

Bioethics Study Group

Dilemmas in the Design and Delivery of Transgender Healthcare

DATE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2019

TIME: 12:00 - 1:00 PM

LOCATION: OHSU MARQUAM HILL; LANFROM BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH BUILDING (LBRB) ROOM 381

SUMMARY

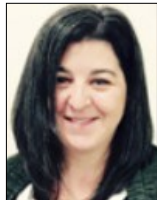
This talk will include interactive dialogue about the ethical landscape of transgender healthcare in a program model designed to deliver care to individuals across the lifespan. Speakers will share common dilemmas encountered in the design and delivery of care and describe the multidisciplinary approach to program design and patient related decision making. Examples of patient, provider, and institutional dilemmas will be used to illustrate the complexities encountered in the field of transgender healthcare.

OUR SPEAKERS

Amy Penkin, LCSW

Amy joined OHSU in January 2015 as the Program Coordinator for the newly launched [Transgender Health Program](#). She has been a clinical social worker for 20 years and throughout her career has provided direct care, advocacy, and education in community mental health and healthcare environments. Since 2005 she has been responsible for program/policy development, grant writing, clinical supervision for social workers seeking licensure, and program management. Amy has a history of providing and overseeing care for the LGBTQ community and is dedicated to promoting health equity for these and other underserved populations experiencing health disparities.

Amy has travelled extensively for social work and human rights projects in Central and South America and throughout Asia. Amy earned her master's degree in social work from the University of California, Berkeley and subsequently served as adjunct faculty and field instructor for Schools of Social work at UC Berkeley, San Francisco State University, Smith College and Portland State University.



Jess Guerriero, MSW, MA

As one of the social workers for [OHSU's Transgender Health Program](#), Jess Guerriero works to improve experiences for OHSU community members. Jess can assist folks with identifying affirming care providers within and outside of OHSU. Jess also is highly involved with patients seeking care from Pediatric Endocrinology and pursuing phalloplasty. You can also find them participating in patient and workforce education sessions around campus. Jess uses they/them pronouns.

Jess is a social worker with a second graduate degree in Gender and Cultural Studies from Simmons College. While at Simmons, Jess focused their work on a thesis that argued for the expansion of transgender health coverage and the movement toward therapists as partners, rather than gatekeepers, in the transition process. Jess interned/worked at Fenway Health, a community health center geared towards LGBTQI-identified individuals. Here, Jess carried a caseload of children, adolescents, and adults who were, in some cases, navigating medical transitions. Jess also ran a support group for parents of trans youth and established an independent consulting business to help schools, businesses, and providers implement policies that were more trans-inclusive.

