

Transgender Religious Leaders Summit 2011



“Relaxation, Rejuvenation and Reconnection”



NOVEMBER 3, 4 & 5, 2011



Hosted by CLGS, the Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in Berkeley, California at Pacific School of Religion Campus



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Welcome to the Fifth Annual Transgender Religious Leaders Summit!

Co-sponsored by The Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in Religion and Ministry (CLGS) at Pacific School of Religion (PSR), Light In the Closet Ministries, and The Institute of Welcoming Resources (IWR), this year's Summit is a time for making connections with and supporting each other in our various ministries of building communities of faith and the larger society in which Transgender people are valued as children of God whose presence and gifts are so desperately needed in the world today.

We hope that you will find these days to be a time for rejuvenation as well as education and community-building. From our keynote address by Chris Paige and Louis Mitchell to sessions on theology, aging, queer youth, and media training; from our times of prayer to the timely reminder from Erin Swenson that we need to honor the Sabbath to remain whole and healthy; and from the many opportunities we will have to connect with others from a variety of faith and spiritual traditions— please enjoy the weekend and let us know how we might make you feel at home here at Pacific School of Religion.

We also gather this weekend to remember in prayer and reflection those whose lives have been cut short by anti-trans hatred and violence and we vow to continue to work tirelessly for the day in which all persons can be who they are without fear of prejudice, hatred, discrimination or violence.

Thank you for joining us for this year's Summit and may you experience genuine rejuvenation, divine inspiration, and the uplifting feeling that comes from being with friends!

Bernie Schlager
Executive Director, CLGS

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The 2011 Transgender Religious Leaders Summit is an ecumenical meeting of faith leaders who identify as transgender, gender-queer and inter-sexed, and their allies. It is also an opportunity to connect with leaders of all faith communities and, through sharing, to celebrate our common heritage while learning to appreciate and respect our differences.

Welcome to the Summit!

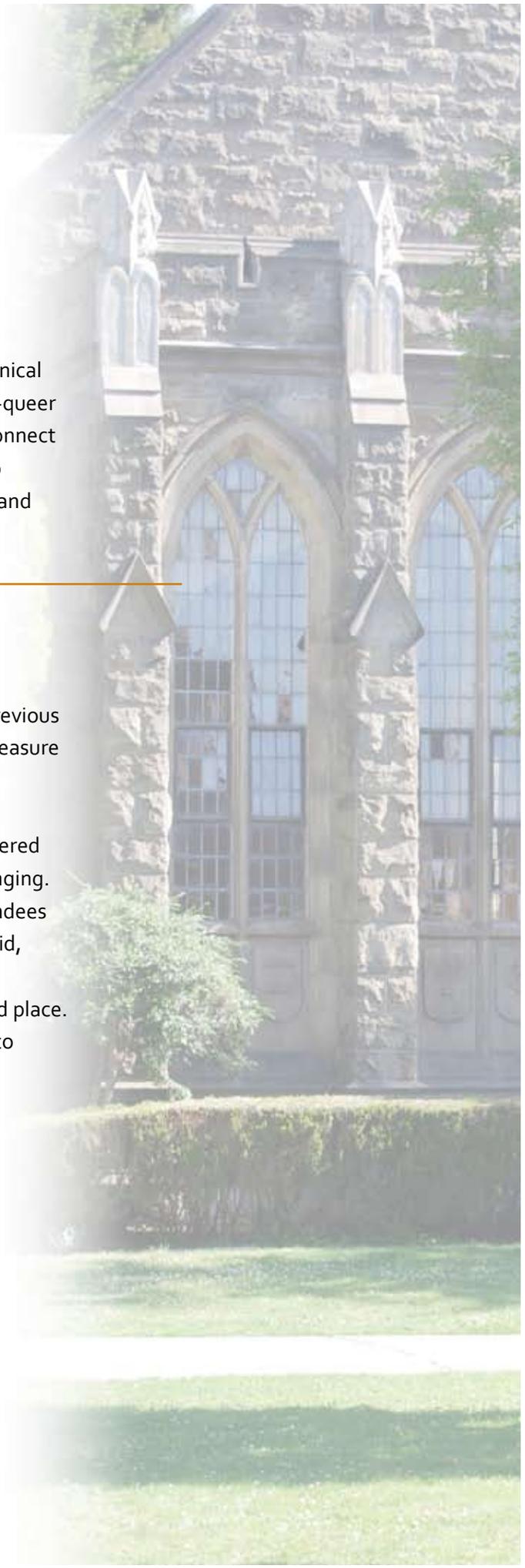
I am so glad to have you all here! Some are returning from previous years and others are here for the first time. It has been my pleasure to make you all feel welcome and supported.

Personally I think all of the speakers and sessions we have offered this weekend are extremely interesting and could be life changing. The sessions will all have a good amount of time for our attendees to engage in the conversation. This is YOUR Summit. That said, it is important not to burn yourself out trying to get it "all" in. Take the time to breathe, and just enjoy this wonderful sacred place. It is important to know your limitations and to take the time to create a Sabbath space for yourself.

Relax, rejuvenate and connect!

God bless,

Randi Klein, *Light in the Closet Ministry*
Your Summit Organizer



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SESSION SCHEDULE

Thursday Evening, November 3

3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Registration / at the PSR Chapel, Narthex

6:00 PM / at MUDD 100

Welcome: Bernie Schlager CLGS

Introduction and Blessing: Rev. Dawn Roginski

Dinner: 5:45 - 7:15 / at MUDD 100

Catered Dinner provided by Wild Thyme Catering, Walnut Creek, CA

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Transgender Day of Remembrance Service / at the PSR Chapel

Event Leader: Mark McKenzie

Friday, November 4

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Registration / at MUDD 100

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Breakfast / at MUDD 104

9:00 AM - 10:25 AM

SESSION 1: MAKING SABBATH for Transgender Faith Leaders / at MUDD 100

Rev. Erin Swenson

Making Sabbath is about you and the Holy. While we come from many traditions and widely diverse backgrounds, we all know the relentless demands that are placed on us as transgender faith leaders. This time together is for inspiration, centering, perhaps dreaming a bit, and sharing our considerable wisdom about how we take care of ourselves and open our lives to possibility.

