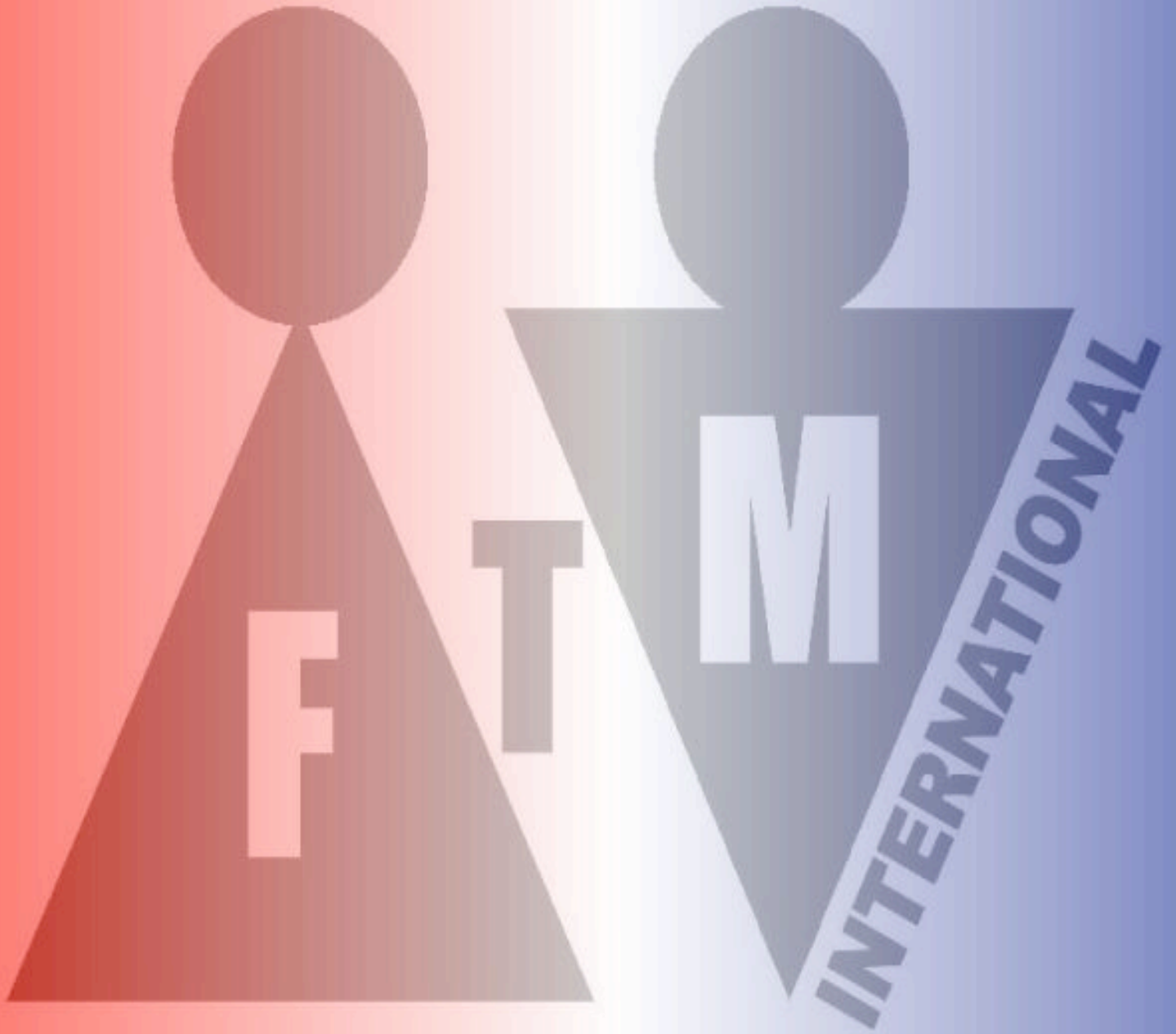


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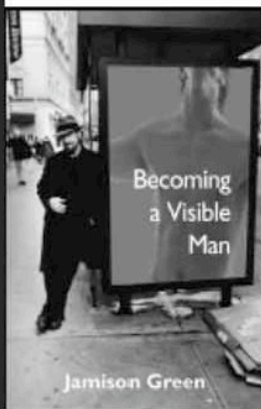
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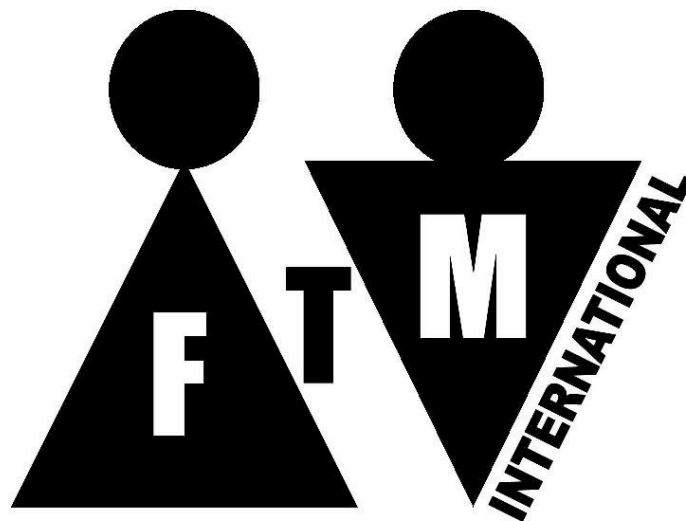
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## **Prez Sez by Rabbi Levi Alter President FTMI**

FTMI*International* takes great pride in announcing our election this December for our board of directors for the term beginning January 2008 through December 31, 2010. All members in good standing of FTMI*International* are encouraged to vote. The nomination statements of each candidate are published in this issue. The ByLaws of FTMI*International* state that the board shall have up to 15 members. We have 13 nominees, you may vote for as many as you choose, including all of them.

FTMI*International* is proud to announce that FTMI Ohio Dr. M. Edwards Walker Chapter President Jacob Nash was honored at Transgender Day of Remembrance with the Transgender Leader of the Year Award.

### **From the Chronicle**

Cleveland--"Today is usually reserved simply as a day to mourn the loss of our everyday heroes--those gender-variant people who chose to stand up for what they felt, rather than hide behind society's norms," organizer Jake Nash told the crowd assembled for Cleveland's fourth commemoration of the Transgender Day of Remembrance.

"Remembering Our Dead" took people on a candle-lit march from the Cleveland LGBT Center to Cleveland Public Theater's Old Parish Hall venue a block away. A solid wall of marchers carried candles and placard memorializing transgender people who died in the last year. Once at the second venue, an old church on the theater's campus, several speakers addressed the crowd, which had grown to over 80 people. The crowd moved from the church to the parish hall, where the inaugural Illumination Awards were presented. Nash himself was given Transgender Activist of the Year and Transgender Leader of the Year in the open voting, leading to two bouts of blushing, tears and his voice trembling under the weight of his emotion.

