



THE BIGGER PICTURE



DENVER, CO, USA
November 4-5, 2023
Conference Schedule

DAY ONE - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023

9.00 AM	Stella O'Malley	<i>Opening plenary</i>
9.30 AM	Michael Shellenberger	<i>How the gender battles fit into the larger war for the preservation of free expression (with Q&A)</i>
10.15 AM	Wesley Yang	<i>A Vast Institutional Failure Visited on the Bodies of the Young: Gender Ideology in America</i>
10.45 AM	Leor Sapir	<i>Institutional Capture (How gender ideology has been embedded within America)</i>
11.15 AM	Coffee Break	
11.30 AM	Panel discussion: Moderated by Benjamin Boyce	<i>The Left wing media's love affair with trans. Panelists: Pamela Paresky, Lisa Selin Davis, Ben Appel and Christina Buttons</i>
12.00 PM	Vernadette Ramirez Broyles	<i>Insights from a legal warrior & whistleblower: How schools, courts, and clinics are hurting kids and</i>
12.30 PM	Jamie Reed	<i>Changing minds: How gender clinics are harming children and what the left must do to wake up and</i>
1.00 PM	Lunch	
2.00 PM	Dr. Stephen Levine	<i>Key Elements of Comprehensive Psychiatric Evaluation & Psychotherapy</i>
2.45 PM	Zhenya Abruzzese	<i>The Puberty Blockers Experiment</i>
3.15 PM	Coffee Break	
3.30 PM	Denise Caignon, 4thWaveNow	<i>Challenges in parenting and politics in the 'gender affirming' American zeitgeist</i>
3.50 PM	Dr. Joe Burgo	<i>Boys who don't masturbate</i>
4.10 PM	Stella O'Malley	<i>Moving Beyond Trans towards the Gender Care Framework</i>
4.30 PM	Panel discussion	<i>The psychological roots of gender related distress. Panelists: Stephen Levine, Sasha Ayad, Lisa Marchiano, Stella O'Malley and Joe Burgo</i>
5.00 PM	Break	
7.00 PM	Chloe Cole	<i>A livestream of Gender: A Wider Lens with Chloe Cole, Stella O'Malley and Sasha Ayad</i>

DAY TWO - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023

9.00 AM	Heather Heying	<i>Sex Differences: An Evolutionary Story</i>
9.45 AM	Dr. Colin Wright	<i>The Sex Binary: What It Is and Why It Matters</i>
10.15 AM	Sammy Stagg	<i>Brain sex: No one is born in the wrong body</i>
10.35 AM	Carrie D. Mendoza	<i>How Bad Ideas Scale and Unwind in US Healthcare: Lessons from the Opioid Epidemic</i>
11.00 AM	Coffee Break	
11.15 AM	Panel discussion: Moderated by Jessie Mannisto	<i>Not your mom: Women resisting gender ideology. Panelists: Heather Heying, Carrie Mendoza, Stella O'Malley, Nina Paley, Carole Hooven</i>
11.45 AM	Jennifer Lahl	<i>Transgender assisted reproduction: where is this</i>
12.10 PM	January Littlejohn	<i>How the school transitioned my daughter – and</i>
12.40PM	Alex Byrne	<i>Trouble with gender</i>
1.00 PM	Lunch	
2.00 PM	James Lindsay	<i>The Marxification of Gender</i>
2.30 PM	Corinna Cohn	<i>Political Organizing in America</i>
2.50 PM	Linda Blade	<i>When women's sports meets gender ideology</i>
3.10 PM	Coffee Break	
3.20 PM	Shannon Thrace	<i>A marriage lost to gender identity</i>
3.40 PM	Erin Friday	<i>The ROGD Kid: A parent's story</i>
4.05 PM	Prisha Mosely	<i>Validation versus Affirmation: The sliding doors</i>
4.30 PM	Wilfred Reilly	<i>The detransition time bomb</i>
5.00 PM	Closing panel discussion	

