



oSTEM Gender Affirmation Symposium

What is the Gender Affirmation Symposium?

The Gender Affirmation Symposium is an inclusive and non-judgmental space hosted at the 9th Annual oSTEM Conference. The Symposium centers around the experiences of Two-Spirit, transgender, agender, gender nonconforming, and people who are questioning their gender. Our aim is to connect attendees with healthcare professionals who share similar identities to their own in order to safely support intimate conversations of identity-affirming healthcare access.

The Symposium is a stand-alone three-hour event held Sunday, Nov. 17, 2019, at the GM Renaissance Center in Detroit, MI. We have divided the time into two main themes: primary care and mental health. The primary care portion will include the topics of surgical and sexual health resources, while the mental health portion will include discussion around dealing with gender dysphoria, communicating needs within intimate relationships, and self-care.

These conversations will be introduced in large group panel discussions, after which attendees will be invited to join breakout sessions to discuss more deeply the topics that interest them. These smaller group discussions are designed to encourage open and thoughtful sharing of information between members of the community.

Panelist Bios

We are excited to welcome to the Gender Affirmation Symposium healthcare professionals who represent a broad spectrum of specialties and gender identities. Their work includes *directing gender and sexual health clinics, medical professorship, sexology and sex therapy, clinical HIV and transgender care, and social work*. Please read our panelists' bios below and check back for updates as we are still finalizing a few!

Dr. Haylee Veazey

I'm a trans woman and my pronouns are she/her. I live in Minneapolis, MN but am originally from Farmington, New Mexico. I went to the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque where I got my B.S. in Biochemistry. I went straight through to the School of

Medicine there where I got my M.D. I then completed a dual residency program in both Emergency Medicine and Internal Medicine at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis. During the first/intern year of residency, I came out of the closet and transitioned. Now, I am an attending physician in Emergency and Internal Medicine at Hennepin Healthcare in Minneapolis and am the Medical Director of the Adult Gender and Sexual Health Clinic. I hold appointments as an Assistant Professor in both Emergency and Internal Medicine at the University of Minnesota Medical School. I live with my partner, two cats, and a wiener dog. I enjoy gardening, movies, board games, and video games!

Dr. Reece Malone

Based out of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, Dr. Reece Malone is the CEO and founder of Sexuality Consultants and Support Services Manitoba, Inc. as well as its subsidiary company Diversity Essentials. As a trainer, supervisor, and program and policy consultant, he has worked with local, national and international organizations including the Public Health Agency of Canada, The Canadian Human Rights Commission, and the World Health Organization on topics that center human sexuality, sexual orientation, gender identity, equity and inclusive practices.



He is the author of the Canadian Human Rights National Roundtable on Gender Identity and Gender Expression that helped lead to the inclusion of Gender Identity as a protected characteristic to the Canadian Human Rights Act as well as to the Canadian Criminal Code. Dr. Malone is the author of the resource SHOUTOUT: Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Transphobia, and Heterosexism which has been distributed to over 90,000 youth across Canada. He along with his research associates has recently received the prestigious George and Fee Yee Centre for Healthcare Innovation award on patient engagement examining healthcare barriers experienced by trans and gender diverse Manitobans.

Dr. Malone holds a certification in sexology and sex therapy and maintains a private practice that centres the needs of marginalized populations while treating sexual health issues and concerns.

Zil Goldstein



Zil Goldstein is a nurse practitioner and a transgender activist working to promote better health care in marginalized communities. She is the Associate Medical Director for Transgender and Gender Non-Binary Health at Callen-Lorde Community Health Center. She has served as a clinical specialist in transgender and HIV health at multiple institutions, and, with over ten years of experience in managing the healthcare of transgender individuals, has played an instrumental role in building transgender services throughout the Mount Sinai Health System. She is a published author on transgender and sex worker health and is a nationally recognized leader in both fields.

Brodie Lobb



Brodie Lobb is a Master of Social Work student at the University of Michigan School of Social Work. He earned his Bachelor of Social Work from Adrian College in May 2019. Brodie is an out queer transgender man whose initial career goal is to be a therapist for LGBT+ individuals, specifically providing transition-related individual and family therapy for transgender folks. In addition to wanting to work on an individual level, Brodie also has a passion for educating the public about LGBT+/transgender issues in various capacities. In the past this has included facilitating an educational presentation for professors and students at Adrian College. Brodie currently works as a facilitator for PrideZone, a support and social group for LGBT+ youth through Ozone House in Ann Arbor, MI. In his spare time (when he has any), Brodie enjoys spending time with his friends and cat, Sage; playing and listening to music; and working on any DIY projects he can get his hands on.