

CPATH Conference Speaker Bios

Jocelyn Andruko

is a medical student (class of 2017) at the University of Alberta, with a background in anatomy and cell biology at McGill University. Through her work with LGBTQ youth with the fYrefly In Schools program and her experiences as a student working with patients, she was able to appreciate the systemic deficits in healthcare for and education about LGBTQ patients, and in particular trans children. In response, she and several colleagues at the U of A have developed the Inclusive Health Conference, a medical education initiative to address the deficits in medical education and curriculum that are contributing to this problem.

Ian Armstrong is a fourth-year medical student from the University of Alberta. He previously completed a B.Sc. in Neuroscience from the University of Alberta in 2011, and worked in a sexual health clinic in London, UK. With the medical students of the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Advocacy initiative, he has been an active member of the LGBT Curriculum Working Group and the Inclusive Health Conference Organizing Committee. He is also a frequent volunteer with HIV Edmonton, Homeward Trust, and Camp fYrefly.

Louanna Atkinson is a clinical social worker at the Endocrinology & Diabetes Unit of BC Children's Hospital. She received her Bachelors of Social Work degree from the University of Victoria, BC in 1996. She subsequently pursued a Masters degree in Social work from the University of British Columbia in 2000. Louanna has been working in medical social work since 1996 and joined BC Children's Hospital in 2001. She has been working in pediatric endocrinology for 5 years with Dr Metzger and others from BC Children's Hospital's Endocrinology Clinic to provide care and support to a number of transgender teens and young adults.

Chris Aucoin is an educator, writer and graphic designer with a diverse background in community-based work in cultural industries, social justice (human rights, poverty and food security), and health promotion. He has an MEd in Educational Psychology, a diploma in Graphic and Digital Media Design, and has been involved in LGBTQ and/or HIV/AIDS community-based work in Nova Scotia off and on for over 20 years as an organizer, activist, lobbyist, educator, writer, graphic designer, and amateur historian. For the past seven years he has been the Gay Men's Health Coordinator with the AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia (a 0.5 FTE position), while he also does freelance work in project management, research, writing and graphic design.

Laura Barbour is the Senior Consultant, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity at the Public Service Commission with the Province of Nova Scotia. Laura has a Masters of Arts in Health Promotion from Dalhousie University with her thesis research

focusing in the area of sexuality. During her career with government, Laura has co-created a network for queer and trans government employees, supported the amendment to the Nova Scotia Human Rights Act to include gender identity and gender expression, and co-authored provincial guidelines to support transgender and gender nonconforming students.

Dr. Greta Bauer is an Associate Professor in the Department of Epidemiology & Biostatistics at Western University. Her primary research interests are in sexually transmitted infections and the broader health of sexual and gender minority communities, and in quantitative research methodology for studying communities that experience marginalization. Greta is a Principal Investigator on the Trans PULSE Project—a community-based research project regarding health (physical, mental, social, and sexual) and access to health and social services for Ontario's trans communities. For over a decade, she has conducted research to improve survey measures that seek to identify participants' sex, gender or sexual orientation.

Dr. Maud Bélanger, MD, FRCS(C), obtained her medical degree in 2005 from Laval University in Quebec City. In 2010, she completed her residency in plastic surgery at the University of Montreal and went on to do her fellowship in microsurgery and breast reconstructive surgery at the renowned University of UZ Ghent in Belgium. Prior to dedicating her medical practice to a purely private one, Dr. Bélanger was an attending doctor at Hôtel Dieu de St-Jérôme. She receives patients in Montréal and also at her office at St-Jérôme. Dr. Bélanger is a member of:

- Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada
- Quebec Association of Specialists in Plastic and Aesthetic Surgery
- Collège des Médecins du Québec
- American Society of Plastic Surgeons
- Société Canadienne de Chirurgie Esthétique Plastique
- World Professional Association for Transgender Health
- Conseil Médical Canadien (LMCC)

Kerry Boileau coordinates the Acting OUT Program at SKETCH Working Arts in Toronto. She brings her passion for theatre arts, for youth and for systemic change into a unique program that engages LGBTQ youth with lived experience “in the system” to provide exceptional educational and clinical opportunities for service and care providers. Agency staff, providers and clinicians learn directly from the “experts” about how to work effectively with youth in ways that recognize, value and honour diverse gender identities and gender expressions across the gender identity and gender expression spectrums. Kerry has 30 years of experience as a community-engaged artist using theatre arts as a jumping off point toward systemic change and equity.

Gabrielle Bouchard is the Peer Support and Trans Advocacy coordinator at the Centre for Gender Advocacy; a social justice organization affiliated with Concordia University. Recipient of the ATQ 2014 Christine Jorgensen Award, she participated in the creation of a name of common usage policy at Concordia and coordinated part of the community efforts to bring legislative changes to insure trans rights in Québec. She is the spokesperson representing the Centre in its court case against the provincial government to bring full legal equality to trans, gender-variant and intersex people in Quebec. Gabrielle provides training and workshops to social actors, front-line workers, and post-secondary institutions. She is also leading a research study on trans prevalence in Québec and is the editor of the *État des faits trans au Québec 2013*.

