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# Keynote Speaker: Greg Cason, Ph.D.

# "Dr. Greg" from the Bravo series LA Shrinks

Dr. Greg Cason is best known as "Dr. Greg" from the Bravo series LA Shrinks, the controversial docu-series that showed what happens in the therapist's office and in his real life. He appears regularly as a psychological expert on The Nancy Grace Show and has also appeared a large variety of TV programs including The Jeff Probst Show, The Tyra Banks Show, Extra, Entertainment Tonight, Access Hollywood, and several news features. His expertise was also featured in documentaries specifically about the gay community such as The Butch Factor, The Adonis Factor, and The Gift. Most recently, he provided expert psychological analysis in The Secret Tapes of the O.J. Case: The Untold Story. His writing includes an often-irreverent psychology column for the gay community called

"Off The Couch" in print and on-line versions of Frontiers magazine and his sometimes-controversial views have been featured about in The Huffington Post, The Advocate, People, and several other publications.

Coming out and growing up professionally in the age of AIDS, Dr. Greg Cason devoted much of his early work to the communities affected by HIV including working to break political barriers to HIV-funding and legislation on the national level with Democratic political consultant David Mixner then moving on to be the National Coordinator for the very first National Coming Out Day. He then turned his energy to fulfill his childhood desire to be a psychologist. He started doing sex and drug abuse research at UCLA, completed a Master's at Cal State Northridge, and went to the University of Houston to receive a PhD as the first openly gay member of his class. While there he took a position as a therapist and educator at the only LGBT counseling center in southern Texas, Montrose Counseling Center, and there doing his own research in identification of domestic violence in the LGBT community, male rape, and completing a dissertation focused on changing homophobia in mental health providers. He also completed a post-doctoral fellowship in HIV Mental Health at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center and worked for several AIDS organizations including Shanti and APLA where he headed up the mental health program among other things. Dr. Cason currently teaches in the psychiatric residency at UCLA and is a licensed psychologist and Diplomate in the Academy of Cognitive therapy with a private practice in Los Angeles specializing in cognitive behavioral therapy and the LGBT community.

# 21st Annual LGBTQI Psychotherapy Conference

The Twenty-First Annual LGBTQI Psychotherapy Conference presented by LAGPA presents academic research and expertise on LGBTQI issues and concerns to professionals working with these clients in their psychotherapy practices. This one-day Conference meets the educational needs of psychiatrists, psychologists, LCSW's, MSW's, MFT's, CAADAC Certified and Registered addiction professionals, interns, and students of psychology. LAGPA, as a continuing education provider, meets the requirements established through the American Psychological Association (APA) and Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS). LAGPA is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. LAGPA maintains responsibility for this program and its content. LAGPA is the only organization to offer APA CEs on LGBTQI issues.

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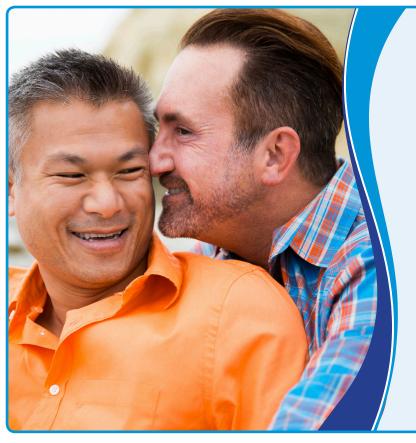
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# Conference at a Glance

	Registration		SESSION TWO (see below)
	Morning Mingle		Keynote and Luncheon
	SESSION ONE (see below)	2:15-4:15	SESSION THREE (see below
10:30-10:45	Comfort and Networking Break		

CE certificates will be distributed immediately after last session.

# 9:00-10:30 | Concurrent Workshops 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D

# 1A. From Suicide to Finish Lines: Living Transgender with Bipolar and Neurological Illness

In this session, author and award winning speaker Nate Cannon will infuse education and experience to discuss intersectional identity and the complexities of transitioning as a person living not only with mental illness, but with a painful and progressive neurological disorder. From dysphoria and suicide to marathon triumphs of human endurance, Nate's story of hope and recovery will both educate and

Nate Cannon, Speaker and Author of Running on a Mind Rewired. Nate Cannon presents regularly about his experiences being transgender and in recovery, living with both mental illness and an unseen physical disability. A policy matter expert and board member for numerous LGBTQ organizations, Nate is currently finishing his second memoir, addressing the complexities of transition.

inspire all those who identify with or work with the LGBTQ community, co-occurring disorders, or medically complex cases.