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Lessons from Kindergarten / at MUDD 100

Every day is an opportunity to begin again. Join us for today's adventure!

Use what you already know to do what you already do more thoughtfully.

SPEAKER: Chris Paige:

Among other involvements, Chris founded TransFaith Online, coordinates the Interfaith Working Group, is Chair of the 2011 Philadelphia Trans-Health Conference, and previously served as publisher of The Other Side magazine. Chris is an OtherWise-identified organizer, educator and writer, who is particularly concerned with race, gender, and sexuality within the context of faith communities.

SPEAKER: Louis Mitchell:

Born and raised in Los Angeles, Louis is a long-time activist and advocate for fairness, equity, respect and self-determination. A much sought-after preacher, speaker and trainer, he focuses on the intersectionality of ethnicity, class, gender, affectional preference and spirituality.

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Lunch Provided / at MUDD 104

1:00 PM - 2:25 PM

SESSION 2: Aging in The Transgender Community / at MUDD 100

Moderator: Stephanie Ann Blythe

Panelists: Ruth Bramham, Claudia Kenworthy, MD, Barbara Satin

All LGBTI people face societal challenges as they age. Those challenges are magnified for transgender persons. What are the most pressing issues for transgender elders? What is being done to address those issues? How can faith communities be supportive of transgender elders?

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM / at MUDD 102

SESSION 3: 'Wholistic' Transgender Healthcare for TG Leaders

Dr. Jennifer Burnett

This presentation will focus on healthcare issues affecting T's beyond just cross-gender hormone treatment. It will deal with the psychological and physical stressors frequently encountered by TG individuals and how they affect our health. We will address common habits and attitudes that often adversely affect our wellbeing and see how we may cultivate a new, healthier lifestyle. I will be covering topics of particular importance to transsexuals both during and after transitioning. Having a good understanding of TG healthcare is not only vital for those who give help and counsel TG individuals, but for taking good care of ourselves as leaders.

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM / at MUDD 102

SESSION 3a: Depression and Responding to Suicide

"A Life with Hope: Living beyond that feeling of helplessness, hopelessness and those awful thoughts about just ending it all right now."

Jon V Platania, PhD - Open microphone to share stories

2:35 PM - 4:00 PM / at MUDD 100

SESSION 4: Transitioning in the Tenderloin

Issues facing the transgender homeless

Rev. Vicki Gray, Rev Megan Rohrer, Marcus Crim

How can those of us with minimal socio-economic resources ensure a modicum of dignity and security in the particularly hostile environment of the city's meanest streets? What can we teach others - and each other - by telling our stories?

4:10 PM - 5:40 PM / at MUDD 100

SESSION 5: Transgender in the Context of Theology

Rev. Vicki Gray, Rabbi Levi Alter, Barbara Satin

What do our theologies and faith traditions say to us and about us? And what do we say to them? Where are the barriers...and opening doors?

Dinner (not provided) / Evening Off - See list of dinner ideas and events

Saturday, November 5

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Registration / at MUDD 100

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Breakfast / at MUDD 104

9:00 AM - 10:15 AM

SESSION 6: Transgender Seminarian Forum / at MUDD 100

This forum will provide a platform for trans-identified seminary students, those considering seminary, and recent seminary graduates to come together and discuss the unique challenges we face. This will serve as a springboard for further discussion and connections among seminarians.

Shannon Kearns and Jakob Hero

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

SESSION 7: Turning a Sermon into a Soundbite:

Media Training for Activists / at MUDD 101

Rev. Roland Stringfellow

A workshop for clergy, faith leaders, and activist who have an interest in social justice issues at the intersection with faith and religion.

Participants will:

- Frame their message or issue in a way that is compelling to the general public
- Get the ABC's on how to reduce words into a sound bite that are "catchy"
- Learn how to deal with unexpected "microphone in the face moments"
- Gain effective tips on how to get the media to cover your events

10:15 AM - 11:00 AM

SESSION 8: How to use networking tools more efficiently / at MUDD 101

Clergy Intern, Megan More, M.Div

Using the internet to outreach through broadcasting sermons and programs can expand our community exposure and message, as well as marketing your church and services.

The benefits include creating public service announcements and archiving for referencing. This is an overview of the equipment, but also the flexibilities this can provide.

10:15 - 11:00 AM

SESSION 9: Trans and Gender Queer Youth Panel / at MUDD 100

Rev. Will McGarvey, Panel of trans and gender queer teens and others

Understanding the Experience and Vocabulary of Young Adults.

This session will include a panel of teens who will answer questions relevant to their gender identity, and experiences.

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM / MUDD Building Entry Way and MUDD 102

Transgender Community Resource Faire

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Lunch Provided / at MUDD 104

12:00 PM - 1:10 PM

SESSION 10: **Allies of Transgender** / at MUDD 100

What are the experiences of allies as they interface and work with the transgender community. Do allies feel a part of the community and what do allies see as road block for inclusion? What work is being done by allies on behalf of the transgender community?

Rev. Will McGarvey, Roland Stringfellow, Charlotte Lumpkins, Don Crisostomo

1:15 PM - 2:20 PM

SESSION 11: **How to connect with and support other transgender faith leaders.** / at MUDD 100

Elena Kelly, Patricia Kevena Fili, Chris Paige, Louis Mitchell

Let's face it, there aren't a lot of transgender faith leaders out there. But this forum will feature transgender leaders who have had success in reaching out to transgender people of faith in their communities, and we will seek to find answers on how we can better connect and collaborate with each other to create leaders who affirm God's love for all gender identities and expressions.