"I have to tell you that I was very humbled by the ovation given to me when Sue announced the awards," Nash said. "I don't think I deserved an ovation. I am just doing what needs to be done so our community will be safe, able to work with out fear of losing our jobs, and so people get educated, that's all."

## **Dear Members & Readers by Alexander Yoo**

During this, the month of November, we memorialized our fallen trans sisters and brothers on the Trans Day of Remembrance. We mourn, but we also celebrate, affirm, and uphold our community. FTM International celebrates the gift of gender in all people, and every single Being on this earth has a unique gender, gender experience, and gender-giftedness, whether trans, non trans, queer, or not, transsexual, transgender, intersex, genderqueer, gender-gifted, or gender variant, in whatever way.

We recognize that the various gender communities have mixed feelings about our recent efforts toward an inclusive ENDA. An inclusive ENDA benefits not only transsexual/transgender individuals, but all people, because assumptions and oppression based on gender affect everyone, including those unaware of these invisible, and often, insidious forces that push and pull on them every day, people outside the trans and even the gay and lesbian communities, and even those who because of their fear and self-hatred perpetuate hateful acts, attitudes, and words toward us.

Nevertheless, our efforts showed the world, and more importantly, ourselves, that we have great strength, great power, and great significance, as a whole and as individuals, and as we grow in our awareness, we are exercising that power more and more, to the benefit of all humanity!

FTM International joins all of you in hoping for the day when every Being, everywhere, free from oppression, both external and from inside the psyche, based on gender, race, creed, color, ability, body type, physiology, and every other facet of existence that contributes to all of our individual and unique experiences, can walk freely in beauty and love.

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**Book Review: Moacyr Scliar. *The Centaur in the Garden*. University of Wisconsin Press (2003)**

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*A centaur, with great effort, becomes a man; later, he goes through a crisis and decides to become a centaur again; then he doesn't really know if he wants to be a centaur again or not; meanwhile, he meets a crazy sphinx who wants to transform him into a lion man! Ridiculous. Mythological delirium. (p. 175)*

Brazilian author Moacyr Scliar wrote a fascinating novel in 1980 that happens to be a curiously illuminating fable for transsexual experience. The story opens with a Jewish family in rural Brazil that sees the arrival of a deformed son. The doctor's notes read:

*As far down as the umbilical scar, a normal, well-built child. Below this point, the body is mulelike. ...haunches, shanks, pasterns, hooves, tail, everything resembling a horse. Penis particularly notable, being monstrously large for a newborn baby. A complex case. Radical surgery? Impossible. (p. 17)* The doctor tells the centaur's father that being a centaur is neither a sickness nor a disease, but that there is no possible treatment.

From the very beginning, the centaur, called Guedali, is perceived as an intensely sexual being. Even the man who comes to circumcise the infant centaur is impressed. The centaur's father imagines his son will never masturbate because he will refuse to touch his own horse penis. He assumes his son will desire women, not horses, and that, unfortunately, no woman will ever desire him in return.

Guedali's parents cannot allow him to gallop around the countryside—the neighboring farmers will not understand, and they will surely make target practice of him. They keep him in hiding, and Guedali grows up acutely aware of his monstrosity. He reacts strongly to hearing about other people who have almost been put in his situation:

*They [Nazi doctors] amputated arms and legs. They made strange transplants, uniting the upper half of a man with the lower half of a woman, or the hindquarters of a goat. Fortunately these atrocious operations caused the death of the patients, who expired as* 5

*human beings and were not obliged to live as monsters. (By this point my eyes would be brimming over with tears; my father thought I was moved by the description of the Nazi horrors.) (p. 45)*

As Guedali grows to full horse-size, he crouches in a dark storeroom and becomes bookish. His early curiosity about sex—including an allusion to what may be homoerotic or inter-species desire—mirrors the confusion of many transsexuals who struggle to understand what to do with their atypical minds and bodies.

*For years I had forced myself not to think about sex. I felt desire, of course, but following the advice of certain books, I tried to sublimate it. Before going to bed at night I would do dozens of exercises for the waist, legs, and arms. I would lift enormous weights, flagellate my body with wet towels. I would lie down exhausted, but even so I didn't manage to get to sleep; I seemed to hear sighs of pleasure, debauched laughter. I asked my father to buy me some sleeping pills at the drugstore. With five of them, I would manage to drop off, but then my dreams would torment me, dreams populated by women or mares, and in them I was now a normal man, now a complete horse, and to top it all off, it wasn't always a man going to bed with a woman, nor a stallion breeding a mare. I would wake up exhausted. Disgusted, but relieved, I would verify that I had ejaculated. Nature had done what it had to, and I was resigned. (p. 50)*

Guedali's sexual confusion prompts him to examine his identity. Knowing nothing about what it means to be a centaur, other than living in a storeroom, he struggles to put himself in some sort of context and to learn more about his condition.

When, by chance, he runs into a female centaur, Tita, they fall in love at first sight, and return to the farm where Tita was raised. Tita comes up with the idea of asking a sex-reassignment surgeon if he would be able to transform a centaur into a human. The only surgeon they have heard of is in Morocco, so the centaurs leave Brazil and hide in the cargo hold of a ship to reach him. Later, the doctor reflects that he never would "have guessed

that I would end up operating on mythological beings." (p. 163)

Guedali is apprehensive before his surgery. He thinks: *The operation would be a success, the doctor would remove those growths—tails, hooves—as if they were warts, gigantic warts*

*but none the less removable. And then I experienced a curious feeling: a tender melancholy, a sort of advance nostalgia. No, those weren't warts we had on our bodies. They were extensions of our being; we are centaurs on the inside, too, I thought...* (p. 86)

Nevertheless, both Guedali and Tita undergo surgery, which leaves them human except for their hooves and the horsehide on their legs. Guedali finally feels able to bring Tita to meet his mother. He explains how they met each other as centaurs and together underwent the difficult transformation. Guedali's mother tolerates his live-in girlfriend, but she eventually admits her dismay that Tita is not Jewish.

*But I have hooves, Mama! I would yell, losing my temper, what could be odder than a man with horses' hooves? And men with wooden legs, she would retort, aren't they people too? Don't give me any excuses, Guedali. You could have found yourself a nice Jewish girl. Hooves or no hooves, you could have found one.* (p. 97)

Now that the surgery has enabled him to stop hiding in barns, fearing for his life, and to join human society, Guedali feels almost as if he is starting his life over. *"I needed to make up for lost time--time on a little farm in Quatro Irmaos, in a circus, on a ranch near the southern border, in a Moroccan clinic; all useful experiences in their own right, but not directly connected with what I was now proposing to do."* (p. 103)

As many transsexuals do, the ex-centaurs avoid the beach so no one glimpses the unusual parts of their bodies. They do not tell anyone about their past. They bear and raise two normal human children (twins, in a mythological allusion to the double-self).

