyzes the HIV prevention needs of people who have sexual relations with both men and women. Results from this research can be found on the project's website, www.polyvalence.ca. This work seeks to connect knowledge and action, and has created relevant posters and educational materials designed to fill the gaps in HIV prevention education. Viviane Namaste has also conducted extensive research on the HIV prevention and service needs of transsexuals, a community often ignored in HIV/AIDS services, prevention campaigns and policy initiatives. The final report of this research was instrumental in securing funding for community-based health services for transsexuals in Montréal.

She has published several academic books with regards to transsexuals and health. The most notable, *Invisible Lives: The Erasure of Transsexual and Transgendered People* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000), won the 2001 Outstanding Book Award of the Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Bigotry and Human Rights in North America.