Dr. Amy Bourns is a family physician on the LGBT unit at Sherbourne Health Centre in Toronto, ON, where she provides comprehensive primary care for many transgender patients as part of a multidisciplinary team. Dr. Bourns began to accrue knowledge of trans health during her completion of the first LGBT Primary Care Fellowship in Canada in 2011 following her family medicine residency. Since that time, she has been involved in expanding the capacity of health care providers in caring for transgender patients through facilitation of accredited educational sessions with Rainbow Health Ontario, and has contributed her expertise to the development of recommendations for cancer screening and sexual health in transgender populations. Most recently, Dr. Bourns authored the revised Sherbourne Health Centre Guidelines and Protocols for Hormone Therapy and Primary Health Care for Trans Clients, released in April 2015. Dr. Bourns also takes an avid interest in medical education and is currently working with the University of Toronto in the capacity of Faculty Lead for LGBTQ Health Education to expand competencies of graduating medical students in caring for LGBTQ patients.

Dr. Pierre Brassard, MD, FRCS(C), obtained his medical degree with honors, finishing first in his class, in 1985 from Laval University. In 1989, he completed his residency in plastic surgery at the University of Montreal and went on to do his fellowship in microsurgery at Maisonneuve-Rosemont and at the renowned Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. Prior to dedicating his medical practice to a purely private one, Dr. Brassard was an attending doctor at l'Hotel Dieu de Quebec where he held a position as professor, at l'Hotel Dieu de Levis and at l'Hotel Dieu de St-Jerome as chief of staff. He is presently director of the Centre Metropolitain de Chirurgie. Dr. Brassard is a member of:

- Collège Royal de Médecins et Chirurgiens du Canada
- Quebec Association of Specialists in Plastic and Aesthetic Surgery
- Collège des Médecins du Québec
- American Society of Plastic Surgeons
- Société Canadienne de Chirurgie Esthétique Plastique
- World Professional Association for Transgender Health
- Conseil Médical Canadien (LMCC)

Mary K. Bryson is Director, Institute for Gender, Race, Sexuality and Social Justice and Professor, Language and Literacy Education, Faculty of Education, University of British Columbia in Vancouver, BC, Canada. Mary is a proud Board of Directors member of Vancouver's Catherine White Holman Wellness Centre, which provides low-barrier wellness services to transgender and gender diverse people. Mary is a queer trans* advocate for social justice efforts within higher education and far beyond the University. Mary led a successful campaign for same-sex partner benefits at their Vancouver home university — UBC, in 1989, and has taught courses in queer theory and trans* gender and sexuality studies. Mary was diagnosed and treated for breast cancer and during that period (2007-2009), authored a queer and trans* cancer blog *Adventures in Deconstruction*. Dr. Mary Bryson's *Cancer's Margins* research focuses on social media, sexuality and gender and the politics of social justice initiatives that aim to create and to support both all-genders, trans* and queer public knowledge sites and culturally safe care provision.

Colleen Cameron has more than 40 years of experience in the area of community health and development, adult education and social justice initiatives. She has practiced and taught nursing and community health in Canada, Africa and the Middle East, while also engaging in overseas emergency famine relief projects. Colleen has been a member of the People Assessing Their Health (PATH) Network since its inception in 1997 and has worked in communities in Nova Scotia, across Canada and in a number of countries in Africa and Asia training and promoting the PATH process. At the Coady International Institute, St. F. X. University, Colleen has designed and taught courses in Community-Based Development for Health, Gender and Development and Gender and Health. Her main focus has been facilitating certificate courses in the PATH/Community Driven Health Impact Assessment (CHIA) process.

Benjamin Chan is a second year medical student at the University of British Columbia. With the help of specialist Dr. Safer from the University of Boston, another medical student and myself conducted a cross-sectional study, looking at the instruction of transgender health at UBC and comparing it to the rest of Canada. We are both very passionate about the field of transgender health and look forward to continuing to broaden our knowledge of the topic.

Beth Clark, MM, RCC, is a doctoral student in the Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies Program at The University of British Columbia. Beth is a Vanier Canada Graduate Scholar and a trainee with the Stigma and Resilience Among Vulnerable Youth Centre at UBC. Their research focuses on healthcare access for transgender youth, and draws on the disciplines of healthcare, education, arts and ethics. Before returning to school, they had a clinical counselling and music therapy practice that specialized in paediatrics and mental health, placing priority on working with nonprofit organizations to provide access for those who could not otherwise afford care. Beth currently volunteers with the Catherine White Holman Wellness Centre, co-facilitating an art drop-in group, and works as a community health liaison for the Transgender

Health Information Program at Vancouver Coastal Health. They have presented on their clinical work and research across North America and, in 2011, received the Arthur Flagler Fultz Award for research in music therapy. Beth has recently published three peer-reviewed articles on music therapy practice with youth populations and is a co-author of the 2015 report: *Being Safe, Being Me: Results of the Canadian Trans Youth Health Survey*.

Jane Dunstan is a family physician currently working in Calgary, Alberta. She has a strong interest in primary care for LGBT patients, and is especially interested in inclusion of trans and LGB health content in medical education. She completed her medical school and family medicine residency training at the University of Toronto. Following this, she completed a self-directed PGY3 program in LGBT health, the second person at the University of Toronto to do so.