But, years later, after a stressful domestic incident, Guedali undergoes an existential crisis, briefly thinks he might prefer to be

transformed back into a centaur again, and even travels to see the Moroccan surgeon again. He decides not to return home to his wife and young sons *"without first finding out who I was: a crippled centaur, deprived of its equine body? A human being trying to liberate himself from his fantasies?"* (p. 188) Circumstances partly outside of his control prevent the surgical reversal, and he returns home, still human. Guedali and Tita begin to

naturally shed their hooves, revealing human feet, which completes their transformation into humans (and contradicts Guedali's earlier musing that *"we are centaurs on the inside, too"*).

Tita becomes bold enough to tell their human friends their life stories as centaurs, but only as a kind of joke, fictionalizing crucial details. Guedali understands why she does this: *"The story is as ingeniously woven as a soap opera. With one single objective: to convince me that I never was a centaur."* (p. 214) The author, Moacyr Scliar, probably did not intend a single, straightforward moral to this fable. But the examination of deviant sexuality as a thing of arresting beauty and the affirmation of life before and after reconstructive surgery nevertheless make this a relevant novel for transsexuals. |

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**Book Review: *Transition and Beyond: Observations on Gender Identity* by Reid Vanderburgh, MA (Portland, OR: Q Press, 2007)**

*Levi Alter*

Reid is an FTM who has written a book of insightful clinical vignettes illustrating the stages of transition, post transition life, and therapeutic approaches that are respectful of clients and gender diversity.

He includes the entire masculine spectrum from butch to gender variant to post-transition FTMs who identify solely as men, of all orientations and walks of life. Anyone reading Reid's book can learn a lot about the FTM community and gain further insight into the the LGBT and MTF communities as well.

Reid includes warm memories of his own transition process, providing a role model to other therapists of an FTM who is able to use his own experience in a healthy and positive way as a resource to help his clients.

This is a book that any FTM would enjoy reading and feel comfortable giving to family members. Reid's book is especially strong in bridging the lesbian and FTM experiences because Reid is himself a bridge between the two communities in his own life, having been nurtured in the lesbian family before his transition and retaining his deep friendships from his chosen family. Reid writes movingly of the home he found in his women's chorus and includes lyrics from feminist singers in between chapters of his book that beautifully describe the feelings of finding one's way home on a gender journey, making it an ideal choice for book discussion groups.

Reid also includes coverage of partners and families of FTMs, of young FTM children and teens, of older FTMs, of FTMs with challenges and of FTMs struggling with fundamentalist religious backgrounds, which have not been addressed in other books to date. He includes valuable information and observations about transitioning and employment. Reid's positive, matter of fact and encouraging treatment of gender issues and transition presents a non-pathologizing model welcome in the professional works on FTM identity. Reid has supported FTM conferences such as FORGE

and Gender Odyssey offering workshops, and is a member of FTMI, TYFA, WPATH and other groups active in building and strengthening FTM lives. James Green writes, "*Most highly recommended!*" |

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**Levi Alter**

I am the President of FTMI. I have been the President, the Chairman of the Board and served as an officer on many Boards of Directors of nonprofits over three decades of community service. I was awarded the Icon Award for Lifetime Service to the transgender community at Trans Unity Pride. I will provide continuity with the past and current board. I will continue to establish and grow local chapters to empower FTMs with local community. I am also the President of the FTMI San Buenaventura Reed Erickson Chapter. I will continue organizational bridge building to fulfill FTMI's mission and vision and strategic plans, presenting educational and informational workshops about FTM topics, updating the FTM Resource Directory and website, answering phone calls and emails for assistance from all over the world, interacting with many other organizations, meetings etc. I consider my time serving the community an investment. In community there is strength. (FTMI President, for re-election to second term)



**Alexander D. Roberto Jose Sims-Zaraspe-Yoo, MA, MFTI**

I serve as the FTMI Treasurer, newsletter editor, and online community moderator for our announcements and discussion groups. My goals are to continue to produce the FTMI newsletter, manage other sources of support such as the FTMI online communities, education of others and within the FTM community. I have organized for Trans-Unity, GenderQueer Revolution, West Hollywood Transgender Taskforce, HIV Mental Health Taskforce, FTM Alliance and more. I am a gender therapist and frequently present educational and informational workshops about FTM topics. (FTMI Treasurer, for re-election to second term)



**Connor Maddocks**

My goals are: to help FTMI grow, to assist those across the country to start chapters in their area, to further the visibility of the FTM community and assist in any projects where needed. I have been a supporter of FTMI since 2002 when I first moved to the Bay area, I attended meetings in San Francisco and helped at the Pride booth. I moved to San Diego and in 2006 I helped create the San Diego FTMI Padraig Hall Chapter, and currently serve as President. I promote FTMI whenever and wherever I can to our community. I currently serve on the Board of San Diego Pride, am a member of The San Diego Community Leadership Council and for the past 4 years have been involved with San Diego TASC, (Transgender Advocacy and Services Center, formerly TCC) serving as Chair or Co-Chair for the past 3 years, working on local trans activities. I have been a member



of the Center's Transgender Advisory Council, Area Manager for AIDS walk for the last two years. I have been a volunteer at SF Pride and San Diego Pride. I have served as chair or been on the committee for San Diego Day of Remembrance and Transgender Day of Empowerment for the past 3 years. I also give Transgender sensitivity/101 trainings at local colleges, universities, City Attorneys office and other places when requested. I am a yearly speaker for the UCSD Medical School 1st year students, quarterly trainer for the Center for Community Solutions Volunteer training, I have presented a workshop at the California NOW state conference. I led a workshop at the Transgender Leadership Conference in LA in 2007. I bring my passion for working with the FTM community, to help others achieve a successful transition, to advocate on behalf of our brothers and sisters. I am committed to our struggle for equal rights and protections, as well as educating the general public. Currently serving on the Board of San Diego Pride, and also currently on the board of TASC for the last 4 years, as Chair and Co-Chair. (San Diego, CA)

#### **Cooper Lee Bombardier**

I hope to help FTMI continue to expand and reach more of our diverse brothers, provide support, information and culture; and also to help FTMI connect more with my region, the Southwest. I am currently employed as the New Mexico Gay-Straight Alliance Network Coordinator. I have been active in the Queer and Trans communities for twenty years. I have experience in AIDS activism, harm reduction/ needle exchange, anti-war organizing, and have been an out and active artist and performer both as a butch dyke and as a transgender man. I have contacts with diverse queer communities around the country from traveling as a performer. I have artistic skills. I can certainly swing a hammer and weld things. I have worked in the trades for the past 10 years. I have diverse life experiences, and I have tried hard and I have made mistakes. And I have learned from them! I have been successful at fundraising not only for my own chest surgery but I also recently raised \$3000.00 for Leukemia research by riding the Santa Fe Century (a 100-mile bike race). I believe in what FTMI does and would be proud

to get others to support it. (Albuquerque, New Mexico)