SPECIAL EVENTS

SAT 6.30 PM	Lisa Marchiano, Sasha Ayad and Stella O'Malley	<i>Book Launch: When Kids Say They're Trans</i>
SUN 6.00 PM	Uncomfortable Truths: The Reality of Gender Identity Ideology	<i>A private premiere of the first episode of a three-part series, featuring Helen Joyce, Stella O'Malley and others. There will be a live Q&A afterwards.</i>
SUN 7.30 PM	Corinna Cohn and Nina Paley	<i>Cancel This: Nina Paley and Corinna Cohn Talk Gender</i>
	Christina Buttons	<i>The Detransition Survey</i>
	Themis	<i>Launch of Detrans Legal Fund</i>

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Speaker Profiles

Stella O'Malley



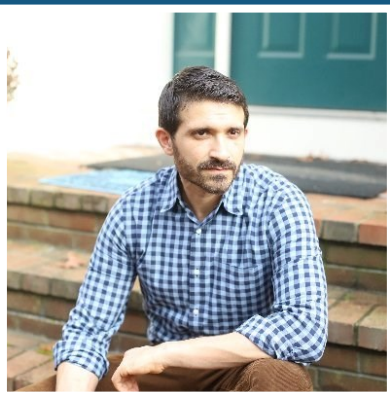
Psychotherapist and author of several books, Stella is the founder and director of Genspect. Stella first became well known for her work in gender with the 2018 documentary, *Trans Kids: It's Time To Talk*. Moved by how many families were impacted by gender dysphoria, Stella founded the Gender Dysphoria Support Network to help parents access appropriate support. Along with Sasha Ayad, Stella is the co-host of the popular podcast, *Gender: A Wider Lens* and is also the co-author of *When Kids Say They're Trans: A Guide for Thoughtful Parents*.

Michael Shellenberger



Michael Shellenberger is a Time Magazine "Hero of the Environment", Green Book Award winner, and the best-selling author of *San Francisco: Why Progressives Ruin Cities* and *Apocalypse Never: Why Environmental Alarmism Hurts Us All*. Michael has broken major stories including: San Francisco's cash incentives for homelessness; Amazon Forest 'lungs of the world' myth; climate pseudoscience; climate anxiety; the U.S. government support for fracking; forest management; climate change; and California's fires. Michael offers testimony as a journalist and policy expert to the U.S. Congress on a range of issues covering free speech, censorship, and the environment.

Leor Sapir



Leor Sapir is a fellow at the Manhattan Institute (MI). In his work at the MI, Dr. Sapir applies his research and academic experience to policy matters, concentrating on issues of gender identity and transgenderism. His inaugural essay in *City Journal* (Winter 2022) explores a series of recent court rulings on transgenderism, demonstrating how bad ideas translate from fringe academic theory into law and policy. Previous pieces for *City Journal* explored evolving athletic guidelines and media coverage surrounding transgender issues.



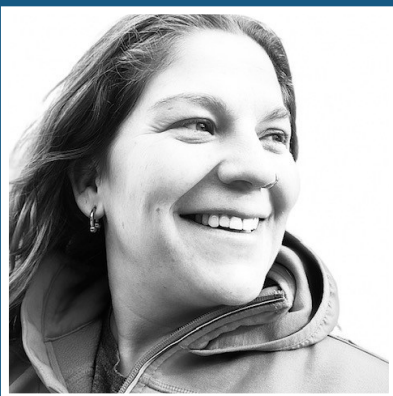
Dr. James Lindsay

An author, mathematician, and political commentator, Dr. James Lindsay has written eight books spanning a range of subjects including education, postmodern theory, and critical race theory. Dr. Lindsay is the Founder of New Discourses, an organization dedicated to shining the light of objective truth in subjective darkness. Dr. Lindsay is the co-author of “Cynical Theories: How Activist Scholarship Made Everything about Race, Gender, and Identity—and Why This Harms Everybody” and is the author of “Race Marxism,” as well as his newest book, “The Marxification of Education.” Dr. Lindsay has been a featured guest on Fox News, Glenn Beck, Joe Rogan, and NPR, and he has spoken at the Oxford Union and the EU Parliament.