Adrian Edgar is a trans man, family doctor, and the Medical Director at Clinic 554 - a family practice specializing in trans, queer, and reproductive health, in Fredericton, New Brunswick. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for AIDS New Brunswick, is the provincial representative to the Equity and Diversity Committee of the College of Family Physicians of Canada, and is a faculty member with the Departments of Family Medicine at Dalhousie University and Memorial University of Newfoundland. Adrian is a founding member of the New Brunswick Transgender Health Network, and worked on the Community Engagement Team for Canada's largest trans health needs assessment, the Trans PULSE Survey, in Ontario in 2009. He is now collaborating to expand the survey nationally. Adrian has presented trans health research at the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (Norway), the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (USA), and the Canadian Professional Association for Transgender Health (Canada). He has presented prison health research at the World Health Organization and lectured on trans and queer health at universities across the country. He has also published work in refugee health, HIV stigma, and peace through health. Adrian trained at Toronto's Sherbourne Health Centre and the Gender and Sexual Identity Service for children and youth, as well as Vancouver Coastal Health's Three Bridges Community Health Centre. As a clinician, Adrian has worked on a maternal addictions team, a midwifery collaborative, a street health and sexworker outreach team, at several abortion clinics, and on a number of Reserves and First Nations. He practices harm reduction, inclusive care, and is proud to have attended every CPATH conference since the organization's inception.

Hélène Frohard-Dourlent is a PhD student in the Department of Sociology at the University of British Columbia. For her PhD dissertation, she interviewed school staff about their experiences working with trans and gender-fluid youth. Through everyday administrative and social practices, school systems invest heavily in stable gender binaries. Given this institutional context, she was interested in exploring how school staff navigate personal and institutional expectations when the limits and seams of these stable gender binaries become apparent. She illuminated the complexities

and contradictions of the work that adults in school do when they (try to) support trans and gender-fluid students. This research will help inform educational practices and improve institutional responses of school systems to gender diversity and gender non-conformity. Hélène has also been very involved in the Canadian Trans Youth Health Survey, especially with qualitative data analysis of trans youth's comments about different

Kirk Furlotte is a graduate student in Health Promotion at Dalhousie University. During his undergraduate degree, he completed an internship with prideHealth, where he helped create the Trans* Health Guide through community collaboration. These efforts were recognized with the honour of a tile in the Trans Mosaic at the Youth Project. Kirk has worked on a number of health research projects that include members of trans communities. His most recent work was with a cross-Canada study on end-of-life planning for members of the LGBT community. He has also worked on a national arts-based health research and storytelling project looking at the breast and gynecologic cancer healthcare experiences of queer women and trans people. An active volunteer with the Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project, Kirk drafted the language for a petition to the province which was presented when the government announced it would include gender identity and gender expression in the Nova Scotia Human Rights Act.

Jacqueline Gahagan is a Full Professor of Health Promotion and Head of the Health Promotion Division in the School of Health and Human Performance in the Faculty of Health Professions at Dalhousie University. Jacqueline also holds cross appointments in Community Health and Epidemiology, International Development Studies, Gender Studies, Occupational Therapy, Nursing and is an Affiliate Member of the European Union Centre for Excellence, the Health Law Institute at Dalhousie University, the Atlantic Health Promotion Research Centre and the Beatrice Hunter Cancer Research Institute. Dr. Gahagan teaches courses in measurement and evaluation, community health promotion, health promotion theory, and women's health and the environment at both the graduate and undergraduate levels, and is a member of the editorial board for several peer-reviewed journals, including *Health Care for Women International*, *Sexual Health*, and the *Canadian Journal of Public Health*. Dr. Gahagan has been involved in HIV/AIDS advocacy, activism and research for over two decades and received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012 for excellence in the field of HIV/AIDS. Prior to joining Dalhousie University, Jacqueline worked in public health as a health promotion specialist, a program evaluation specialist and as a health promotion consultant.

Jason Geary, is PhD student in the Faculty of Medicine at Memorial University. He is also a per-course instructor in the Faculty of Education at Memorial where he teacher in the K-12 Special Education program. His research interests include the impact of inclusive schooling on students and families as well as policy implications surrounding inclusive education.

Lauren Goldman is a registered nurse with specializations in gender affirming care, STIs and contraceptive management. Lauren's focus is on providing effective and considerate sexual health care to queer, transgender and gender diverse clients. She works to create health care experiences that are safe and respectful of all aspects of gender identity and sexual expression.

Lorraine Grieves, MA, RCC, is a cisgender, queer-identified resident of European descent, currently living in Vancouver, who was born and raised on unceded Coast Salish Territory. She has worked for over a decade in substance use services with a particular focus on supporting youth and families, both as a counsellor and in health services management. Some of her recent work has been on initiatives that build capacity across helping systems in support of LGBTQ2S youth, adults, and families/carers/supportive others. Lorraine holds a deep interest in social justice for persons of all genders and backgrounds and tries to weave this intersectional positioning though all that she does. Lorraine currently works at Vancouver Coastal Health as a manager for Youth Substance Use Services, Prism (LGBTQ2S capacity building), and the Transgender Health Information Program.