#### **Kalil Cohen**

I want FTM International to be one of the first resources people think of when they have a question about legal issues, or they're wondering about access to healthcare, or they want to find out about FTM history. The website has an amazing array of resources, and I think that they are underutilized by our communities at the moment. I have been involved with many other LGBT organizations. Currently I am working on the Community Clinics Campaign (c3) working to provide trans specific health care. I am co-chair of the Public Relations/Funding working group of c3 and attend city/county meetings and advisory boards to lobby for funding. I am also an organizer with Trans Equality LA which is focused on bringing trans awareness and education to marriage equality campaigns. I helped organize "Tongue To Tongue" a conference that took place Sept 7-9 2007, a dialogue between and among queer women and trans people of color. I ran a workshop at Trans Unity Pride in June '07 on marriage equality and how this issue affects trans people. I also co-led two workshops at Models of Pride in October '07. I also screened a film at Translations, the trans film festival in Seattle Sept '07 in conjunction with Gender Odyssey. My film is a documentary entitled Queering Gender: A Look Beyond the Binary. In addition to these current LGBT organizations I work with, I was a mentor in the Queer Questioning and Allied Mentor Program. I am deeply rooted in trans people of color organizing. I love to get community members involved with trans organizations because I think it is one of the most powerful ways that we can empower ourselves, gain a sense of community which we may have lost when we came out, and realize the potential we have collectively to achieve justice and success in this world. (Bay Area and Los Angeles, CA)

#### **Mike Dennis, MA Public Administration**

Specialty: Budget and finance. I am also one of about 350 people in the USA and Canada to be Certified as a Public Finance Officer. I am currently Co-Chair of the West Hollywood Transgender Task Force, and Outreach

Person for Alpha Chapter of Tri-Ess. My strengths are financial management skills, collaboration abilities and community activism experience. I was on the national advisory board for GenderPac for three years. (West Hollywood, CA)

### **Aakash Kishore**

My degree is in Black Studies. In addition to supporting the current work of FTMI, I hope to forge new opportunities in the work of FTMI. I am currently involved in SATRANG, an organization for South Asian LGBT individuals. My purpose of involvement on the board of SATRANG is to diversify its programming and membership. The second organization I'm involved with is API Equality-LA, a coalition that works within Asian and Pacific Islander communities for equal marriage rights and fair treatment of LGBT individuals and families. Through my paid work with API Equality-LA, I became connected with Trans Equality-LA. As a member of this organization I have helped to ensure that the Let California Ring campaign in California has been more accountable to transgender individuals and families. Finally, I was one of several organizers who brought to fruition Tongue to Tongue, a weekend-long trans-inclusive event focused on bringing together queer women of color for dialogue. I have spent several years doing anti-oppression trainings for high school-aged youth through the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) in Saint Louis, MO. Through this experience, I have developed strong facilitation skills and a keen sense of group dynamics that has aided me in improving the process of group work. Additionally, I have given several presentations to a variety of audiences on gender identity and its intersections with sexual orientation, race, class, and location. Finally, I have a number of contacts with community artists, many of whom are queer or trans people of color. Not only is recruitment vital to the success of FTMI, but continued visibility in the community is necessary in order to serve the community. In addition to active in-person recruitment at local events, I am interested in the use of online programs such as the facebook, friendster, and myspace which allow people to connect across the world, and which can be the first step in

plugging people into our work on a more local level. (Saint Lous, MO and Los Angeles, CA)

### **Kimrey Lee**

My goal is to educate and be educated to help other FTMs worldwide. I volunteer for many LGBT organizations and events and speak at many local colleges about being FTM. I have experience in management, logistics and worldwide people skills. In construction I deal with conflict resolution on a daily basis. I am a manager for 50+ people and 10 trades building structures. (High Desert, CA)

### **Paris Leisure**

My goal is to help link trans people to resources they need and to help the formation of new groups and organizations that meet the needs of trans people including and with special emphasis on health. When I started transition, I noted how difficult it was to find local resources. So as I began talking to other trans people, I started collecting their resources and made lists. I shared info I collected in an effort to help meet the needs of the local trans people in the Inland Empire, CA. I have been helping supply resources continually since that time. Not only do I share the lists I collected, but I have also done web searches for specific needs for individuals, my home as been a place for trans people to share clothes. I have held support group meeting, started online groups. Helped put together a website, and I speak to individuals by phone or in person. I have a burden for problem solving and meeting the needs of the individuals. I have a particular interest in the health concerns of trans people. (Inland Empire, CA)

### **Genie Moore**

I would like to contribute a cohesive voice, fostering collaboration, and encouragement, amongst board members. I would like to aid in outreach, and public awareness. I would support efforts to build relationships with other organizations within the rainbow community. I have volunteered for a variety of LGBT organizations. I have worked with The Trevor Project, and GLAAD—on committees, at events, and as the outreach representative. I have a background in media, events, fundraising, and nonprofits. Project Management in organizations ranging from \$100,000 to \$8 million. Logistics and 10

organization, dynamic strategy development and leadership of operations of large scale events (250 vendors/sponsors, 150 chili teams, Valvoline Mini-Indie race, Alaska Airlines Wine and Dine Festival, California State Fair 2005. Negotiated marketing and endorsement contracts with celebrities. Arranged television and radio interviews. Guided and coordinated 280 employees and volunteers. Negotiated contracts with vendors, sponsors and entertainment. Spearheaded community involvement promotion to include local community organizations. Created event concepts and attractions, generating public interest and resulting in television, newspaper, and radio coverage. Volunteer and community group recruitment, building a cohesive team environment. Overseeing more than 200 volunteers per event for The Trevor Project, Cracked Xmas Galas far exceeded projected revenue. (Sacramento, CA)

### **Lincoln Rose**

I want to help FTMI expand their outreach and presence. I worked as a regional coordinator with the Triangle Foundation of Michigan prior to my gender transition. I coordinated a task force that got a new policy in place at the King County jail for proper treatment of transgender inmates. I am a member of the UFMCC Transgender Resource Team, and have done trans 101 workshops for local GSA's. I helped with tearing down and rebuilding at the Seattle LGBT community center before it opened. For three years, I have taught a class at Gay City University helping gay, bi and trans men recover from spiritual abuse. I helped launch the Cocoon Project, a growing Seattle nonprofit that works hands on with the trans homeless community. I am also the first openly transgender student to attend the School of Theology and Ministry at Seattle University. I can speak well to faith communities. I can connect people to resources in their area. (Seattle, Washington)

### **Reid Vanderburgh**

My goal is to form strong coalitions with organizations such as PFLAG and TYFA (Trans Youth Family Advocates). I am a founding member of the Portland Women's Theater Company, Portland Lesbian Choir, and Bridges Vocal Ensemble. I am a current board

member of Basic Rights Oregon. I am a singer with Confluence: Willamette Valley LGBT Chorus. I have been working within non-profit organizations (mostly arts organizations) for 25 years. I was also employed for 3.5 years by Equity Foundation, a Portland-based granting organization that funds regional queer organizations. (That was my "transition job.") I am a writer and educator, and a good speaker. Because of my work with Equity Foundation, I have some understanding of granting cycles, and the grants process. I am a published author and professional therapist, which gives me credibility on the "other side of the fence," so to speak. Mental health professionals who work with trans clients respect me. (Portland, Oregon)