2:30 PM - 3:45 PM

SESSION 11: **Gender Fluidity - Moving past male and female** / at MUDD 100

Randi Klein, Dawn Roginski, Chris Paige, Joel Layton

The polarized archetypes of male and female don't seem to fit, well almost everyone. Even so, those still tend to be what society looks to for defining gender. This discussion will revolve around what it means to be in-between those archetypes, and defining ourselves in completely new ways focusing on personhood.

3:50 PM - 5:15 PM

SESSION 12: **Lessons for Transforming the View of Transgender Persons Abroad: USAID Outreach to Faith Leaders in Developing Countries on LGBT Human Rights"** / at MUDD 100

Dr. Chloe Schwenke, Dr. Jamison Green, Rev. Jake Kopmeier

Dinner (not provided)

7:15 PM - 8:30 PM

SESSION 13: **Wrap Up Session: Life on the Soap Box** / at PSR Chapel

Are you a token or icon? When you find yourself daily on the transgender soapbox, how does that effect your personal space? Most of us just want to live our lives. What does that mean to those of us who are continually out there addressing the difficult and often personally uncomfortable issues of inclusion and acceptance?

Rabbi Levi Alter, Chris Paige, Louis Mitchell, Erin Swenson

8:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Time of personal sharing, worship and reflection / at PSR Chapel

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Trans Day of Remembrance 2011

We open the 2011 Transgender Religious Faith Leaders Summit with a time and space for us to become fully present together, in community, to lament our martyrs-ancestors, and to claim their wisdom and unseen strength. Let's continue our journey, acknowledging in gratitude for the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us who lend us their love, support and power. Living our authenticity is our gift to the world. For such a time as this...we are called to create a safe space for Gender Creative peoples, of all ages, sizes, colors, nationalities, faith traditions, abilities, economic or educational statuses and cultures to set aside time to be with each other and to care for each other. Lets begin our time together restored to our wholeness as we carry sacred gifts to our world.

Gathered Here

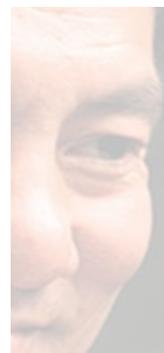
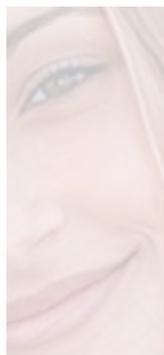
Stephen Camarota, percussion & vocals, Dustin Manuel, piano & vocals, Ashley Wai'olu Moore, guitar & vocals, Ze Segundo, vocals

Gathered here in the mystery of this hour.
Gathered here in one strong body.
Gathered here in the struggle and the power.
Spirit draw near.

Welcome *Mark McKenzie*

Lament Psalm 31:10-16

One: My life is consumed by sorrow;
All: My years are worn out with my sighs;
One: My strength fails me because of my despair;
All: My bones are getting weaker.
One: Because of all my oppressors
All: I'm held in utter contempt, even by my neighbors;
One: My friends are afraid of me,
All: And people who see me on the street hurry past me.
One: I am forgotten, as good as dead in their hearts,
All: Like something that has outlived its usefulness.
One: I hear their endless slanders,
All: And threats from every quarter
One: As they conspire against me,
All: Plotting to take my life.
One: But I put my trust in you, God;
All: I say, you are my God!
One: My times are in your hand;
All: Save me from the hands of my enemies and persecutors.
One: Smile on your faithful one;
All: Save me in your love!



How Could Anyone

How could anyone ever tell you
You were anything less than beautiful?
How could anyone ever tell you
You were less than whole?
How could anyone fail to notice
That your loving is a miracle?
How deeply you're connected to my soul?

Mourner's Kaddish Ben Lunine

Speaking the Names into the Space Lee Whittaker

I Need You to Survive!

I need you, you need me
we're all a part of One body.
Stand with me, agree with me;
we're all a part of One body.

It is God's will that every need
be supplied.
You are important to me
I need you to survive.
You are important to me
I need you to survive.

I pray for you, you pray for me.
I love you - I need you to survive.
I won't harm you with words from my mouth
I love you - I need you to survive.

It is God's will that every need
be supplied.
You are important to me
I need you to survive.
You are important to me
I need you to survive.

A Reflection on Hope Elena Rose Vera

I Call You Faithful
I call you Holy
Your name is Holy
You are so Holy to me!
I call you Holy
Your name is Holy
Holy you are
and Holy you'll be.
]: Yeah! :|(8 times)
Faithful
Awesome
Worthy
All That

Rabbinic Blessing Rabbi David Dunn Bauer

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KEYNOTE: Louis Mitchell

Minister Louis “L.J.” Mitchell was born and raised in Los Angeles, CA. Raised in a Southern Baptist tradition, Louis comes from a long line of people who believe that community building and community service are important Christian values.

Mr. Mitchell and his wife, Krysia L. Villón, moved to the Pioneer Valley in Massachusetts in 2001. Since that time Louis has continued to work with agencies that serve the needy and disenfranchised. Louis has been committed to struggles for fairness, equity, respect and self-determination for over two decades. Louis has had a long history of service with various agencies and boards, including as the first “out” transgender-identified Board member of the National Gay and

Lesbian Task Force and as a founding member of Lesbians and Gays of African Descent for Democratic Action.

Louis was recently featured in the documentary, *Still Black: A Portrait of Black Transmen*, is a featured blogger for *Many Voices*, as well as many articles through the years. He is a Board Member of the Freedom Center for Social Justice, a member of The Fellowship’s Trans-Saints, serves as a consultant to the Interfaith Working Group and as the Religious and Spiritual Affairs liaison for the Trans-People of Color Coalition. He remains in high demand as a consultant, public speaker, trainer and preacher. Louis was recently honored as the recipient of the 2011 Haystack Award from the Massachusetts Conference of the UCC for his work in Social Justice and Social Ministry.

