

# WPATH 2020 AWARD RECIPIENTS

WORLD PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR TRANSGENDER HEALTH



**Harry Benjamin** (January 12, 1885–August 24, 1986) was a German-American endocrinologist and sexologist, widely known for his clinical work with transgender people.

Apart from endocrinology and sexology, he worked on life extension and would now also be described as a gerontologist. Benjamin himself lived to be 101.

Benjamin was married to Gretchen, to whom he dedicated his 1966 major work, for 60 years.

In 1979 the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association was formed, using Benjamin's name by permission. The group consists of therapists and psychologists who devised a set of Standards of Care (SOC) for the treatment of gender dysphoria, largely based on Benjamin's cases, and studies.[13] It later changed its name to The World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH), but still reveres its links to Harry Benjamin.

## WPATH Harry Benjamin Lifetime Distinguished Scientific Achievement Award

This is an award for a senior researcher in our field who has made an important contribution to advancing the knowledge and quality of care in transgender health. This award is given to a WPATH member and considers their entire body of research over the course of their career.

### GRIET DE CUYPERE, MD, PHD



Griet De Cuypere is a psychiatrist and psychotherapist, former Coordinator of the gender team at the Center of Sexology and Gender – University Hospital Gent – Belgium (1985–2015). She worked closely together with surgeon Prof. Dr. S. Monstrey (former WPATH President) at the UH Gent.

She was one of the Founding Members of ENIGI (European Network for the Investigation of Gender Incongruence) participating in research on gender dysphoria including the Netherlands, Norway, and Germany. As a mental health professional, she has given guidance to hundreds of persons with gender dysphoria during her career of more than 30 years.

Member of HBIQDA since 1987, she became member of the organizing committee for the 2003 WPATH Symposium in Gent, was Secretary/Treasurer of WPATH from 2005–2007, Board Member from 2007–2011, 2011–2016 and WPATH Representative on the WPATH Board from 2016–2019.

She has authored or co-authored approximately 55 peer-reviewed international publications and 8 book chapters on transgender healthcare.

## WPATH Harry Benjamin Lifetime Distinguished Service Award

This is an award to honor a senior WPATH member who has made a significant contribution to the society and transgender health over the course of their career.

### JAMISON GREEN, PHD, MFA

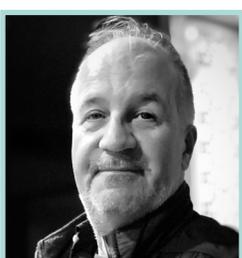


Dr. Jamison Green is an author, educator, public speaker, independent legal scholar, consulting expert in transgender health and employment discrimination litigation, diversity and policy consultant for business, educational, and governmental institutions, former corporate publications director, and a past-president of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH).

## WPATH Harry Benjamin Distinguished Education Award

This is an award to honor an individual or group who has/have contributed significantly to the promotion of transgender health and rights through education and/or advocacy work.

### WALTER BOUMAN, MD, PHD



Walter Pierre Bouman is a medical doctor, trans health specialist, sexologist, and academic, specialising in gender and sexuality at the Nottingham Centre for Transgender Health. He is honorary professor of medicine at the University of Nottingham in Nottingham, United Kingdom.

Walter serves the World Professional Association of Transgender Health (WPATH) as President-Elect and Executive Board Member; and Executive Board Member of the European Professional Association of Transgender Health (EPATH). He is a founding member of EPATH as well as of the British Association of Gender Identity Specialists (BAGIS). He is former Deputy Editor of Sexual and Relationship Therapy – International Perspectives on Theory, Research and Practice (2007–2016) and current Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Transgender Health. He is a member of the WPATH Standards of Care Committee (SoC8) and (together with Joz Motmans from Ghent, Belgium) leads the Working

Group on Non-Binary Genders. Walter has co-edited/co-authored a number of books, among which *The Transgender Handbook – A Guide for Transgender People, Their Families and Professionals* (with Jon Arcelus); *Gender Dysphoria and Gender Incongruence* (with Annelou L.C. de Vries and Guy T'Sjoen); *Genderqueer and Non-Binary Genders* (with Christina Richards and Meg-John Barker); and *Non-Binary and Genderqueer Genders* (with Joz Motmans and Timo O. Nieder).