### **C. Michael Woodward**

I believe FTMI is poised to take an even larger role in the leadership of the overall trans and gender-diverse community, as well as the LGBT and allied communities. I am an expert in bridge-building with LGB and mainstream organizations to accomplish mutual goals. I have led the Southern Arizona Gender Alliance since 2003, first as Executive Director of the grassroots organization, and now as Program Coordinator under the organizational structure of the Wingspan LGBT Community Center. I am a charter member and past co-chair of the University of Arizona President's LGBT Advisory Council, and was appointed in 2007 to the Tucson Commission on GLBT Issues. I am a contributing writer specializing in transgender topics for Echelon magazine, and have published a number of essays, op-eds, and articles, and am a frequent media resource on trans and LGB issues locally. I'm also the lead singer in a trans and allies rock band called Too Much Information, which is very popular in Southern Arizona. I have strengths in building networks and collaborations, grant writing and development, program development, and most other areas of non-profit management. I am well-connected and respected within the LGBT and allied community, both locally and nationally. Prior to my transition, I served on the volunteer staff and/or Board of Women in the Arts, Inc./National Women's Music Festival for 14 years, retiring as Board President in 1997. (Tucson, Arizona)

## FTM Nation: All Across America

### FTM Alaska



**Alex Cleghorn**

Alex Cleghorn grew up in Fairbanks, Alaska. He is an attorney of Alutiiq/Aleut ancestry in Juneau, Alaska. Previously, he served as a Staff Attorney at California Indian Legal Services and the ACLU of Northern California and on the board of the Transgender Law Center before returning to Alaska. Cleghorn first left Alaska as a teenager to finish high school in Seattle then the University of Washington under the EOP program. He earned his bachelor's degree in political science in 1999. He attended Northeastern University School of Law in Boston.

### FTM District of Columbia



**Dylan Scholinski**

Dylan Scholinski was assigned Daphne at birth and grew up in the Chicago suburbs enjoying Little League and drawing. At 15 he was locked up in a mental hospital, diagnosed as "an inappropriate female." At 18, insurance ran out

and he was discharged. Dylan lives in Washington DC and is a distinguished artist, author, and public speaker. He has appeared on 20/20, Dateline and Today and has been featured in a variety of newspapers and magazines. He published *The Last Time I Wore a Dress* in 1998.



**Simon Aronoff**

Simon Aronoff is the former Deputy Director of NCTE. He was on San Francisco's Transgender Civil Rights Implementation Task Force and served on the board of directors of the Transgender Law Center. He was assigned Jill at birth and grew up in Fayetteville, GA. He is a graduate of Smith College.



**'Alex Fox'**

'Alex Fox' (nom-de-web) transitioned at age 38. He had his biological son prior to transitioning. His son has transitioned as well. He was interviewed and photographed for the book 12

Love Makes a Family. He is an audio engineer and software consultant.



**Ray Reisner**

Ray (Raven) Reisner lives in Washington, DC with his wife Antigone. Ray works as a grant writer for Whitman-Walker Clinic and helped produce the True Spirit conferences.

John Otto is the Privacy and Documentation Program Manager for NCTE. He is from Seattle, WA where he was on the Advisory Committee of the Ingersoll Gender Center. John is a member of the LGBT Aging Roundtable of the NGLTF. He has a Masters of Library and Information Science from the University of Washington and a Bachelor of Arts from The Evergreen State College.

DC Area Transmasculine Society DCATS  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dctransmasculine/>  
<http://www.dcatsinfo.com/> 2nd Sundays 5pm—7pm Whitman-Walker Clinic, 1407 S Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 202-745-6171

Baltimore-WashingtonDC-Annapolis Guys  
<http://www.trans-man.org/bwa-int.html>  
The Center 202-682-2245 1111 14th Street NW, Suite 350 Washington, D.C. 20005  
[www.thedccenter.org](http://www.thedccenter.org)

The National Center for Transgender Equality  
1325 Massachusetts Ave., Suite 600  
Washington, DC 20005 202 639 6332 F202  
393 2241 NCTE@NCTEquality.org  
<http://www.nctequality.org>

NGLTF [www.thetaskforce.org](http://www.thetaskforce.org) 1325  
Massachusetts Ave NW Suite 600 Washington  
DC 20005 202-393-5177  
[thetaskforce@thetaskforce.org](mailto:thetaskforce@thetaskforce.org)  
<http://www.thetaskforce.org>

National Transgender Advocacy Coalition P O  
Box 76027 Washington, DC 20013  
[info@ntac.org](mailto:info@ntac.org) <http://www.ntac.org/>

Gender Public Advocacy Coalition 1743  
Connecticut Ave NW Washington DC, 20002  
202-462-6610 F202-462-6744 [gpac@gpac.org](mailto:gpac@gpac.org)  
<http://www.gpac.org>

National Black Justice Coalition (202) 349-  
3739 [www.nbjcoalition.org](http://www.nbjcoalition.org)

PFLAG Transgender Network 1726 M Street,  
NW, Suite 400 Washington, DC 20036 202-  
467-8180 F202-467-8194 <http://www.pflag.org>  
[info@pflag.org](mailto:info@pflag.org)

Trans Spirituality  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TranSpirituality>

Dignity/USA Debbie Weill (202) 725-5894  
[executivedirector@dignityusa.org](mailto:executivedirector@dignityusa.org)  
[www.dignityusa.org](http://www.dignityusa.org)

Bet Mishpachah Box 1410, Washington, DC  
20013 (202) 833-1638  
<http://betmishpachah.org>

Jewish FtM  
[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Jewish\\_FTM/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Jewish_FTM/)

Trans Muslims  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TransMuslims/>

Al-Fatiha Foundation (202) 271-0067  
[gaymuslims@yahoo.com](mailto:gaymuslims@yahoo.com) [www.al-fatiha.net](http://www.al-fatiha.net)

Washington-Baltimore Alliance P.O. Box 50724  
Washington DC 20091-0724 (301) 649-3960  
<http://www.transgender.org/wba/index.html>

Children of Trans Parents  
[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/trans\\_kids/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/trans_kids/)

Parents of FtM Transsexuals  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ParentsOfFTMTranssexuals/>

Transparents International  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Transparent-International/>

ACLU GL Rights Project Ken Choe, (212) 549-  
2553, [kchoe@aclu.org](mailto:kchoe@aclu.org)

National Coalition for LGBT Health Jeff Travers  
(202) 797-3516 [coalition@lgbthealth.net](mailto:coalition@lgbthealth.net)  
[www.lgbthealth.net](http://www.lgbthealth.net)

District of Columbia has a law against  
orientation and gender identity discrimination.