Vernadette Ramirez Broyles

Vernadette Ramirez Broyles is the President and General Counsel of Child & Parental Rights Campaign, Inc., a not-for-profit public interest law firm that engages in litigation and advocacy across the country to protect children’s health and defend parental rights from the impacts of gender identity ideology. Ms. Broyles currently practices in the areas of Title IX, parental rights, constitutional rights and child protective services litigation. Ms. Broyles earned her law degree from Harvard Law School and received her undergraduate degree in Biology from Yale University.



Jamie Reed

Jamie Reed is a whistleblower from the Pediatric Transgender Center in St Louis and a clinical research coordinator. Jamie is a gay woman, a parent of 5 children, and married to a transgender man. Jamie is currently an organizer with the LGBT Courage Coalition working to end medical transition in children and adolescents.



Ben Appel

Ben Appel is a writer living in New York. His memoir, *Cis White Gay: The Making of a Gender Heretic*, with Bombardier Books, is forthcoming. His work has appeared in Newsweek, Spiked, Daily Mail, Washington Examiner, Queer Majority, and UnHerd.

Dr. Stephen Levine



Dr. Levine is a Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in Cleveland, Ohio. He is the solo author of five books on sex and love and has been the Senior Editor of three editions of the Handbook of Clinical Sexuality for Mental Health Professionals. In the previous six years, most of his academic output has involved trans matters. In 2005, he and two colleagues received a lifetime achievement Masters and Johnson's Award from the Society for Sex Therapy and Research. Informed consent, evidence evaluation, ethics, and the description of a life cycle perspective are topics that he is often called upon to discuss. These topics converge into an interest in a psychotherapy-first approach to concerned individuals and their parents.

Denise Caignon, 4thWaveNow



Denise is the founder of the website and Twitter account 4thWaveNow. 4thWaveNow was the first website to chronicle the now-frequent phenomenon of teens and young adults suddenly identifying as transgender. Originally a supportive space for parents, 4thWaveNow evolved into a platform for Denise's original writing, as well as work by and about detransitioners, gender clinicians, researchers, and others who question the affirm-only model for gender dysphoric youth. 4thWaveNow's current focus is investigations into US gender medicine and related political ramifications.



Dr. Joseph Burgo

Joseph Burgo is a psychotherapist, writer, and media commentator. His work focuses on the role of shame and narcissism in fuelling a drive toward gender transition. Joe's work is informed by his many years working with other gay men and members of the LGBT community.

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Lisa Marchiano



Lisa Marchiano, LCSW is an author, podcaster, and certified Jungian analyst in private practice. She is the author of several books, including *When Kids Say They're Trans: A Guide for Thoughtful Parents* which she co-authored with her dear friends Stella O'Malley and Sasha Ayad. Lisa's writings on gender have appeared in numerous publications, including *Quillette* and *The Journal of Analytical Psychology*. Lisa is a host of the popular depth psychology podcast *This Jungian Life*.

Chloe Cole



Chloe Cole, a poised and articulate 19-year-old young woman, passionately advocates against the practice of transitioning minors. Driven by a noble mission to safeguard children from potentially harmful ideologies and medical interventions, Chloe draws from her personal experiences to shed light on the distressing consequences of gender-affirming care for adolescents. Having embarked on her own transition journey at the tender age of 12, only to subsequently detransition at 16, Chloe speaks with firsthand authority on the deeply traumatic effects experienced by minors undergoing such treatments.

Sasha Ayad



Sasha Ayad is a Licensed Professional Counselor in private practice. Her work focuses on teens and young adults struggling with gender dysphoria and gender identity. Concerned about medical transition for gender-distressed children and teens, Sasha's approach is developmentally appropriate least-invasive-first talk therapy. Sasha cohosts *Gender: A Wider Lens Podcast* and is a founding board member of several organizations including Society for Evidence-based Gender Medicine, The Gender Exploratory Therapy Association and Genspect.

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Heather Heying



Heather Heying is a scientist, educator, and author. She holds a PhD in Biology, and a B.A. in Anthropology, and has conducted research on the evolution of social systems and sexual selection, from frogs to humans. Formerly a visiting Fellow at Princeton, and before that, a tenured professor at The Evergreen State College, she has written two books (*Antipode: Seasons with the Extraordinary Wildlife and Culture of Madagascar* and the NYT best-seller *A Hunter-Gatherer's Guide to the 21st Century: Evolution and the Challenges of Modern Life*, co-authored with Bret Weinstein) and writes *Natural Selections* on Substack. Co-host, with Bret, of the *DarkHorse* podcast.