# 1B. Sexual Behavior and Risk Factors of LGBTQ Youth.

The support and affirmation of LGBTQ-identified students have increased substantially in the past decade. Nevertheless, risk factors for LGBTQ



youth continue to be significantly higher than those of their non-LGBTQ peers. This workshop will review data from the California Youth Risk Behavior Survey and studies on LGBT youth in out-of-home placement regarding the subpopulation of LGBTQ youth who are engaging in potentially risky sexual behaviors though online formats, sexting, survivor sex, and participation in the sex trade.

**Judy Chiasson**, PhD, is a Coordinator in the Human Relations, Diversity and Equity of the Los Angeles Unified School District. She advocates for safe campuses for students, staff and families by creating policies, practices and curriculum that are affirming of sexual orientation and gender identity. Dr. Chiasson is recognized national spokesperson for LGBTQ concerns in K-12 education.



**Timothy Kordic**, Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), Health Education Programs, HIV/AIDS Prevention Unit. After being a classroom teacher, he began working in prevention-education. He started in violence-, alcohol-, tobacco- and other drugs- prevention-education. He is in charge of comprehensive sexual health and HIV prevention-education for his district. Also, he manages the LAUSD HIV/AIDS Prevention Unit and monitors the surveillance on student health behaviors.

# 1C. Bisexualities in the Clinical Setting



Bisexuals face a double stigma, belonging to neither the heterosexual majority nor the monosexual norm. Understanding the origins of biphobia and to whom and when it is applied has important real world implications. This workshop will present the results of three studies based on an ethnocentric framework that elucidate these issues and discuss how to best treat individuals in a clinical setting.



**Shani Habibi**, PhD, is an Assistant Professor at Mount Saint Mary's University and a licensed Clinical Psychologist. Dr. Habibi's main research interests are in the areas of cultural differences with a focus on gender. She is trained as a Cognitive Behavioral Therapist and currently owns a private practice in Encino.

**Jared Anderson** is a student in the *¡Enlaces!* (Spanish-speaking) marriage and family therapy program at Mount Saint Mary's University. He worked at a group home for abused and neglected children for ten years before returning to school. He plays music, writes, and does photography in his spare time.

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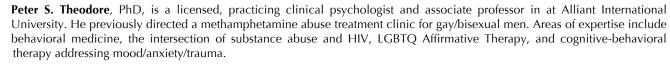
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# 1D. Skills Training in LGBT Affirmative Substance Abuse Treatment

This workshop will examine issues that perpetuate substance use disorders among LGBTQ persons. We will look at the intersection of substance use, sexual behavior, and HIV/STI transmission to understand substance abuse treatment as a form of HIV prevention. We will focus



on interacting aspects of diversity that drive risk for substance use and consequent health conditions, and review assessment/intervention techniques that affirm LGBTQ clients. This course will provoke discussion of controversial ideas, include clinical vignettes and role-plays, and provide basic skills that serve as a foundation for working in the fields of substance abuse prevention and treatment.





**Cristina L. Magalhaes**, PhD, is a licensed clinical psychologist in private practice and associate professor of clinical psychology for the Clinical PsyD Program at Alliant International University, Los Angeles. She is also acting director of Alliant's Rockway Certificate in LGBT Studies. Areas of clinical, teaching, and research interests include sexual orientation and gender diversity, immigrant/sojourner experiences, stress/anxiety/trauma, and health promotion.

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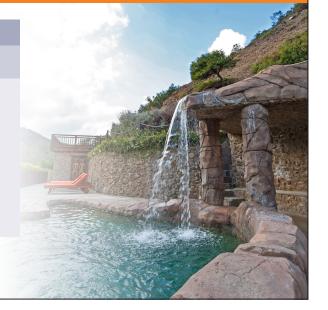
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# 10:45-12:15 | Concurrent Workshops 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D

# 2A. Vanilla, Meet Kinky: Helping Clients Navigate Differing Sexual Interests

This workshop will help clinicians become informed resources for clients who are attempting to navigate a relationship with differing sexual interests, particularly kink and non-monogamy. We will discuss how to guide your clients in self-reflection in understanding their partner's needs as well as discussing the resources and education you can provide as a kink-informed clinician.