**FTM Illinois**

Private Albert D. J. Cashier, assigned as  
Jennie Rodgers at birth, was a Civil War 13

soldier who served in the 95th Illinois Regiment. On August 3, 1862, a nineteen-year-old Irish immigrant named Albert D. J. Cashier, described as having a light complexion, blue eyes, and auburn hair, enlisted in the Ninety-fifth Illinois Infantry. Cashier served steadily until August 17, 1865, when the regiment was mustered out of the Federal army. Cashier participated in approximately forty battles and skirmishes in those long, hard four years. After the war, Cashier worked as a laborer, eventually drew a pension, and finally went to live in the Quincy, Illinois, Soldiers' Home. In 1913 a surgeon at the home discovered that Albert D. J. Cashier had female anatomy. A public disclosure of the finding touched off a storm of sensational newspaper stories, for Cashier had lived his entire adult life as a man. None of Cashier's former comrades-in-arms or the commandant at the Soldiers' Home ever questioned his gender, and after his anatomy was made public continued to refer to him as male. He died October 11, 1914.

An early Phil Donahue Show, (1982), featured Paul Walker of HBI/GDA and Mike and Marc Vittio, FTM twins from Illinois.



#### **Aren Drehobl MSW**

Aren Drehobl MSW worked for Hull House's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy, the Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network and as GLSEN Chicago's Program Manager. He was awarded the TSELF Chicago Gender Society Leadership Award while he was a student at University of Chicago for his Master of Social Work.

Dane Travis is a Chicago high school teacher who transitioned on the job. He helped produce the True Spirit conventions.

Frank Miller, assigned as Frances Hook at birth, was an orphan who enlisted with his brother early in the war. He was twenty-two years old, of medium build, with hazel eyes and dark brown hair. Even though his brother was killed in action at Pittsburgh Landing, he continued service, probably in an Illinois infantry regiment. In early 1864, Confederates captured him near Florence, Alabama; he was shot in the thigh during a battle. While imprisoned in Atlanta, his captors realized he had female anatomy. After his exchange at Graysville, Georgia, on February 17, 1864, he was cared for in Union hospitals in Tennessee, then discharged and sent North in June.

Logan Grimes LCSW, assigned Mona at birth, is a Chicago native with 20+ years of experience in social services. Associated with the Lesbian Community Cancer Project since 2001, Logan leads cultural sensitivity training and educational workshops on transgender and lesbian health for community professionals and has led workshops at national FTM conferences.

#### **Chicago Transguy Alliance**

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/chicagoftmgroup>

Chicago Gender Society PO Box 66595  
Chicago, IL 60666-0595 (708) 863-7714  
<http://www.chicagogender.com> PO Box  
578005 Chicago, IL 60657

Center on Halsted 2869 N. Lincoln Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60613 773-472-6469 x226 2855 N.  
Lincoln Chicago, IL 60657  
[www.centeronhalsted.org](http://www.centeronhalsted.org)

PFLAG Chicago Metro Howard Brown Health  
Center 4025 N. Sheridan Chicago, IL 60613  
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<http://www.howardbrown.org>

Congregation Or Chadash c/o Second  
Unitarian Church, 656 West Barry, Chicago, IL  
60657 (773) 248-9456 [www.orchadash.org](http://www.orchadash.org)

#### **FTM Massachusetts**

Robert Shirtliffe, assigned Deborah Samson at birth, joined the Army in 1778 at age 21 at Plymouth Massachusetts in the Fourth Massachusetts Regiment of the Continental

Army. Often going on hunting ventures, he became as proficient at shooting, and performed heavy farm labor wearing men's clothing. He was five feet eight inches tall, taller than the average man of the time. Paul Revere, a good friend of Robert, petitioned Massachusetts to pay Robert as a veteran, the award was signed by John Hancock. Robert was the first female-bodied lectern in America, traveling from city to city to give lectures in full male uniform in 1802. He is the official Hero of the State of Massachusetts.

J. Levi, a graduate of Wellesley College and the University of Chicago Law School, is Assistant Professor of Law at Western New England College, serves on the Legal Committee of WPATH, and is a founding member of both the Transgender Law & Policy Institute and the Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition.

Henry S. Rubin, Professor of Sociology at Harvard, wrote Transformations: Emerging Female-To-Male Trans Identities as his Ph.D. Dissertation, Department of Sociology, Brandeis University, MA in 1996 and The Subject Matters: FTM Subjectivity and Embodiment, published by the University of Chicago Press and Self-Made Men, Identity and Embodiment among Transsexual Men.

Abe Doherty is a wetland scientist who organized Compass, a Boston FTM support group.

Dr. Alex Coleman JD PhD practices law and also is a licensed psychologist in Brookline, MA.

BATS (Boston Area Trans Support)  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/boston-area-trans-support>

Boston FTM SOFFAS  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BostonFTMSO>  
FFAgroup

Compass c/o IFGE PO BOX 540229  
WALTHAM MA 02454-0229 FTMs 1st  
Thursdays Waltham Mykael Hawley 781-899-2212 [ftm@ifge.org](mailto:ftm@ifge.org)  
<http://www.geocities.com/ftmcompass/>

The Officers Club 123 Moody St. Waltham, MA 02154 (617) 683-1095 Mykael Hawley New Hampshire [theofficersclub@gmail.com](mailto:theofficersclub@gmail.com)

Yankee Boyz Maine [yankeeboyz@hotmail.com](mailto:yankeeboyz@hotmail.com)

Congregation Am Tikva, Boston (Brookline), MA [www.amtikva.org](http://www.amtikva.org)

East Coast Female-to-Male Group P.O. Box 60585, Florence Station, Northampton, MA 01061. 413-584-7616, Bet Power 3rd Sundays 3-6pm FTM SOs Jane Harris 413-625-6033

FTX Group Fenway Community Health 7 HAVILAND ST BOSTON MA 02115-2683 617 927 6202 (Aaron)

GLAD 294 Washington Street, Suite 740 Boston, MA 02108 617-426-1350

[gladlaw@glad.org](mailto:gladlaw@glad.org) <http://www.glad.org/> 30 Winter Street, Suite 800 Boston MA 02108

GenderTalk Radio Nancy Nangeroni 88.1 FM Cambridge, MA

Greater Boston Trans  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gb-trans>

International Foundation For Gender Education (IFGE) PO BOX 540229, Waltham, MA 02454-0229 781-899-2212 [info@ifge.org](mailto:info@ifge.org)  
<http://www.ifge.org/> Transgender Tapestry magazine 14 Felton Street, Waltham, MA 02454-0229

Keshet <http://www.boston-keshet.org/> 284 Amory Street, building G, 2nd Fl Jamaica Plain, MA 02130 Idit Klein  
[idit@keshetonline.org](mailto:idit@keshetonline.org) 617-524-9227

Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition at the Community Church of Boston, 565 Boylston St, Copley Square, Boston [www.masstpc.org](http://www.masstpc.org)

PFLAG Boston/Greater Boston 85 River St #5A Waltham, MA 2453 [info@gbpflag.org](mailto:info@gbpflag.org) (866) 427-3524 <http://www.gbpflag.org>

Massachusetts has a statewide law against orientation discrimination.