Dr. Colin Wright



Dr. Colin Wright is an evolutionary biology PhD, Manhattan Institute Fellow, Academic Advisor for the Society for Evidence-based Gender Medicine, and a member of Genspect's new think tank, The Killarney Group. Wright began writing publicly about issues of sex and gender in 2018. His articles have been published in the Wall Street Journal, The Times, New York Post, Newsweek, City Journal, Quillette, and other major news outlets, as well as peer-reviewed journals and book chapters. He has been a guest on many popular TV shows and podcasts, such as The Joe Rogan Experience, Tucker Carlson Tonight, Triggernometry, and others.

Sammy Stagg



Sammy Stagg's academic background is multidisciplinary and includes Psychology (BSc), Molecular Neuroscience (MSc), and Neuroimmunology (PhD candidate). He primarily focuses on the intersection of sleep, circadian rhythms, and neuroinflammation in the context of Alzheimer's disease. Beyond his core research focus, Sammy is profoundly intrigued in understanding the intricate neural underpinnings of sex differences and their implications for various aspects of health, cognition, and susceptibility to neurological and psychological conditions. More

Carrie D. Mendoza



Carrie D. Mendoza, MD is the Director of FAIR in Medicine with the Foundation Against Intolerance and Racism, and a practicing Emergency Medicine physician with over 20 years experience working in rural, suburban, and urban hospitals treating snakebites to gunshot wounds to Covid-19 patients. Her practical experience provides unique insights into the American medical system and how the modern healthcare bureaucracy can scale harmful policies while ignoring the negative side effects. Dr. Mendoza will share her experience with the opioid epidemic and how the lessons learned about its origin, scale, and mitigation can inform our understanding of medicalizing rational gender ideology and how to best stop all its harmful effects.

Jessie Mannisto



Jessie Mannisto is Genspect's executive editor. She is also founder and editor in chief of Third Factor, a platform dedicated to the life of the mind and the search for the higher path. It was in a 2019 Third Factor article that she first publicly questioned gender identity and its apparent over-representation among those identified as gifted. She is a former CIA analyst and Google policy fellow and also volunteers as a debate chair for Braver Angels.

Nina Paley



Artist, animator, cartoonist, and scapegoat Nina Paley created the GENDER WARS Playing Cards shortly after her unexpectedly controversial comic book *Agents of H.A.G.* got cancelled by crowdfunding platform IndieGoGo. In the *Before Times*, she made the award-winning animated musical feature films *Sita Sings the Blues* and *Seder-Masochism*. Her experimental digital projects include *ApocalypseAnimated.com* and *MysticSymbolic.com*. A staunch proponent of Free Speech, Nina cohosts the *Heterodorx podcast* with Corinna Cohn.

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Carole Hooven



Dr. Hooven is a Non-resident Senior Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute and an associate in the Psychology department at Harvard University. Until recently, she served as Co-director of Undergraduate Studies in Harvard's Department of Human Evolutionary Biology, where she earned her PhD and was an award-winning instructor for over 20 years. Dr. Hooven is the author of *T: the Story of Testosterone, the Hormone that Dominates and Divides Us*, chosen by the London Times as "best book of the year," and described by the Wall Street Journal as "a gorgeous culmination of an odyssey both professional and personal."

Jennifer Lahl



Ms. Lahl is the founder of the Center for Bioethics and Culture. She has 20 years of pediatric critical care nursing and hospital administration experience. Her interests intersect in the areas of science, technology, medicine, and biotechnologies with much of her work focused on assisted reproductive technologies. She is an award winning filmmaker, and has produced 11 documentary films, three focused on transgender issues. Her book, *The Detransition Diaries*, based on her film, *The Detransition Diaries: Saving our Sisters*, will be available January 2024.

January Littlejohn



January Littlejohn is a wife and stay-at-home mom in Florida with a background in mental health counselling. In 2020, her 13-year-old daughter was socially transitioned at her public middle school without her knowledge or consent. Since then, she has become a parental rights advocate and outspoken on the dangers of gender ideology, the affirmation only approach, and the medical transition of children. She is a Senior Fellow Parent Advocate with Do No Harm and helps other families navigate this crisis with their children.