Sue Hranilovic considers herself an "old nurse" and a "newer nurse practitioner". As a Masters-prepared Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner and an AIDS Certified Nurse, Sue has provided hospital, community and primary health care in Toronto's inner city for over 25 years. Her practice has included patients living with HIV, those injecting drugs and those on methadone maintenance, transgender patients, patients with mental health issues and those infected with hepatitis C. She has a commitment to continuing involvement in professional development and community-based volunteer activities which have included Board of Directors positions for the Canadian Association of Nurses in AIDS Care, the Ontario HIV Treatment Network and Fife House Foundation. She has done over 60 presentations to colleagues, patients and community and has received ten awards related to excellence in academia and clinical care. Sue's high level of expertise and commitment to working with diverse, marginalized, stigmatized, at-risk and vulnerable populations has served her both locally and internationally, and she hopes to continue nurturing the resilience of the clients she walks with, learns from and serves.

Matthew Heinz PhD, is Dean and Professor of the Faculty of Social and Applied Sciences at Royal Roads University in British Columbia.

Dr. Cindy Holmes is a Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research Postdoctoral Fellow in the Faculty of Health Sciences at Simon Fraser University, where her community-based participatory research examines the intersections between safety, belonging, well-being and place in the lives of transgender and gender non-conforming people. She is also a Postdoctoral Fellow with the National Collaborating Centre on Aboriginal Health at the University of Northern British Columbia. Dr. Holmes' research focuses on

violence and health equity issues in the lives of: women; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and Two-Spirit people (LGBT2S); and Indigenous people in Canada. Her work reflects a commitment to social justice and health equity that is embedded in over twenty year's experience in community health and social work practice. She has also taught undergraduate and graduate courses in the sociology of gender, violence within families and gender and health at Simon Fraser University and the University of British Columbia. Cindy identifies as a white, queer, cisgender femme and also as a parent of a gender creative preteen and a partner of a gender nonconforming/masculine woman. She is currently a visitor on the traditional and unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh people in Vancouver BC.

Dan Irving is an Associate Professor teaching in the Human Rights and Sexuality Studies programs in the Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies at Carleton University. His current research focuses on trans unemployment and underemployment. His co-edited collection (with Rupert Raj) *Trans Activism in Canada: A Reader* was published by Canadian Scholars Press in 2014. His work has also been published in the *Transgender Studies Reader 2*, *Sexualities* and *Australian Feminist Studies*.

Chelsea Jalloh is currently an Instructor II and the Coordinator of Undergraduate Medical Education in the Department of Community Health Sciences. In addition to academic work, Chelsea has experience working in the non-profit sector, involvement in local community based organizations, and has worked in international locations such as Mexico, Sierra Leone, Kenya, and Colombia. Chelsea's research and academic work focuses on community-based sexual health education, development and evaluation of health education interventions, harm reduction, literacy as a social determinant of health, and the ways in which the disciplines of Education and Public Health can both intersect and collaborate. Chelsea is currently pursuing doctoral studies in the Faculty of Education at the University of Manitoba.

Olivia Kamgain est candidate à la maîtrise en administration publique à l'École Nationale d'Administration Publique (ENAP). Ses champs d'intérêt couvrent les inégalités sociales en santé, les études sur le genre et l'équité en administration publique.

Irene Kling, Ph.D. CCC-SLP is a licensed speech-language pathologist in New York State who maintains certification by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. In her private practice in New York City, she specializes in individual and group care for the transgender speaker, professional voice user, and the elite singer. She is an invited, international speaker performing workshops in Greece, Belgium, and the United States. Dr. Kling, an adjunct assistant professor at Mannes College The New School for Music, teaches Care of the Professional Voice: Vocal Production and Vocal Health to young opera singers. She was an adjunct faculty member at New York University for many years providing classes in Voice Disorders and Voice Rehabilitation and mentoring student clinicians.

Prior to becoming a speech-language pathologist, she performed as an actor and singer on Broadway, television, and on many voiceover commercials. In her classes at the Stella Adler Acting Conservatory and the Raphael Kelly Shakespeare Studio, she coached actors in voice and speech production. Dr. Kling coauthored the recently published *Voice Rehabilitation: Testing Hypotheses and Reframing Therapy*. She is an active member of WPATH, Columbia University's Working Group on Gender in New York City, and the New York City Voice Study Group.

Arden Krystal holds executive leadership responsibility for all nine of PHSA's agencies – such as the BC Cancer Agency, BC Women's and Children's Hospitals and the BC Centre for Disease Control, as well as the Chief Nursing Office, Population Health, the Surgical Patient Registry and the Redevelopment Project at BC Children's and Women's Hospitals. Arden serves as the executive sponsor of the new Trans Care BC initiative, a province-wide initiative that will improve trans people's access to primary care, to timely surgical care, to peer and community based supports, and will also provide education to health care providers across the province. Ms. Krystal is an Adjunct Professor at the UBC School of Nursing and holds a Certified Health Executive designation from the Canadian College of Health Leaders, a Masters of Health Administration from the University of British Columbia, and has certification from the Harvard Business School Managing Health Care Delivery Program. Arden has a broad range of experience as a healthcare professional and has served in a variety of leadership roles during the course of her career. Her current portfolio has a total consolidated budget of approximately \$1.5 billion in operating and over \$600 million in capital (related to the redevelopment project). Prior to joining PHSA in April 2012, she held the position of Vice President, Clinical Operations at Fraser Health, and was the Clinical Executive Sponsor of the Surrey Hospital and Redevelopment project.