## **FTM New York**

Lyons Wakeman, assigned Sarah Rosetta Wakeman at birth, worked as a coal handler on a river barge in New York then enlisted in the army. His tombstone reads Lyons Wakeman. His letters were edited into a book. 153rd Regiment, New York Volunteers, 1862-1864.



**Dr. Paisley Currah, PhD**

Dr. Paisley Currah, PhD is executive director of CLGS. Currah co-founded the Transgender Law and Policy Institute a non-profit organization that advances trans equality through legal and policy initiatives. As a naturalized American citizen originally from Canada, Currah's concern for trans people doesn't stop at US borders. "I am thinking more and more [about] connections across national borders in terms of people doing activism across borders and people working together and positioning transgender rights as international human rights." Paisley is an associate professor of political science at Brooklyn College of the City University of New York. He is a co-editor, with Richard M. Juang and Shannon Price Minter, of Transgender Rights (Minnesota University Press, 2006). He received a Ph.D. in Government in 1994 from Cornell University.



**Moonhawk River Stone, MS**

Moonhawk River Stone, MS is a psychotherapist in the Albany, NY area. He is on the board of directors of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, serves on the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association's Trans Health Care Committee, is a member of WPATH, and is a member of the National LGBT Health Coalition. He was the Chairman of IFGE and NYAGRA and a presenter at Southern Comfort.

Murray Hall was born Mary Anderson in 1831. He was well known in New York as a politician with Tammany Hall. He married twice, adopting a daughter in the second marriage. Seventy years old at his death in 1901, he lived as a man over thirty years without hormones or surgery.

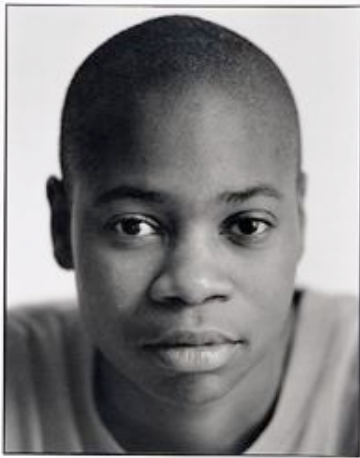
Mario Martino, assigned Harriet at birth, published Emergence: A Transsexual Autobiography in 1977, one of the earliest transgender books by an FTM. He founded the Labyrinth Foundation Counseling Service in the late 1960s in New York, the first transgender community-based organization that specifically addressed the needs of FTMs.



**Lazlo Perlman (left)**

Lazlo Perlman is a professional actor and film maker in Seattle, New York and Los Angeles. He received the Trans Unity Trailblazer Award for his body of work including reviving the film Florida Enchantment and, directing Unhung Heroes and his shows Trans/Formation and Freakshow.





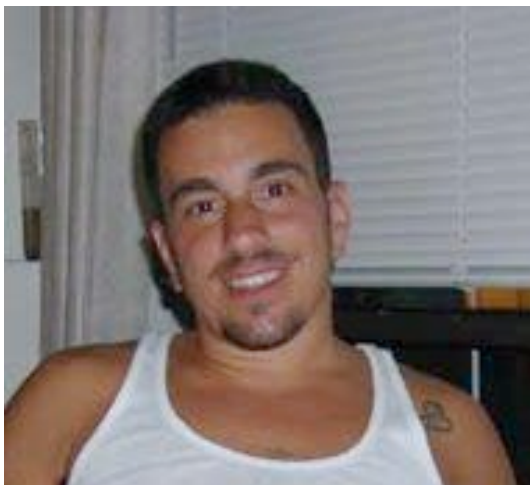
**Imani Henry**

Imani Henry, Caribbean Actor graduated from Emerson College's school of performing arts in 1992 and has performed widely. His performance B4T (before testosterone) was in a recent episode of "In the Life."



**Griffen Hansbury MSW**

Griffen Hansbury MSW won the TSELF General Achievement Award for his degree from Hunter College, Master of Social Work. Griffen Hansbury MA MSW was a counselor at the Gender Identity Project in NYC.



**Ray Carannante, MSW**

Ray Carannante, MSW is a native New Yorker working in Manhattan as a social worker at the Callen-Lorde Community Health center and affiliated with the Gender Identity Project. He coordinated the True Spirit conference and served on the Board of Directors of FTM International.



**Justin Cascio**

Justin Cascio is a health journalist. In 2002, he participated in the passing of a New York City gender rights ordinance. Justin writes on transgender health issues, and speaks at conferences and to university classes.



**Sean M. Endress MA, MSW**

Sean M. Endress MA, MSW was awarded the TSELF General Achievement Award for his State University of New York, Albany Master of Social Work. He worked at the Gender Identity Project in New York City.



### **Dean Spade, Esq.**

Dean Spade, Esq. completed his undergraduate studies at Barnard College, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa and summa cum laude. He is a 2001 Order of the Coif graduate of UCLA School of Law, where he was a member of the UCLA Law Review and a Fellow. In 2002, Dean founded the Sylvia Rivera Law Project ([www.srlp.org](http://www.srlp.org)) for those facing gender identity and/or expression discrimination.

New York has a statewide law against orientation discrimination.

#### **New York FTMs**

[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NY\\_FTMs](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NY_FTMs)

#### **Albany to Syracuse NY FtMs**

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Albany-to-Syracuse-NY-FTMs>

#### **NYC Transmen**

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nyctransmen>

#### **FTM Long Island**

[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FTM\\_LI](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FTM_LI)

#### **NYC Tri State FtMs**

[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NYC\\_Tri-State-FtMs](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NYC_Tri-State-FtMs)

The FTM Fraternity 908 298 8797 (Marty Kincaid) or 212 570 1260 (Kit Rachlin, Ph.D.)