In addition to his work in HIV/STD education and transmission reduction for Tapestry Health in Western Massachusetts, Louis continues to further his education. He is currently seeking his Master’s of Divinity - with a focus on the intersectionalities of race/ethnicity, social class, cultural barriers, gender identity, affectional orientation and spirituality. He is the Co-Founder of Recovering the Promise Ministries, a Fellowship-affiliated ministry that is seeking status with the United Church of Christ, in Chicopee, MA. He lives in daily gratitude for the reconciliation, restoration and grace of a loving God that surpasses all of his needs!

KEYNOTE: Chris Paige

Chris Paige is an OtherWise-identified organizer, educator and author, who is particularly concerned with race, gender, and sexuality within the context of faith communities. Chris finds life to be an adventure and is particularly grateful to have met so many amazing friends, colleagues, and mentors on this journey.

Chris was on the staff of the award-winning progressive, ecumenical Christian magazine, *The Other Side*, from 1994 to 2003. From 1999 to 2003, Chris served as publisher of *The Other Side*, and helped shape the magazine’s May-June 2001 issue on transgender concerns. In 1999, Chris created TransFaith Online, an internet resource with information on transgender concerns from a Christian perspective. For years, TransFaith remained one of the most-used internet resources for transgender Christian concerns. When TransFaith Online was relaunched with more intention in 2007, Chris quickly became one of the most prominent transgender religious organizers in the United States.

Since 2008, Chris has worked to bring together extensive multi-faith spirituality programming at the Philadelphia Trans-Health Conference (PTHC), the largest transgender conference in the world. Chris served as the 2010 PTHC Activities Chair and 2011 PTHC Conference Chair and continues to be an influential member of the 2012 planning team. Chris's leadership was affirmed during the 2010 10th Anniversary PTHC, when Chris received an Achievement Award from FTM International. In 2011, Chris was awarded "patron of humanity" medal by Philadelphia Metropolitan Community Church, during their 40th Anniversary celebration, in recognition of extensive work with the transgender community.

Chris is now executive director of the Interfaith Working Group, as well as coordinator of the Philadelphia-based YES! Coalition. Chris has been involved in the LGBT Religious Archives Network outreach committee, the National Religious Leadership Roundtable, and CLOUT (Christian Lesbians Out Together). In addition to continuing work as an organizer and educator, Chris works as a freelance consultant to various small businesses and non-profit organizations with particular emphasis on website development. Chris has a Bachelor's degree with a triple major (Math, Computer Science, and Religion) from the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, VA.

Baptized in a Christian Reformed Church in Lansing, Michigan, in 1971, Chris was later confirmed in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Chris is an ordained elder and a member of Tabernacle United Church (PCUSA and UCC) in West Philadelphia, PA, but regularly attends Turning Point United Methodist Church (Trenton, NJ), a multi-ethnic church in downtown Trenton that is actively engaged in a variety of urban redevelopment issues.

Chris is blessed by a supportive family, through birth, marriage, and adoption. Chris has shared life in a committed relationship with Beth Stroud for more than 10 years, most recently co-parenting a spunky, young child. Beth and Chris spent several years (2003-2005) weathering a nationally publicized church trial and judicial process, which resulted in the loss of Beth's ordination credentials in the United Methodist Church.



Rev. Erin Swenson

Erin Swenson is a Presbyterian minister and a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in Atlanta, GA. In 1996 the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta upheld her ordination following her gender transition from male to female. The event was groundbreaking. Erin's non-profit, the Southern Association for Gender Education, sponsors a support group in Atlanta with a weekly attendance of more than 25. She is a counselor and a speaker, having presented on dozens of college campuses across the country as well as the U.K. Erin is past co-moderator of More Light Presbyterians, and serves on the Religion Council of the Human Rights Campaign. She will argue that the letters after her name, which include BS, MDiv, ThM, and PhD, are not nearly as important as the fact that she is 64 years old, has a wonderfully supportive family, and has completed 23 triathlons.



Rabbi Levi Alter

Rabbi Levi is the President of FTM International, spanning 18 countries and 25 years of building FTM lives, families and communities. Rabbi Levi Alter is the spiritual leader of his congregation of elderly Holocaust survivors and the CEO of a health care corporation. His previous professional experiences include being on the clinical faculty of UCLA Medical Center, a university department chairman, and executive director of a television production company and a computer consulting firm. His current work for trans inclusion in religion, healthcare and other fields includes founding FTMI's T-Community Clinic to provide healthcare for the trans community of California's largest city of Los Angeles, being a keynote speaker and organizer for major conferences and events, interviews on LOGO, MTV, MSNBC, Newsweek, BBC Radio and many other documentaries and media appearances. He is the fourth of five generations of intersex individuals in his family.



Rev. Vicki Gray

A retired Senior Foreign Service Officer and Vietnam combat veteran, Vicki is an Episcopal deacon who serves at Christ the Lord Church in Pinole, CA and with the Open Cathedral street churches of the San Francisco Night Ministry in San Francisco's Tenderloin and Mission districts. She is on the TransEpiscopal steering committee and serves on her diocesan Commission on Ministry and its deputation to the 2012 General Convention of the Episcopal Church. A community organizer and political activist with a doctorate in political science, she serves in a variety of peace and social justice ministries related, for example, to immigrant and workers' rights, jail visitation, gun control, and Israel/Palestine.



Dr. Jamison Green

Dr. Green has been an inspirational leader in the transgender movement since its modern inception in the early 1990s. An internationally respected author, educator, and advocate for transgender health, civil rights, and social safety, his passionate speeches have been heard around the world. He is President-Elect of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health, and a founding director of the Transgender Law & Policy Institute. His award-winning book, *Becoming a Visible Man*, is used as a text in numerous universities. Based in the San Francisco Bay Area, he has been an invited lecturer in over a dozen countries, and is an advisor to governments, corporations, educational institutions, professional associations and religious groups. Among many honors, in 1999 *The Advocate* named him

one of the LGBT movement's "Top 25 Best and Brightest Activists," and in 2009 he received a Distinguished Service Award from the Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists for his contributions to LGBT mental health. In 2011, he became the 8th person in the world (and the first American) to earn a PhD in Equalities Law specializing in transgender and transsexual issues. He manages an international guidelines project through the Center of Excellence for Transgender Health at the University of California, San Francisco, within the Department of Family and Community Medicine.