Georgia Hill, MA, MFT Intern. Georgia Hill is a Queer, sex-positive, kink-aware therapist in San Francisco who works with couples and individuals around a broad range of issues. She has over 7 years of personal and professional experience with kink and non-monogamy.

# 2B. Uranian Eros: The Archetype of Homosexual Love in the Clinical Setting

A panel discussion with four members of the Institute for Uranian Psychoanalysis will examine the therapeutic implications of psychologist Mitch Walker's gay-liberationist, Jungian conceptualization of Uranian Eros as a "divine" presence within homosexual desire which inspires and directs personal development. The panelists will highlight how Walker's theory draws on Plato's exploration of same-sex love in his Symposium, as well as psychoanalytic and Jungian concepts and practices, especially the techniques of amplification and active imagination for personifying that love as a glorious, sexy, amorous "being" within. The workshop presenters will demonstrate how relationship with such a positive inner figure can be most substantively cultivated through transformative engagement with the psyche's shadow side of toxic shame and homophobic childhood trauma. This dynamic healing process can be meaningfully envisioned as a "heroic journey" toward golden union with Uranian Eros and the realization of our same-sex-loving creative potentials.



Roger Kaufman, MA, LMFT, is a founding member of the Institute for Uranian Psychoanalysis, and a facilitator for the Institute's Self-Development Training Program. He is also a gay-centered psychotherapist in private practice, and his articles on gay archetypal psychology have appeared in numerous books and journals.



Dustin Kerrone, MS, LMFT, is Director of the Sexual Health Program at the Los Angeles LGBT Center. He is a member of the Institute for Uranian Psychoanalysis and a facilitator for the Institute's Self-Development Training Program. He is also a gayaffirmative psychotherapist in private practice.



Chris Kilbourne, MA, LMFT, is a founding member of the Institute for Uranian Psychoanalysis, and facilitator for the Institute's Self-Development Training Program. He has been a psychotherapist for 28 years and has facilitated hundreds of gaycentered workshops and groups.



Douglas Sadownick, PhD, LMFT., is the founder of the LGBT Specialization in the Master's of Clinical Psychology program at Antioch University, and a founding member of the Institute for Uranian Psychoanalysis, as well as a facilitator for the Institute's Self-Development Training Program. He is also a published author of many articles and books on gay psychology.

# 2C. LGBTQ+ in Communities of Color: Familial Homophobia, Horizontal Hostility, and Other Challenges of Being QPOC

Being LGBTQ+ is challenging enough...but being queer and a person of color (POC)? Double-whammy! Members of multiple, marginalized groups can face difficulties in negotiating their conflicting identities. In many immigrant/ethnic communities (i.e. African, Latino, Asian, Middle Eastern), queer people are invisible, denied, or worse—often making QPOCs fear consequences of "coming out." This



workshop provides an overview of issues facing these clients and best practices for multicultural competent clinicians working with this population.

Stara Shakti, MFTI is a QPOC herself and passionate about serving the complex needs of QPOCs. She is a first-generation, Indian-American, female, queer, activist-therapist. She recently graduated from AULA with her Masters in Clinical Psychology and is starting her private practice internship with Dr. Lani Chin in Westwood, CA.



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# 2D. Disclosure – Building the Tools for HIV+ Clients

Every day people living with HIV make decisions about when, where, why, how, and to whom they are going to disclose their HIV status. While there are undoubtedly benefits, voluntary disclosure still carries a number of potential negative ramifications. In this interactive workshop, clinicians will be invited to explore and share their thoughts and experiences about disclosure for themselves and the population

they serve, as well as to consider and develop appropriate client strategies for engaging in safe, voluntary disclosure in various

circumstances.



John Sovec, MA LMFT is a psychotherapist in private practice in Pasadena CA where he specializes in working with LGBT teens and their families during the coming out process. He is the clinical consultant for The Life Group LA as well as an adjunct faculty in the Post Modern program at Phillips Graduate University. John has spoken nationally on the topic of HIV disclosure including the US Conference on AIDS and the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association. He is also a regular contributor on LGBT issues for Good Therapy and Huffington Post Queer Voices.





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# 2:15-4:15 | Concurrent Workshops 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D

# 3A. Bodageless!: Bodacious and ageless body acceptance in gay male clients.

Scholars have indicated that gay men experience a significant amount of shame, low self-esteem, uncertainty, and fear around both their appearance and their aging. Further, scholars have noted such negative emotions for gay men within both the LGBT community and larger



society. In response to the need for further expertise in this area, this discussion-based workshop will explore levels of body dissatisfaction and disordered eating among gay men and offer concrete implications for clinical practice. The presenters will facilitate a discussion with attendees and then present clinical best practices for working with body image concerns with gay male clients.