Wesley Yang



Wesley Yang is a journalist and author. He won the National Magazine Award for the best essay of 2011, and his 2018 book, *The Souls of Yellow Folk*, was selected by the New York Times Book Review as one of that year's Notable Books.



Alex Byrne

Alex Byrne teaches in the Department of Linguistics and Philosophy at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His main interests are philosophy of mind (especially perception), metaphysics (especially color) and epistemology (especially self-knowledge). A few years ago, he started working on philosophical issues relating to sex and gender. He recently finished a book on these topics, *Trouble with Gender: Sex Facts, Gender Fictions*, which will be out in the UK in October (later in the US).



Corinna Cohn

Corinna Cohn is a writer, podcaster, and activist from Indiana. Corinna was diagnosed with gender identity disorder at age 15 and underwent surgical transition at age 19. In 2019, Corinna became involved in patient advocacy, and in 2022 began organizing to support legislation that regulates gender medicalization of minors. Corinna has met with legislators and given testimony in Indiana, Texas, and Ohio.



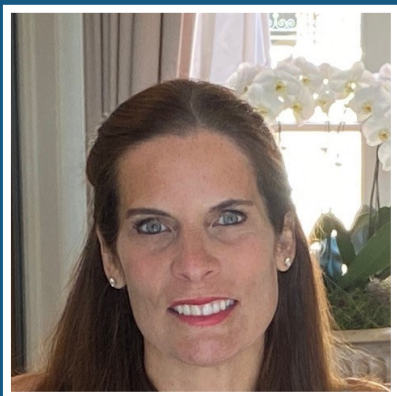
Linda Blade

Dr. Linda Blade is a former Canadian Champion (1986) and a full-scholarship NCAA All American (1984) in Track & Field. As a Chartered Professional Coach, Linda has worked internationally for over 30 years with hundreds of athletes. Her expertise has extended to leadership roles (selected): Provincial President (2014 -2023) of Athletics Alberta, where she developed sex-based eligibility guidelines; Co-author of *UNSPORTING: How Trans Activism and Science Denial are Destroying Sport* (2021); Collaborator in the establishment of the International Consortium on Female Sport (ICFS). Linda has been publicly advocating for fairness and safety of female athletes since 2018.



Benjamin Boyce

Benjamin is a writer, interviewer, and documentarian exploring politics and culture through in-depth media. He got his start when his alma mater, Evergreen College, descended into Social Justice-themed chaos in 2017, and in the ensuing years has turned to longform interviews on a variety of topics—most notably on sex, gender, and identity, with an extensive playlist of firsthand reports from detransitioners.



Erin Friday

Erin Friday is a licensed California attorney. She is a mother, and wife. Erin is a life-long Democrat whose daughter used to believe that she was a boy. She co-leads the Western Region of Our Duty, an international group of parents and allies who are fighting to protect children and vulnerable adults against gender ideology. She also leads a local branch of Parents of Rapid-Onset of Gender Dysphoric Kids. She has authored articles in the Daily Signal, the Ohio Press, the Epoch Times, Our Duty Substack, Post Millennial and for Parents of Inconvenient Truths about Trans.



Wilfred Reilly

Wilfred Reilly is an Associate Professor of Political Science at Kentucky State University, a historically Black institution. His research interests include International Relations, contemporary American race and gender relations, and the use of modern quantitative/empirical methods to test 'sacred cow' theories. He is the author of the books *Taboo: Ten Facts You Can't Talk About* and *Hate Crime Hoax*.



Shannon Thrace

Shannon Thrace is a writer, cultural critic, and IT professional who lives for travel, good food and summer music festivals. She's the author of *18 Months: A Memoir of a Marriage Lost to Gender Identity* – the story of the dissolution of her fifteen-year marriage when her partner began to identify as transgender.



Prisha Mosley

Former transgender child, Prisha identified at 15, was affirmed and medicalized at 16 then began to detransition by 24. Now at age 25, Prisha travels the country to advocate for others and stop this preventable tragedy.

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