Janet MacDonald has been active in community-led initiatives for more than 20 years. She has co-facilitated Positive Space training in the local community as well as on the campus of StFX University. The program offers participants an opportunity, in a safe learning environment, to gain awareness of the LBGTQ experience. She is a past member of the Board of Directors of the Antigonish Women's Resource Centre Sexual Assault Services Association and a current member of the StFX Equity Advisory Committee. Janet has been an organizing member of many awareness raising and advocacy events in the Antigonish area. These included public forums, roundtable discussions, film screenings and parades to mention a few. She currently works at the Coady International Institute on the Campus of StFX. Janet has personal experience as an LGBTQ ally. She has participated in the PATH process with a number of colleagues who shared stories and experiences and together identified a shared vision of what a healthy community looks like.

Trevor MacDonald is a transgender man from Manitoba who birthed both his children at home and breastfeeds them. In 2011, he began writing a blog that quickly became popular with both transgender individuals and health care providers looking for information on transgender reproduction and infant feeding. Trevor started the first online support group for trans* individuals interested in birth and breast/chestfeeding. With Dr. Joy Noel-Weiss (Faculty of Nursing, University of Ottawa), he designed and carried out a study focusing on the experiences of transmasculine individuals with pregnancy, birth, and infant feeding. The study was funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research – Institute of Gender and Health.

Devon MacFarlane, MA currently works as the Manager for Community Development and Service Integration with Vancouver Island Health Authority, and has over 15 years experience working in health authorities, in roles addressing community development, program development, and organizational change. Over this time, a substantial focus of Devon's work has included advancing the health and wellbeing of trans populations as well as lesbian, gay, bi, Two Spirit, and queer populations – work that is close to Devon's heart as an out trans and queer person. In Devon's involvement with CPATH, Devon led the consultations on success at the 2012 conference; is currently CPATH Board President and co-chairing the conference committee for the 2015 conference in Halifax, and is excited to be serving as president.

Dr. Reece Malone is the Education Program Coordinator for the Rainbow Resource Centre specializing in the development and delivery of public education and training on sexual orientation, gender identity, and comprehensive sexual health and human sexuality education. He has been a sexual health consultant on trans populations both nationally and abroad including the World Health Organization - Pan American Health Organization, the Public Agency of Canada, The Alberta Children's Hospital, and the Government of Nunavut. His work has recently been featured in Men's Health Magazine, Canadian Counselling Magazine and American Family Therapy Magazine. Additionally, he holds a private practice clinical sexology and sex therapy practice and volunteers for Allexperts.com. On his off time he can be found foraging Manitoba's forests for wild edibles for the most daring of palates and Winnipeg's foodie restaurants.

Zack Marshall is a social worker, community-based researcher, and PhD candidate in the Division of Community Health and Humanities at Memorial University of Newfoundland. Supported by a CIHR Fellowship, the goal of his dissertation research is to document the ways researchers have studied trans people through the creation of an accessible evidence map, highlighting challenges to informed consent and justice in the research process. He is a member of the Canadian Professional Association for Transgender Health - Research Committee, and co-lead of the REACH 2.0 Trans Research Program.

Jenn Matsui De Roo is a registered clinical counsellor working out of Dragonstone Counselling, a community centered, LGBTQ based private practice in Vancouver, BC, and Options for Sexual Health, a non-profit provider of sexual health services. Jenn is a mixed race, genderqueer person from Vancouver, BC, who feels honoured to live, work and advocate within the trans community. Jenn's work is grounded in anti-oppression and feminist theory and practice, with a focus on supporting trans* and gender diverse individuals. Areas of specialization include sexual health, wellness and pleasure; healing from trauma and abuse; living with chronic pain and illness, and thriving in intercultural and queer relationships.

Deborah McPhail is an Assistant Professor in Community Health Sciences, College of Medicine, University of Manitoba. A critical health scholar who studies the social aspects of obesity and queer health, she is developing research projects in the area of women's and trans people's reproductive health, with particular emphases on issues of health equity and healthcare access. She is also the Theme Leader in Gender and Sexual Health and delivers and develops curriculum content in the area of trans health to medicine students in the College of Medicine.

Lau Mehes is C.A.L.L. Out's Education Coordinator. She is a queer cis glitter-femme youth worker, community activist, and artist who networks and educates within communities across BC to build more supportive environments for LGBT2Q+ youth. She has worked with queer and trans youth for 8 years, starting as a student activist at UBC, where she completed a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Women's and Gender Studies and History. Lau's work includes direct support and advocacy with queer, trans, two-spirit, and allied youth. She has been an anti-oppression and inclusion educator and facilitator for the past 6 years on a wide range of topics. In her minimal spare time, Lau is the director of Vancouver's Femme City Choir, an all-genders, queer and trans centered femme-fabulous singing extravaganza!

Laura Merdsoy is an activist and artist committed to investigating injustices in our health and social systems. She is currently completing her qualifying year in the Direct Entry Masters program at the Ingram School of Nursing at McGill. She holds a BA in Anthropology from Dalhousie University. She is the Vice President of Academic Affairs for the McGill Nursing Graduate Students Association, 2015.