Dr Jennifer A. Burnett, MS, MD, FAAFP

Asst. Professor of Community Medicine, UCSF-Fresno; Faculty- Fresno Family Practice Residency Program. Board-Certified in Family Practice; Fellow- AAFP; Member- WPATH/HBIGDA, IFGE; UCSF Centers of Excellence for TG Healthcare. Practicing Physician, Selma CA- Family Medicine with Obstetrics and Transgender Medicine. Presenter at National TG Conferences including IFGE, Esprit, Southern Comfort, Gender Spectrum, the Philadelphia Trans Health Conference, the 2009 & 2011 WPATH International Symposium and the American Academy of Family Physicians 2010 Nat. Scientific Assembly- on the medical and spiritual aspects of GID. She was California's 2009 LGBT Delegate to the AAFP's National Congress of Special Constituencies and the UCSF Chancellor's Award for LGBT Leadership in 2009.



Patricia Kevena Fili

Patricia is a Wiccan and Pagan Priestess for the past three decades. A Trans Woman, she is a stone and political priestess. A former Executive Director of the Lighthouse LGBT Community Center, she is a member of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's 'National Religious Leadership Roundtable' and the newly forming 'Diverse Spiritual Traditions' Working Group. If you play your cards correctly, she might give you a Crystal Ally Cards Reading. Blessed Be!



Dr. Chloe Schwenke

Dr. Chloe Schwenke currently serves as the Senior Advisor on Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance at the Africa Bureau of the US Agency for International Development (USAID), which is a political appointment by the Obama Administration (one of three political appointments of openly transsexual individuals across the whole of the US Government). She is also the technical lead for the development of USAID's strategy on LGBT human rights issues. Chloe has three decades experience as a development practitioner and ethics advisor in developing countries in Asia, the Middle East, and Latin America, and especially Africa. Chloe also recently served as an Adjunct Professor teaching international development and applied ethics at the School of Public Policy at the University of Maryland at College Park; she remains on the adjunct faculty member at the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)

of the Johns Hopkins University, and at Georgetown University.

She is co-author with David A. Crocker of *The Relevance of Development Ethics for USAID* (2005), and author of the book (December 2008), *Reclaiming Value in International Development: The Moral Dimensions of Development Policy and Practice in Poor Countries* (Praeger). She also has a chapter on the ethical response to violent conflict in Africa in the new (January 2010) book: *New Directions in Development Ethics*, edited by Charles Wilber and Amitava Dutt (University of Notre Dame Press). She frequently publishes journal articles in various professional and technical journals.

Chloe is an active member of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) and attends Sandy Spring Meeting in Maryland. For the Human Rights Campaign, she volunteers to do outreach to faith communities in the United States on issues of transgender diversity and acceptance, and she is a frequent public speaker at schools and universities on this topic. For further information, see www.developmentvalues.net



Rev. Roland Stringfellow

Rev. Roland Stringfellow is licensed minister with the Metropolitan Community Church and United Church of Christ. Currently he directs the Coalition of Welcoming Congregations, as the Director of Ministerial Outreach with the Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in Religion and Sexuality on the campus of Pacific School of Religion. In his position he works with congregations on LGBTQI inclusion. Rev. Stringfellow has been consulted by media outlets regarding his work on marriage equality and the role people of color and communities of faith played in this local, state and national debate.



Rev. Sr. Elena Kelly, OSH,

Rev. Kelly has served two terms as President of the Interfaith Council of San Joaquin County, is the Chaplain and Board Treasurer of the San Joaquin Pride Center, and is the Director of the Stockton Transgender Alliance. She is also the Founder and Abbess of the Order of St. Hildegard, a multi-faith intentional community of transgender religious women who are devoted to spiritual growth and social justice.

She is a transgender advocate and activist first and foremost. Elena believes that education and living out and open with kindness and love is our best means to achieve social acceptance. She founded the Stockton Transgender Alliance in February 2009 and has served over 100 trans-identified clients and their family and friends with medical and psychological referrals, suicide prevention, homelessness issues, unemployment, school discrimination and bullying, parental support and acceptance, immigration, Elena is the "go-to" person for all things transgender at her local Kaiser clinic, at the Stockton City Council, local school districts, and at various churches, synagogues, gurdwaras, and mosques in and around Stockton.



Barbara Satin

Barbara Satin is a transgender activist whose energies are focused on LGBT faith and aging issues. She works part-time for the Institute for Welcoming Resources in Minneapolis. IWR is a program of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force which coordinates pro-LGBT efforts within faith communities throughout the U.S. Barbara is a member of Spirit of the Lakes UCC, Minneapolis. She currently serves on the Executive Council of the United Church of Christ, the first transgender woman to have a national leadership role in the denomination. From 2002 to 2006, she served as the Moderator of the UCC Coalition for LGBT Concerns. In 2008, she received the Allan Morrow Award from The Task Force for her work on LGBT aging.