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#### ZANDER KEIG, MSW, LCSW



Zander Keig is an award-winning social worker: 2020 National Social Worker of the Year, 2018 California Social Worker of the Year, and public speaker, sought-after workshop facilitator (including WPATH GEI Advanced Behavioral Health Courses), and trans community organizer. Zander was instrumental in establishing and developing the Navy Medicine West Regional Transgender Care Team (July 2016–December 2016) and managed a caseload of 225 active-duty service members navigating a gender transition while stationed on military bases across Asia, the Pacific Islands, and Western USA (December 2016–January 2019). Zander is co-editor of the 2011 Lambda Literary Transgender Nonfiction Finalist “Letters for My Brothers: Transitional Wisdom in Retrospect” (Wilgefortis, 2011), the 2015 Lambda Literary Transgender Nonfiction Nominee “Manning Up: Transsexual Men on Finding Brotherhood, Family & Themselves” (Transgress Press, 2014), the 2016 “Manifest: Transitional Wisdom on Male Privilege”, a contributing author of “Adult Transgender Care – An Interdisciplinary Approach for Training Mental Health Professionals” (2017) and introduction author of “You and Your Gender Identity - A Guide to Discovery” (2017). Zander is also featured in the 2014 award-winning illustrated documentary, *Zanderology*, which goes beyond telling people that it gets better and humorously explains how one person changed their life in almost every way possible.

### WPATH Harry Benjamin Distinguished Advocacy Award

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#### SAHIKA YUKSEL, PROF. DR.



Dr. Yuksel was professor at the Department of Psychiatry, Medical School, University of Istanbul, Turkey between 1972–2013. Has been in private practice (since 2013), is Founder and Director of Istanbul Psychosocial Trauma Program (1994–2013). Dr. Yuksel was President of the Psychiatric Association of Turkey (PAT 2002–2004). Founding member of different NGO’s such as Purple Roof Independent Shelters for Women Exposed to Violence, the Human Rights Rehabilitation Center for Torture Victims, and PAT Coordinators of Disaster and Mental Health Task Group. She was the Women and Mental Health Executive Committee Member of the Turkish Mental Health Policy Team, promoting to constitute Mental Health Laws in Turkey between 2003–2008.

She was Founder and Board Member of ESTSS (1994–2001) and Board member of the International Society of Traumatic Stress (ISTSS) from 2001–2004, as well as Coordinator of Human Rights and Social Policy Special Interest Group of ISTSS from 2003–2007.

Dr. Yuksel’s areas of clinical specialization include teaching, research, and service for transgender people individually, and in group settings, as well as evaluation and clinical treatment and forensic reports. She set up the first transsexual services in Turkey according to the WPATH SOC; established therapist guided transgender groups from 1987–2013. Conducted group and individual based work with transgender families and adolescents, with post-traumatic problems, particularly in women exposed to sexual violence at home and during detention. She worked with NGO’s on rehabilitation centers for torture victims and shelters for women exposed to sexual and physical violence, and treatment and forensic evaluation of torture survivors. She conducts counseling, and affirmative therapy with LGBT people and their families, and with victims of mass violence after bombing, suicide attacks and after large scale accidents.

### WPATH Outstanding Student Contribution Award

This award honors a graduate student or postdoctoral scholar who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of transgender health through scholarship, research, curriculum development, policy, or has demonstrated exemplary service to the WPATH.



#### NOAH ADAMS, MSW

Noah is a founding member of the Transgender Professional Association for Transgender Health and a PhD student at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education’s Adult Education and Community Development program, located on the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit, Anishnabeg, Chippewa, Haudenosaunee and Wendat peoples. Noah focuses on research on transgender and autistic mutual aid and community development and recently published a book titled *Trans and Autistic: Stories from Life at the Intersection*.



#### LUKE ALLEN, MA, PHD

Luke Allen, MA, PHD, LPC, holds undergraduate degrees in psychology and philosophy and a certificate in ethics. He received a Master of Arts degree in counseling and guidance from New Mexico State University. He earned

his PhD in counseling psychology from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Dr. Allen is currently completing his post-doctoral residency at Portland Psychotherapy Clinic. He specializes in working with individuals and families on matters related to sexual and gender diversity. Luke served as co-chair of the WPATH Student Initiative and was the elected student representative to the WPATH Board of Directors.

Dr. Allen’s dissertation research was the first study to demonstrate decreased suicidality and increased well-being among adolescents following gender-affirming hormones. He has presented research internationally and has published qualitative, quantitative, and theoretical articles on transgender health, ethics, and social justice. Luke’s clinical, research, professional, and his extensive advocacy work at his local institutions has centered heavily around supporting transgender youth and young adults. Luke has a long history of dedicated service to WPATH including serving as Co-Chair of the WPATH Student Initiative and, currently, on the Ethics Committee.