Dr. Daniel Metzger is a pediatric endocrinologist at British Columbia Children's Hospital, a clinical professor in the Division of Endocrinology, Department of Pediatrics at University of British Columbia, and a clinical investigator at the Child and Family Research Institute. Dr. Metzger and his mental health professional and adult transgender colleagues work together as part of the BC Transgender Clinical Care Group, a provincial resource which oversees the medical, mental health, and surgical care of transgender people in British Columbia. He and his nursing and social work colleagues have been seeing and treating transgender youth and young adults at BC Children's Hospital since 1998.

Alongside his work on the Canadian Trans Youth Health Survey, Dr. Metzger has published research reviewing the first 91 patients who accessed care at BC Children's Hospital, and he has had a successful research career focused on the development, prevention, and treatment of type 1 diabetes.

Hannah Milley is a member of trans communities, and cares for or provide services to trans communities.

Morgane Oger is Chair, Trans Alliance Society; QMUNITY Programs Advisory Council; QMUNITY LGBTQ Community Building Advisory Committee; Spokesperson, BC Safer Schools Coalition; Vancouver Board of Education (VSB) District Parent Advisory Council executive; City of Vancouver LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee. Morgane is a transgender parent of primary-school age children in public school in Vancouver. She is an outspoken advocate for LGBT2Q+ (queer) social justice at the civic, provincial, and federal levels in Canada. Working professionally as a software engineer, Morgane has been doing volunteer anti-oppression work since 1999 and has become active in queer social justice space since 2013 when she finally found the courage to come out as a transgender woman. Morgane holds a Bachelors degree in Applied Science in Mechanical Engineering from UBC and is currently enrolled in the Public Policy Institute, a public-policy advocacy program offered by the United Way of the Lower Mainland.

Jim Oulton, MSW, RSW is a clinical therapist whose practice, since 1995, has included people who identify as trans* and their families. He has played a key role in the development of Transgender Health Services across the Maritimes. Jim currently works with Counselling Services at the University of British Columbia He is a founding member of the Canadian Professional Association for Transgender Health and served as President 2012 – 2013.

Elizabeth Parenteau est une étudiante à la maîtrise en sexologie à l'Université du Québec à Montréal qui s'intéresse aux enjeux vécus par les personnes trans dans leur quotidien. Plus précisément, celle-ci s'intéresse à la transition identitaire dans les milieu de travail. Dans le cadre de son baccalauréat en sexologie, elle a effectué un stage à IRIS Estrie auprès de la communauté trans. Elle a aussi participé au Camp Sexo, organisé par l'Université de Sherbrooke, afin de sensibiliser les étudiants en médecine sur divers sujets en lien avec la sexualité humaine.

Marlee Parsons is an interdisciplinary artist and graduate from Concordia University (BFA Studio Arts, Minor Psychology, 2012). Her practice explores social inequities and the effects of institutional hegemony on individual's sense of agency and health. Her hometown is Halifax, NS but she is currently living in Montreal, Quebec pursuing medical studies in her first year at McGill University.

Yasmeen Persad est une femme trans de couleur originaire des Caraïbes. Depuis 8 ans, elle se consacre à l'éducation et à la formation sur les différents enjeux reliés aux LGBTT. Elle a travaillé avec des jeunes trans, des femmes séropositives, des travailleuses du sexe et une grande diversité de populations. Elle donne de la formation aux travailleurs sociaux de première ligne dans les centres d'hébergement pour l'inclusion et le soutien à apporter à la communauté trans. Yasmeen a fait de nombreuses présentations dans des universités nord-américaines sur des sujets variés touchant les personnes trans. Elle s'est distinguée par sa détermination pour faire reconnaître les femmes trans comme femmes auprès de groupes luttant contre la violence faite aux femmes.

Sarah Pickett is Registered Psychologist and Assistant Professor in Counseling Psychology and chair of the Sexuality and Gender Education Committee in the Faculty of Education at Memorial University Newfoundland. Presently her research interests are related to sexuality and gender discourses as they relate to teacher education and educational environments with a focus on K-12 school culture and climate.

Jake Pyne is a doctoral student in Social Work and Gender Studies at McMaster University. He has spent the past 15 years in various research and advocacy related roles in Toronto's trans community. Jake's community work has focused on access for trans individuals to emergency services, health care and family law equality, in addition to building community support for gender non-conforming children and their families. Jake is part of a number of provincial and national trans health research teams, including the Trans PULSE project, and he publishes widely on issues of health and justice for trans communities. Jake's doctoral research focuses on how puberty suppression and early transition for trans youth has become 'thinkable' and possible in this time and place. This research is supported by Trudeau and Vanier Scholarships and he is the 2015 recipient of the WPATH award for "Outstanding Student Contribution to the Field of Transgender Health".

Ashleigh Rich has a decade of experience working as a professional and volunteer with queer and trans communities. Currently Research Coordinator of the Momentum Health Study, a longitudinal bio-behavioural cohort study of gay, bi, queer and other men who have sex with men at the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS, Ashleigh's primary interests are in LGBTQ communities and the intersection of sex, gender and health. She also sits on the board of directors of YouthCO, a youth driven HIV and Hep C organization, and serves as a volunteer at the Catherine White Homan Wellness Centre, a healthcare centre serving trans and gender-diverse communities.