Mark McKenzie

Mark McKenzie is currently an M.Div student at Pacific School of Religion due to graduate in May of 2012. Mark has been in ministry of one form or another since 1979. Mark, Ordained in MCC in 1989, served as the pastor of an MCC church in Eugene, Oregon from 1986 until 1994. Mark was at the forefront of the LGBT political struggle in Oregon in the 1980's actively rallying the LGBT community and allies to fight propositions brought by the anti LGBT group called Oregon Citizens Alliance. Mark has had experience organizing people around a cause, doing candle light vigils, and doing political marches to bring awareness to the community he has been a part of. All of these activities were done as an out active lesbian. In 2004 Mark came to the realization that he is a Transman and that to feel whole

he needed to embark on his journey of transition. During that process he has ministered to a vital church community in Colorado Springs as a lay leader and provided the witness to this group about what transition entailed, how to do it while in relationship and the ways in which it touches everyone around a Trans person. Mark was able to participate in panels that discussed topics from Trans 101 to Trans spirituality. Mark has done trainings to teachers and counselors in a school for troubled youth to raise awareness on gender issues. In addition, Mark has authored TDOR worship services, participated in a panel that was part of the Lavender Lunch series sponsored by CLGS on the campus of Pacific School of Religion, as well as, a previous Trans Faith Leaders Summit panel and participated in group work in San Francisco as part of Trans-Thrive.

One of his current projects is the further development of his workshop "Flourishing Beyond Shame." This workshop is primarily for people who identify in some way as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer and who belong to a Christian faith community. During the workshop, the participants examine and discuss the influences of „false shame“ upon gender, gender identity, and sexuality. They are encouraged to explore and begin to own their own „false shame“ regarding sexual and gender identity. False shame is the „measure of value“ an outside source places upon the action that the person committing the action does not agree with. The initial implementation of this workshop continues at City of Refuge, UCC San Francisco as part of his internship work there.



Rev. Will McGarvey

Rev. Will McGarvey is a bisexual man happily married to his partner Becky for 21 years, and is blessed with two brilliant young adult children. Will has been pastor at Community Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg, CA, a PC(USA)-UCC congregation, for the last seven years. CPC shares ministry with their sister congregation, First Congregational Church of Antioch (UCC). Both are Open and Affirming Congregations. See our "Let's Make It Better Now" video at www.cpcpittsburg.org. Will grew up in the LDS tradition and served a two-year mission in New England before converting to Progressive Protestantism. Will did his seminary studies at San Francisco Theological Seminary, where he specialized in theology of the environment. Will is involved in many justice ministries, and currently serves on the

national board of More Light Presbyterians, the board of the Rainbow Community Center in Concord, CA, and the advisory board of the Bay Area Coalition of Welcoming Congregations.



Stephanie Ann Blythe

Stephanie Ann Blythe serves as President of the Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley in Kensington, California. She has also served on the Development Committee for the Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in Religion and Ministry at the Pacific School of Religion.



Ruth Bramham

Since 2007 Ruth has worked as a facilities project manager at York University in Toronto. As a member of the "Access York" committee, she provides guidance on building code and accessibility requirements of the provincial "Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act" (AODA). Ruth is a member of the Canadian Association of Women In Construction (CAWIC), and served as an officer on the board of directors. She is also a member of Construction Specifications Canada (CSC). Serving on York's "SexGen" committee she is a lecturer and educator promoting equality for GLBT students, staff and faculty on the York campus, through programs like "Positive Space." She also participates in GLBT roundtables, discussion groups, educational workshops on campus. Ruth is an active member of Newtonbrook United Church, in Toronto. She volunteers with the national office of the

United Church of Canada on their Trans/Gender Diversity Working Group. She is currently a director on the National Board of Affirm United, the GLBT support network of the United Church. Professionally Ruth trained in the UK as a Quantity Surveyor and then as a Construction Manager in Canada. Working with trans support groups Ruth trained in providing crisis counselling and communications – listen, hear, respond (two ears, but one mouth).



Charlotte A. Lumpkins

Charlotte is from Boston, Massachusetts, is married, with 8 adult children and 13 grandchildren. In 2000, she earned her BA degree in Community Service, Management from the College of Public and Community Service, UMASS Boston. A Certificate in Women in Politics and Public Policy from John D. McCormack Institute and Graduate School of Public Policy in 2004 and received a Masters in Public Administration and Nonprofit Leadership from Walden University in 2009. Charlotte's career of helping people traces back to her early training from the Salvation Army. In 1990, God called her to immerse herself in an evangelical outreach to the LGBT community after her own self-realization of being gay. Since 2007, she joined Freedom in Christ Church, spearheads an outreach to Castro Street, and mentors several people who are now regular church attendees. Now 61 years young Charlotte actively volunteers monthly, at St Frances Rehabilitation Center in Daly

City for worship and shares the Word of God with seniors. In addition, she volunteers on Saturdays at the Asian Island Pacific Wellness Center in San Francisco where she facilitates groups, offers Karaoke, councils, as well as supports the Trans gender community. Her love for God and people, instilled at a young age, remains the motivation for Service.



Shannon T.L. Kearns, M.Div

Shay is a seminary graduate (M.Div 2009 from Union Theological Seminary in the city of New York) on the ordination path who also happens to be a transsexual man. He is a theologian who writes about transgender theology, christian anarchism, and the intersections between them. He is the winner of the 2008 Queertopia homoletics preaching competition and has preached numerous times in various churches. He has also provided churches and other groups with Transgender 101 workshops and discussions. Recently he had an article published in Geez Magazine about the trans* body as a sacred space. You can find him on his personal website: anarchistreverend.com or on twitter @anarchistrev.



Megan More, M.Div

Megan is currently Clergy Intern in process for Ordination with MCC in the valley. She is openly transgendered, full time, and active in her church and community. Megan is busy working on transgender outreach and ministry through a variety of organizations. She works as a support and resource for those who have issues with their gender identity, and helps to welcome them openly into her church home at the Metropolitan Community Church in the Valley, North Hollywood, CA. Megan has a BA in History from California State University, Los Angeles. She is also a recent graduate of Claremont School of Theology with a Master of Divinity degree. Megan also designed an electronic church service specifically for the trans community in Los Angeles, which is also broadcast live and archived online through USTREAM. Megan is happily married.



