

WPATH Ethics Committee Members

Marci Bowers (she), MD (WPATH President) Dr. Bowers is a pelvic and gynecologic surgeon with more than 32 years' experience. She is a University of Minnesota Medical School graduate where she was class and student body president. After residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Washington, she practiced in Seattle at the Polyclinic and Swedish Medical Center.

Dr. Bowers is the WPATH President and currently serves on the Trevor Project Board of Directors having served previous terms with GLAAD and the Transgender Law Center. Dr. Bowers is recognized as one of the 100 most influential LGBT people on the Guardian's World Pride Power List and one of Huffington Post's 50 Transgender Icons, was called the Transgender Surgery Rock Star (Denver Post), the Georgia O'keefe of Genitalia (unknown) and the Beyonce of Bottom Surgery (KPFK-FM North Hollywood).

Dr. Lin Fraser (she), EdD (Co-Chair of the Ethic Committee) is a psychotherapist in private practice in San Francisco, California. As a clinician, she has worked with transgender clients for the past 40 years, primarily doing long term depth-oriented psychotherapy. She has a special interest in ethics, education and in increasing global access to competent and compassionate trans health care. Lin is certified in online counseling (CCE1320) and mental health facilitation (MHF) in the developing world. She has written extensively on trans mental health and interdisciplinary care and serves regularly as an expert witness. Dr. Fraser has been a consultant and medical staff for the Gender Institute Program at Saint Francis Memorial Hospital in San Francisco for the past nine years and is a founding member and past Co-Chair of the Gender Institute Advisory Council. She was involved in the development of the original Standards of Care, was a co-author of SOC7 with responsibilities for the psychotherapy section and telehealth sections and is Co-Lead of the new chapter in SOC8 on Education. Along with Dr. Gail Knudson and a skilled WPATH staff, Lin was the co-founder and co-chair of the WPATH Global Education Institute.

Jamison Green (he) PhD, MFA (Co-Chair of the Ethic Committee) is an author, educator, policy consultant, speaker, and an accomplished, multi-award-winning advocate for transgender rights, health, and social safety, as well as LGBTQ+ equality. He is an independent legal scholar and a former president of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH). His best-known, prize-winning book, *Becoming a Visible Man*, was re-released in 2020 in a revised 2nd edition from Vanderbilt University Press. He continues to speak in national and international venues where he inspires and informs audiences with his vision and passion for justice, ethics, transgender history, and a compassionate future.

Luke Allen (he), PhD is a licensed psychologist in Oregon, California, and Nevada in full-time telehealth private practice. Dr. Allen has a degree in philosophy and a certificate in ethics. He specializes in treating anxiety and depression, as well as working with transgender and non-binary youth and their families on matters related to gender identity. He received training conducting evaluations within a multidisciplinary transgender health clinic. Dr. Allen is also a WPATH SOC8 Certified Member, a WPATH SOC8 Certified Mentor, and co-author of SOC8. Dr. Allen previously served as co-chair of the WPATH Student Initiative and was the elected student representative to the WPATH Board of Directors. Dr. Allen has published qualitative, quantitative, and articles on transgender health and ethics.

Maurice M. Garcia (he), MD, MAS Dr. Garcia specializes in genital reconstructive surgery, including gender affirming masculinizing and feminizing genital surgery, neurourology, sexual medicine. He is associate Professor of Urology and Director for the Transgender Surgery and Health Program at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. Dr. Garcia is the Fellowship Director for the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center Transgender Surgery and Health Program's Genital Reconstruction fellowship for urologists and plastic surgeons.

Simona Giordano (she) PhD, is Professor of Bioethics at The University of Manchester. She teaches Bioethics to postgraduate students and formerly she designed and delivered the Medical Ethics and Law Curriculum in Medical School. Simona is mostly known for her work on eating disorders (see *Understanding Eating Disorders*, OUP, 2005; *Exercise and Eating Disorders*, 2010) and for her work on the ethical and legal issues around the care of gender diverse youth. Her latest book is *Children and Gender: ethical issues in clinical management of gender diverse young people from early years to late adolescence*, OUP, 2023).

Justin Penny (he) DO, MA clinical work is within the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health and faculty at the University of Minnesota Medical Center Family Medicine Residency Program (Smiley's). He practices full spectrum family medicine, including hospital medicine, obstetrics, primary care, and LGBTQ+ comprehensive care. He holds a joint appointment in the University of Minnesota Center for Bioethics and is part of the Clinical Ethics Consult team. Dr. Penny has a BS in Biology and a BA in Classics from the University of Kentucky. He completed his DO and MA in Bioethics from Kansas City University. He is board certified in Family Medicine from the American Board of Family Medicine as well as Family Medicine and Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment from the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians. He has earned the Healthcare Ethics Consultant Certification (HEC-C) credential through the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities (ASBH).

Theo Schall (he) PhD, MA, MSW is an Assistant Professor of Health Policy and Management in the School of Public Health and Health Sciences at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. His research is focused on structural barriers to gender affirming care and the ethics of transgender medicine. He holds masters degrees in bioethics and macro-level social work from the University of Pennsylvania and a PhD in Bioethics and Health Policy from Johns Hopkins. He is currently co-chair of the LGBTQIA+ affinity group of the American Society of Bioethics and Humanities.

Loren Schechter (he), MD Dr. Schechter is Professor of Surgery and Urology and Chief of Gender Affirmation Surgery at Rush University. He serves on the Executive Committee of The World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH), co-authored the 7th Edition of The Standards of Care, and served as co-lead for the Surgery and Post-Operative Care section of the 8th Edition of The Standards of Care. He authored the first surgical atlas concerning Surgical Management of Transgender Individuals and is a founding member and president of The Society for Gender Surgeons. Dr. Schechter is recognized by Castle Conolly and Chicago Magazine as a "Top Doctor." Dr. Schechter has been performing gender-affirming surgery for over twenty-four years, including both primary and revision genital surgery.

Dr. Schechter is a past president of both the Illinois Society of Plastic Surgeons and The Chicago Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. He was the recipient of the 2013 Illinois State Bar Association Community Service Award for his advocacy efforts on behalf of the transgender community, was an invited discussant to the Pentagon in 2017 to discuss military service by transgender individuals and was a recipient of The University of Minnesota Program in Human Sexuality award as a Distinguished Sexual

and Gender Health Revolutionary. Dr. Schechter serves on The Committee on Sex and Gender Identification and Implications for Disability Evaluation convened by The National Academies for Science, Engineering, and Medicine and sponsored by The Social Security Administration. Dr. Schechter leads the team at Rush University who received funding support by PCORI for the multi-institutional study Support for Transgender and Nonbinary Individuals Seeking Vaginoplasty (STRIVE) Study, seeking to further understand outcomes in gender affirming surgery.

Dr. Schechter received his medical degree, with honors, from the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine and completed his residency in general and plastic surgery as well as a fellowship in reconstructive microsurgery at the University of Chicago Hospitals. While at the University of Chicago, Dr. Schechter was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha honor society and graduated as The Outstanding Student in Surgery.