Gender Identity Project The LGBT Community Centre 208 W 13TH St NY NY 10011-7702 212 620 7310 FTM35+ group Mondays 8-10pm [trevor-norman@optonline.net](mailto:trevor-norman@optonline.net)

TransJustice Sylvia Rivera Law Project 322 8TH Ave Fl 3 NY, NY 10001-8001 718 596 0342 ext. 18 Imani at [ikhenry@alp.org](mailto:ikhenry@alp.org) <http://srlp.org/> Wednesdays 6.30-8.30 pm

Lambda Legal [www.lambdalegal.org](http://www.lambdalegal.org) 120 Wall Street Ste 1500 New York NY 10005-3904 18

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[query@transgenderlaw.org](mailto:query@transgenderlaw.org) 328 Flatbush Avenue, Box 312 Brooklyn, NY 11238 Paisley Currah (James Green)  
<http://www.transgenderlaw.org>

New York Association for Gender Rights Advocacy (NYAGRA) 24 W. 25th Street, 9th Floor, New York, NY 10010 (212) 675-3288 ext. 338 <http://www.nyagra.com/> Pauline Park [NYAGRA\\_mailing\\_list@yahoo.com](mailto:NYAGRA_mailing_list@yahoo.com)

Transmen New Jersey-New York City  
[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TransmenNJ\\_NYC](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TransmenNJ_NYC)  
Community Change Project 845-634-5729 77 South Main Street New City, NY 10956  
[www.gaypriderockland.org](http://www.gaypriderockland.org)

Congregation Beth Simchat Torah 57 Bethune Street, New York, NY 10014 (212) 929-9498  
<http://www.cbst.org>

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Rights Project Paul Cates (212) 549-2568  
[pcates@aclu.org](mailto:pcates@aclu.org) [www.aclu.org/lgbt](http://www.aclu.org/lgbt)

IGLHRC Paula Ettelbrick (212) 216-1256  
[pettelbrick@iglhrc.org](mailto:pettelbrick@iglhrc.org) [www.iglhrc.org](http://www.iglhrc.org)

Human Rights Watch Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Rights Project Scott Long (212) 216-1297 [longs@hrw.org](mailto:longs@hrw.org)  
[www.hrw.org/lgbt](http://www.hrw.org/lgbt)

International Conference on Transgender Law and Employment Policy (ICTLEP) PO Box 1010 Cooperstown, NY 13326 Phone: 1-607-547-4118

### **FTM North Carolina**



### **Dr. Nick Gorton, MD**

Dr. Nick Gorton, MD was born in 1970 and assigned as Rebecca. He graduated NCSSM in 1988, NCSU in 1991, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine in 1998. He completed his residency and chief residency in emergency medicine at Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn, NY in 2002, and became a Diplomate of the American College of Emergency Physicians in 2003. He is an out gay trans man, and lives with his partner spouse Dan Gonsalves, in Davis, CA. In addition to his day job in the ER, he volunteers with Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services and has clinic there every Wednesday with a special focus on providing care for transgender people. He also provides pro bono medical consulting for a number of transgender-rights organizations - most notably the Sylvia Rivera Law Project.

Samuel Blalock, assigned Sarah Malinda Pritchard at birth, enlisted in Co. F of the 26th North Carolina Infantry. He fought in three battles and was discharged April 20, 1862.



### **Blaine Paxton Hall, PA-C**

Blaine Paxton Hall, PA-C is a Physician's Associate in the Department of Medicine Division of Nephrology at Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC. He is also an adjunct Clinical Instructor for the Duke Physician Assistant Program. Blaine received his B.S. degree from Roosevelt University, Chicago, and his Physician Assistant medical training at Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, NC. Hall is a member of Mensa. He is the founding president of AANPA, the American Academy of

Nephrology Physician Assistants. He is a member of the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association Advocacy & Liaison Committee and author of Hestias House.

Tarheel Transmen Winston-Salem NC  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tarheeltransmen/>  
second Saturdays 7pm

Triad Gender Association Greensboro NC  
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<http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/Cafe/9577/>  
Second Saturdays 7pm

NC-FTM  
[http://community.livejournal.com/nc\\_ftm/](http://community.livejournal.com/nc_ftm/)

### **FTM North Dakota**



### **Lore M. Dickey MA**

Lore M. Dickey MA has presented at Forward Motion, Gender Odyssey and FORGE-Forward. He is a full-time graduate student at the University of North Dakota where he is working on a PhD in Counseling Psychology. lore grew up in Phoenix, AZ and began his transition in 1999 while living in Seattle, WA. working on a PhD in Counseling Psychology. lore grew up in Phoenix, AZ and began his transition in 1999 while living in Seattle, WA.

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**FTM International, Inc.**

**Board of Directors Election for Term Beginning January 2008 and ending December 31, 2010**

**BALLOT**

Ballots must be returned postmarked by **December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007** to be valid. Return your ballot to FTM International, 601 Van Ness Ave. Suite E327 San Francisco, CA 94102 or email your vote to [election@ftmi.org](mailto:election@ftmi.org) no later than midnight **December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007**. The ByLaws of *FTMInternational* state that the board shall have up to 15 members. There are 13 nominees. You may vote for as many as you choose, including all.

**Levi Alter**

I will provide continuity with the past and current board, continue to establish and grow local chapters to empower FTMs with local community and organizational bridge building. (FTMI President, for re-election to second term)

**Cooper Lee Bombardier**

I hope to help FTMI continue to expand and reach more of our diverse brothers, provide support, information and culture; and also to help FTMI connect more with my region, the Southwest. (Albuquerque, New Mexico)

**Kalil Cohen**

I want FTM International to be one of the first resources people think of when they have a question about legal issues, or they're wondering about access to healthcare, or they want to find out about FTM history. I am deeply rooted in trans people of color organizing. (Bay Area and Los Angeles, CA)

**Mike Dennis**

I am Certified as a Public Finance Officer. My strengths are financial management skills, collaboration abilities and community activism experience. (West Hollywood, CA)

**Aakash Kishore**

My degree is in Black Studies. I hope to forge new opportunities in the work of FTMI in the use of online programs such as the facebook, friendster, and myspace which allow people to connect across the world. (Saint Lous, MO and Los Angeles, CA)

**Kimrey Lee**

My goal is to educate and help other FTMs worldwide. I have experience in management, logistics and worldwide people skills. (High Desert, CA)

**Paris Leisure**

My goal is to help link trans people to resources they need and to help the formation of new groups and organizations that meet the needs of trans people with special emphasis on health. (Inland Empire, CA)

**Connor Maddocks**

My goals are: to help FTMI grow, to assist those across the country to start chapters in their area, to further the visibility of the FTM community and our struggle for equal rights and protections, as well as educating the general public. (San Diego, CA)

**Genie Moore**

I would like to contribute a cohesive voice, fostering collaboration amongst board members, to aid in outreach and public awareness and support efforts to build relationships with other organizations within the rainbow community. (Sacramento, CA)

**Lincoln Rose**

I want to help FTMI expand their outreach and presence. (Seattle, Washington)

**Reid Vanderburgh**

My goal is to form strong coalitions with organizations such as PFLAG and TYFA (Trans Youth Family Advocates). (Portland, Oregon)

**C. Michael Woodward**

I believe FTMI is poised to take an even larger role in the leadership of the overall trans and gender-diverse community, as well as the LGBT and allied communities. I am an expert in bridge-building with LGB and mainstream organizations to accomplish mutual goals. (Tucson, Arizona)

**Alexander D. Roberto Jose Sims-Zaraspe-Yoo**

I will continue to produce the FTMI newsletter, manage other sources of support such as the FTMI online communities and provide educational presentations. (FTMI Treasurer, for re-election to second term)