Rev. Jake Kopmeier

Minister for Transgender and Social Justice Issues with King of Peace MCC, St. Petersburg, FL. Rev. Jake is a presenter at International Conference, MCC: Gender-variant inclusion in faith communities. Jake is on the Board of Directors for Family Promise, a non-profit agency working with homeless children and their families. He is a founding member and present board director for children and families for Transgender FORGE of Florida which is a resource agency providing transgender education and advocacy. Jake has worked as the Social Justice Coordinator for King of Peace MCC. Previously he was an economist for the Federal Dept of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. From 2002 – 2004 he prepared for ordination, working on his MDiv. He has a MSW from Catholic University, Washington, D.C., an AB and a MBA

from Trinity College, Washington, D.C. a MEd, from American University, Washington, D.C. He has been married for 27 years to his spouse Sandy.



Megan Rohrer, MDiv,

Pastor Megan Rohrer has a MDiv degree and is a candidate for the Doctorate of Ministry degree at Pacific School of Religion. Ordained in 2006, Megan is the Executive Director of Welcome Ministry with calls from St. Francis Lutheran, Iglesia de Santa Maria y Marta, and Christ Church in San Francisco. Megan is the project manager of Project Homeless Connects: Growing Home Community Garden and a board member of the Sojourn Chaplaincy at San Francisco General Hospital. Megan serves as the Director of Candidacy for Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries and on the Steering Committee for the San Francisco Trans March. Pastor Rohrer is an author for the Human Rights Campaign's publication, "Out In Season: the Church Year Through Transgender Eyes." Megan is also the author of Queerly Lutheran

and co-editor with Zander Keig of "Letters For My Brothers: Transitional Wisdom in Retrospect." Megan was awarded an honorary doctorate by Palo Alto University.



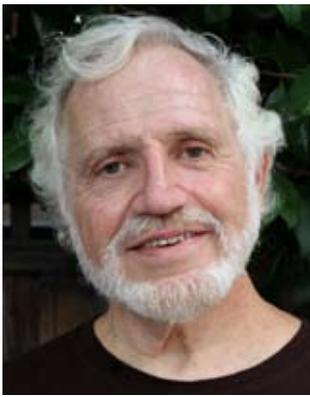
Don Crisostomo (crě-soss-tuh-mo),

Don is originally from Bethesda, Maryland, in the Washington D.C. Don has a B.S. in Psychology. He has lived in San Francisco for over sixteen years. He attended GLBT focused classes at San Francisco City College including a class entitled, "Diversity and Social Justice: Transphobia" He wrote a research paper on experiences with transitioning, transphobia, and gender identity. Through a group originally founded by the late Lou Sullivan, he has made a number of F2M friends. Don has volunteered and participated in three Trans Marches in San Francisco and has also volunteered for a number of transgender job fairs sponsored by TEEL, Transgender Economic Empowerment Initiative at the SF LGBT Center. Don considers himself a concerned and active trans ally. He is currently considering attending Pacific School of Religion.



Randi Klein (Kathy Randall)

Randi has been the Transgender Religious Leaders Summit coordinator for the past two years. Randi is the founder of Light in the Closet Ministry, which advocates grace for those who are struggling with their gender identity by offering lay-counseling, resources and encouragement. Randi grew up in the Christian church serving in various ministry capacities over the past 30 years including, Art Director at Jews for Jesus in San Francisco, California; Art Director for the Christian publication Radix Magazine in Berkeley, California; Executive Board Member of True North Christian Fellowship and was instrumental in developing a local home church, "Mount Carmel." Since 2000, Randi has been an advocate for the rights of the transgender community, publishing articles addressing Christian faith issues and acceptance in the mainstream Christian church. In 2008, Randi was commissioned as a Stephen Minister at Hillside Covenant Church in Walnut Creek, CA. Randi has a BFA from San Jose State University and has been married to Jeni (angel) for 28 years. They have three children.



Jon Platania PhD

Jon is a Gay identified Clinical and Health Psychologist, with a depth of experience in working with people within our community and the broader society. His focus is on the spirit, body and mind relationship. He lives in Berkeley, California where he maintains a private practice. A graduate of the Wright Institute, he completed post doctoral training at UC Berkeley and UCSF Medical School. He is a Quaker, Yogi and Founding Member of the Board of Directors of the Gay and Lesbian Center in LA. He also founded Yogis on Wheels, a nonprofit organization addressing the needs of disabled children and adults both here and in the South Indian State of Kerala. He has written and taught extensively and is the author of the books 12 Step Restorative Yoga, Jung for Beginners and other publications. He is a member of the College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy, the International Association of Yoga Therapists, and Berkeley Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, serving in Ministry and Oversight.



Rev. Dawn Roginski,

Dawn is the Associate Coordinator for the Coalition of Welcoming Congregations of the Bay Area. Dawn is an ordained minister with the ELCA and has been a pastor and a Bay Area activist for many years working for immigration reform, marriage equality and workers rights. Dawn currently serves PT at her church in San Francisco and as a board member with the CWC for the past two years. Dawn also is a Doctor of Ministry student at the Graduate Theological Union with an emphasis on liturgical language.



Bernie Schlager

Executive Director of The Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies (CLGS) and Visiting Associate Professor of Historical and Cultural Studies at Pacific School of Religion (PSR). A graduate of Yale University (PhD 1996), Bernie teaches courses in queer studies, the history of Christianity and LGBTQ pastoral care for the Certificate of Sexuality and Religion program at PSR. He has published articles on church history, medieval hagiography, and the history of sexuality and is the co-author of the book "Ministry Among God's Queer Folk: LGBT Pastoral Care" with David Kundtz (Pilgrim Press, 2007).

Bernie has been involved in the CLGS Transgender Religious Summits since their inception in 2007 and he welcomes everyone to our Fifth Summit this year!



Daniel Borysewicz

Daniel Borysewicz is a progressive seminarian seeking radical inclusion for all people; regardless of race, nationality, sexual or gender identity, or socio-economic class. Daniel works to provide solutions for problems that individuals have difficulty dealing with; shame and internalized homophobia are two examples, and assists in connecting people with others for mutual benefit. Social justice is also an important part of his work. Daniel is currently a 3rd year student at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, CA. He is working on a Master of Arts program in Ethics and Social Theory, a Masters in Divinity program and the Certificate for Sexuality and Religion. The joint MA/MDiv program takes 4 years.