Cybelle Rieber is the Coordinator of the prideHealth Program with Nova Scotia Health in partnership with the IWK in Halifax Nova Scotia. Her role includes providing LGBTIQ cultural competency education across the health care systems, policy and administrative procedure consultation, liaising with community, health authority and government regarding trans health issues, advocating and

educating regarding the need for greater access to health care, and assisting people to navigate the health care systems. She brings years of experience of health advocacy work, systems navigation and education. She holds an MA in Education, specializing in organizational learning.

Kinnon Ross MacKinnon completed a Master of Social Work from Ryerson University and is currently a PhD student at the University of Toronto's Dalla Lana School of Public Health. Kinnon's program of research looks at access to mental health care for trans populations. Originally from Antigonish, Nova Scotia, he moved to Toronto 8 years ago and now calls both places home.

Dr. Elizabeth Saewyc is Professor of Nursing and Adolescent Medicine at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver and heads the interdisciplinary Stigma and Resilience Among Vulnerable Youth Centre at UBC. She is also Research Director for the McCreary Centre Society, and a co-Investigator on the Canadian team for the multi-country Health Behaviour of School Age Children. She is a Fellow in both the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine and the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences. Dr. Saewyc's research and public health nursing practice primarily focus on how stigma, violence, and trauma influence teens' health, coping and risk behaviours, and what protective factors in relationships and environments can foster resilience despite the trauma. She has worked for 20 years with diverse populations of young people, including runaway and street-involved youth, sexually abused/sexually exploited teens, gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender adolescents, youth in custody, immigrant and refugee adolescents, and indigenous youth in several countries.

Dr. Joshua Safer is Boston University (BU) Medical Center's Director of Endocrinology Fellowship Training and Endocrinology Education and is Associate Professor of Medicine and Molecular Medicine at the BU School of Medicine. He represents endocrinology on the Council for the Association of Specialty Professors in the Alliance of Academic Internal Medicine, where he chairs the Program Committee and was recently elected President-Elect. He also chairs the Accreditation/Curriculum Toolbox Committee for the Association of Program Directors in Endocrinology and Metabolism. Dr. Safer has been working on research protocols to demonstrate health and quality of life benefits accruing from increased access to care for transgender patients. As part of that effort, Dr. Safer has been developing novel transgender medicine curricula at the BU School of Medicine.

Kyle Shaughnessy is a Metis, trans, queer storyteller and registered social worker who grew up in rural BC. He has supported transgender youth and their families in varying capacities since 2001 and has strong background in youth education and queer & trans community building. Through his enthusiasm for writing, facilitating and public speaking, Kyle firmly believes in the power of personal narrative to connect queer & trans experiences and create social change. Kyle is currently the Project Manager for C.A.L.L. Out! at the Transgender Health Information Program in Vancouver, BC.

Rachel Skocylas is a second year medical student at the University of British Columbia. With the help of specialist Dr. Safer from the University of Boston, another medical student and Rachel conducted a cross-sectional study, looking at the instruction of transgender health at UBC and comparing it to the rest of Canada. She is both very passionate about the field of transgender health and looks forward to continuing to broaden her knowledge of the topic.

Adrienne Smith is Pivot's Health and Drug Policy Advocate. They graduated from UBC Law School where they specialized in Social Justice law. Adrienne was called to the bar in British Columbia in 2014. Adrienne lives and works in the Downtown Eastside and knows what is at stake here. Adrienne is committed to doing Pivot's work with an unconditional positive regard for people in our neighbourhood, and a commitment to meet them where they are. They have been a garbage man, a labour activist, a political campaign organizer, a legislative researcher, and a mental health worker. They also have a sled dog, an air brake ticket, and a graduate degree in geography. Adrienne knits, plays the fiddle, and likes slam poetry and roller derby. Adrienne is working to reduce the harm which law causes to marginalized communities.

Fiona Smith began her career as a Registered Psychiatric Nurse, graduating from the diploma program at Selkirk Mental Health Centre in 1983. She had the opportunity to work in a variety of inpatient, emergency, out-patient and community settings in Winnipeg, Calgary, Toronto, Vancouver and London England. While working at Manitoba Adolescent Treatment Centre Community Services Program, she began a Masters of Nursing with a focus in family nursing. Her thesis explored the experience of mothers seeking help with children who were depressed. Currently Fiona is an Assistant Professor at Brandon University, Department of Psychiatric Nursing at the Winnipeg site, as well as a student in the Applied Health Sciences PhD program at the University of Manitoba. Her research interests include families with transgender children and education of health professionals about transgender issues.

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Françoise Susset is a clinical psychologist and couple and family therapist. Her principal areas of interest are working with trauma survivors and sexual minority issues. She is co-founder of The Institute for Sexual Minority Health. Françoise works within a "minority stress" framework, acknowledging the impact of discrimination on people's mental health and development. Her clinical work centers on trans adults and teens, during transition and beyond. She also focuses on supporting gender variant children, helping families and schools challenge notions regarding sexuality, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression. Françoise is a member of WPATH and has served on the Board of CPATH for 4 years. She recently published an article entitled: "Vulnérabilité et stigmatisation des enfants non normatifs dans l'expression de leur genre" ("Vulnerability and Stigmatization of Gender Non-Conforming Children") in the *Revue québécoise de psychologie* and contributed a chapter entitled: "Between a Rock and a Hard Place: The Experience of Parents of Gender-Nonconforming Boys" in Meyer and Pullen-Sansfaçon's book: *Supporting Transgender and Gender Creative Youth*.