As part of his studies, Daniel is currently an intern at City of Refuge, UCC San Francisco. He also works at New Spirit Community Church in Berkeley as the Administrative Assistant. Rev. Elder Jim Mitulski is the pastor. Daniel received his BA in Anthropology from the University of Arizona in May 2009, with a focus on Religious and Queer Studies and his AA in Anthropology from Pima Community College in May 2007.



Deseree Fontenot

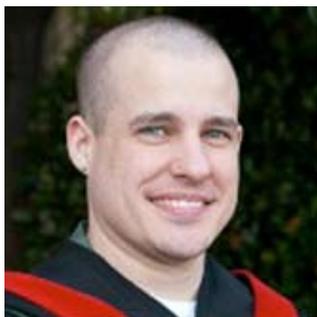
Deseree is the Program Administrator for the Transgender Religious Leaders Summit 2011. Deseree Fontenot earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Literature and minor in Cinematic Arts from the University of Southern California. During her four years as a student organizer, she worked to expand diverse and thoughtful programming as the director of the GLBT student assembly at USC. She formerly served as the Administrative Assistant at the Williams Institute at UCLA School of Law, a think tank focused on advancing critical thought in the field of sexual orientation law and public policy. Deseree is actively engaged in an independent writing project focused on Louisiana, food justice, and family history. She has also

volunteered with sustainability and spirituality focused organizations in South America. Deseree is the Office Manager for CLGS. She is thrilled to be a part of an organization working towards social change for GLBT communities.



Claudia Kenworthy, M.D.

Claudia is the owner of Medical Concepts Ltd. She is a Hospital & Health Care Consultant. Claudia is a graduate of Loyola University Chicago, Stritch School of Medicine and of Rush Medical College of Rush University Medical Center. She attended the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University as well as the University of Chicago and Purdue University Calumet.



Jakob Hero, CLGS

Jakob is the newly hired Transgender Roundtable Coordinator for CLGS, he is also the Director of Education and Programs for the Metropolitan Community Church of Tampa, Florida, and facilitates the LGBT Caucus at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. He recently received a Master of Divinity and a Master of Arts in ethics and social theory from Pacific School of Religion. His thesis topic was transexual flourishing through the application of virtue ethics. Jakob was the 2011 recipient of the Marcella Althaus-Reid award from CLGS and the 2011 Yinger Preaching award from PSR.

Spiritual Direction Counseling *(second floor MUDD Building)*

For those attending the Summit, we are please to offer three opportunities for spiritual direction counseling with the Rev. Joellynn Monahan. Please sign up at the registration table.

Friday, November 4th / Session Times:

1) 2:00 PM to 2:45 PM 2) 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM 3) 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM

Rev. Joellynn Monahan, MEd, MDiv

Multifaith Christian; ordained in the United Church of Christ, trained in Interfaith Spiritual Direction

At the Spiral Way, Rev. Joellynn Monahan offers spiritual formation and direction for individuals, couples and groups in Oakland, CA. She has experience with diverse clients (race/ethnicity, class, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, religious affiliation and/or spirituality). Her specialties include: spirituality of young adults, clergy, seminarians and LGBTQ people; vocational discernment; incorporating Sabbath & sustainable spiritual practices in everyday life. Rev. Monahan is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ and has practiced Vipassana (Insight) meditation since 1999. Her education and training includes: Masters of Education in Counseling & Human Development & Master of Divinity degrees, and training in Interfaith Spiritual Direction from the Chaplaincy Institute. Contact her at: theSpiralWay@gmail.com or 510/684-8634

Spiritual Direction Counseling *(second floor MUDD Building)*

For those attending the Summit, we are please to offer six opportunities for spiritual direction counseling with Karen Lee Erlichman, MSS, LCSW . Please sign up at the registration table.

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~~1) 1:00 PM to 1:30 PM 2) 2:00 PM to 2:30 PM 3) 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM 4) 3:30 PM to 4:00 PM~~

Saturday, November 5th / Session Times:

1) 9:00 AM to 9:30 PM 2) 9:45 PM to 10:15 PM 3) 10:30 PM to 11:00 PM

Karen Lee Erlichman, MSS, LCSW

Karen has a private practice in San Francisco, where she offers psychotherapy, spiritual direction, supervision and mentoring. Her approach to spiritual direction draws on years of experience as a clinical social worker, with theological roots in Judaism and deep connections to other mystical traditions and cultures. She is particularly passionate about working with people to find holiness on the margins, especially LGBTQ people, people of color, and those whose spiritual inquiry or practice is more curious, creative, multifaith. Karen also trained with Quaker educator Parker Palmer as a Circle of Trust facilitator with the Center for Courage and Renewal, and serves as a core faculty member in the Spiritual Guidance Program at the Institute for Transpersonal Psychology. Previously she was the Bay area Director of Jewish Mosaic: The National Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity, and on the Advisory Board of the Bay Area Coalition of Welcoming Congregations. For more information, visit her website: www.karenerlichman.com

Reiki, Massage and Manicures *(second floor MUDD Building)*

We are pleased to offer Reiki provided by Rev. Dawn Roginski and massage and manicures by Pots Cahill. Please sign up at the registration table to see available appointment times.

Potts Cahill, BA, MS

Potts Cahill has her Bachelors or Arts in Communication Studies Degree, Masters of Science in Higher Education with a concentration in College Teaching and Learning Degree, and is a true Renaissance woman. She grew up in the Antique business, is well read in literature, a world traveler, and is interested in music and the arts. Potts is a Certified Massage Therapist (taught by Nancy Barr who was blind), Licensed Manicurist, and a Certified Hypnotist (Sylvia Brown Hypnosis Training Center).

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