Julie Temple Newhook is a post-doctoral fellow in the Faculty of Medicine at Memorial University. She is also a member of the training team of the Trans Needs Committee at Memorial, an honorary board member of Gender Creative Kids Canada, and the founder of national and local peer support groups for parents of transgender and gender-questioning children and youth.

Marria Townsend is a family physician who has the privilege of caring for many trans and gender-diverse people in her practices at Three Bridges Community Health Centre and the Catherine White Holman Wellness Centre. She is the Medical Coordinator for Trans Specialty Care with Vancouver Coastal Health and enjoys teaching students, residents and colleagues about ways to improve care to trans communities.

Jaimie Veale received her Ph.D. in psychology at Massey University in New Zealand in 2012. She is a trans woman who is living in Vancouver and working on the Canadian Trans Youth Health Survey at the University of British Columbia's Stigma and Resilience Among Vulnerable Youth Centre (SARAVYC). She is a Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research Postdoctoral Research Fellow. Her research interests include the health of transgender people with a particular interest in mental health. She is interested in the social determinants of health of transgender people, specifically the negative impacts of stigma and the protective impacts of family and community supports and access to affirming healthcare. She has a particular expertise in using advanced quantitative data analysis techniques. Jaimie has published eleven articles in peer-reviewed journals and she serves on the editorial board of the *International Journal of Transgenderism*, the *Journal of Psychology and Human Sexuality*, and the *Journal of LGBT Youth*. She also has extensive experience volunteering for trans and LGBTQ community organizations.

Ella Vermeir is a Health Promotion Masters student at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. For her master's thesis research, Ella will be exploring transgender adults' perceptions of, and experiences with, primary and emergency care in Halifax. Ella's interest in this topic was inspired by her volunteerism and employment at various primary care clinics. She is passionate about this area of research and tries to encourage all health care professionals that she encounters to learn about the unique health care needs of the transgender community. After her master's degree, Ella hopes to become a transgender health-competent family physician.

Dr. Ian Whetter is a family doctor who delivers care to trans communities at Klinik Community Health Centre, Winnipeg. He also practices at Northern Connections. Ian is also an Assistant Professor in Family Medicine at the University of Manitoba, and in this capacities helps to develop and deliver curriculum to medical students in trans health and healthcare.

Chase Willier is Nehiyaw (Cree) from Saddle Lake Cree Nation and Sucker Creek First Nation, Alberta. Chase was part of the 60's Scoop and was adopted out and grew up in the Okanagan Valley where he joined the RCMP in 1979 as one of the second aboriginal women in the province. Chase spent a large part of his career in Aboriginal Policing Services or serving within First Nations communities in British Columbia. He came out as lesbian in the RCMP in 1990 while posted in Sechelt and started to identify as a transgendered before he retired in March 2010. He is currently in the process of transitioning and lives in East Vancouver with his wife and they are expecting their first child. He currently serves on the City of Vancouver LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee and is very active in volunteering as well as writing projects. He is also a member of the Community Advisory Committee of the Trans Safety and Well-Being Photovoice Project in Vancouver.

Wallace Wong is a registered psychologist in both California and British Columbia. He has been working with children and youth with sexual health issues since 1996. One of his clinical areas is working with children and youth with gender identity concerns. He is one of the trained psychologists who assess for transitions for gender variant children and transgender youth in BC. He has provided numerous training and workshop opportunities both locally and internationally related to this population. Dr. Wong has been doing research for the transgender population for numbers of years, and they can be found in different professional journals. He has written two children books that are specifically for gender variant children and transgender youth. They are "When Kathy is Keith" and "It's So Gay and It's Okay", which have been positively received by the transgender communities and their parents.

Adryen Yak is a researcher and trans* health advocate living and working in Montreal. He holds an undergrad in biology and psychology from McMaster University and a Masters of Psychology from Queens University. He is currently a medical student at McGill University in his first year.

Jordan Zaitzow is the Coordinator of Trans Health Connection: a project of Rainbow Health Ontario building the capacity of health and social service providers across Ontario to provide timely, competent, and informed primary care and supports to trans clients close to home. Jordan is an experienced trans health educator whose role also involves direct referral and systems advocacy, as well as policy change.

Nikki Zawadzki is a queer, cisgender, femme who works alongside trans* and Two-Spirit communities in allyship. Nikki has worked in community health for the last 21 years and is currently completing a graduate degree in Equity Studies at Simon Fraser University; she is also the Coordinator for Prism Services at Vancouver Coastal Health, an education, information and referral service for the LGBTQ2+ communities. Nikki's involvement with trans* and gender diverse communities is multi-faceted. As an LGBTQ2+ diversity educator, the partner of a trans* person, and with many trans* and Two-Spirit identified colleagues, friends, and community contacts, Nikki is involved in an ongoing process of learning how to be put intention into practice as an imperfect ally. In her work, Nikki focuses on intersections of gender identity, sexuality, racial identity, ability, indigeneity and other, often marginalized, identities and how they determine health and wellness. In addition, Nikki is interested in addressing the forced migration of LGBTQ2+ newcomers and refugees, unlearning colonization and the examining the systemic oppression of racialized queer and trans* individuals. Nikki also has 3 cats and strongly believes that intersectional feminism is for everyone!