**Suzy Unger**, M.A. Candidate, MFT Trainee. Ms. Unger is a second-year student and an MFT trainee in the LGBT Specialization at Antioch University, Los Angeles. Her professional interests include clinical psychology, body image and body acceptance, and mental health and wellness for LGBTQI people.

**Theodore Burnes**, PhD, MSEd., LPCC. Dr. Burnes is an Associate Professor and the director of the LGBT Specialization at Antioch University, Los Angeles. He is a licensed psychologist and a licensed professional clinical counselor (LPCC) in California. His professional interests include teaching and training in psychology and mental health and wellness for LGBTQI people.

# 3B. Intimate Partner Abuse and Violence between LGBTQIA clients: What do we need to know and do?

Intimate Partner Abuse and Violence (IPAV) affects ¼ to 1/3 of LGBTQIA community members directly, and it affects us all indirectly. We need to know the signs to recognize and assess for IPAV in order to be optimally helpful. We also need to know how the dynamics of and effective interventions with IPAV are similar and different in LGBTQIA couples and heterosexual couples. And, of course, we need to know effective interventions. This workshop will use lecture, case presentation of both "abusers" and "survivors," and discussion to explore this topic.



**Kendall Evans**, MA, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. Director of Another Way – Stopping Violence and Abuse a Project of Open Paths Counseling Center. Kendall Evans co-founded Another Way: Stopping Violence and Abuse in 1987. Kendall Evans is a trans-woman. She sees clients who are in the LGBTQIA spectrum and provides general psychotherapy at Open Paths Counseling Center. Kendall trains and supervises interns at Open Paths and Another Way. She is Co-chair of the Association for Batterer's Intervention Programs and serves as training committee chair.

#### **3C.** The Erotization of Otherness

Freud revealed many of his dreams-including sexual ones about his patients. Ethel Pearson says few of us are yet ready to reveal our sexual fantasies. Interpersonal/relational approaches to reverie, the analytic third, and countertransference suggest that study of sexual fantasies may be important. Cross-cultural studies suggest that ethnic and sexual boundaries converge as ethnosexual frontiers in psychotherapy. Thinkers in the area of sex and erotics draw a sharp distinction between the energizing function of sex and the multitudinous forms of erotics. In relational psychotherapy, therapist and client must be alert to the different kinds of ethnicity and erotics embedded in their conscious and unconscious histories, identities, and fantasies. Dr. Hedges will review the literature on eroticism, sexual fantasy, and reverie, and how to go about raising



our awareness of erotic fantasies, thoughts, and desires in order to enhance our therapy work while at the same time carefully avoiding the dangers of slippery slope. He will present a series of vignettes from his own psychotherapy practice illustrating the use of transference and countertransference erotic fantasies.

**Lawrence E. Hedges**, PhD, PsyD, ABPP is a psychologist-psychoanalyst in private practice in Orange, California, specializing in the training of psychotherapists and psychoanalysts. He is director of the Listening Perspectives Study Center and the founding director of the Newport Psychoanalytic Institute in Tustin, California.





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# 3D. Better Lesbian Sex and Intimacy! How Changing your Communication Style Can Improve Everything.

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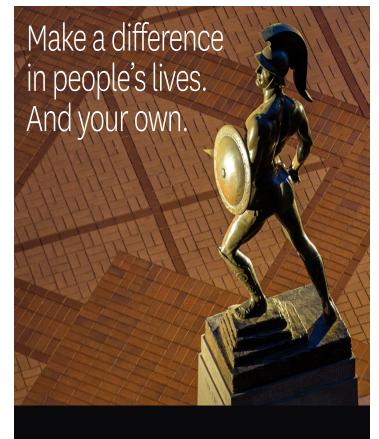
Lauren Costine, PhD, Licensed Psychologist, author, activist, feminist & founding member of The LGBT Specialization in Clinical Psychology at Antioch University Los Angeles. She is currently the Chief Clinical Officer at Convalo Health International the parent company of BLVD Treatment Centers and Reflections Recovery Center. She also founded the

LGBT-Affirmative Track at BLVD Treatment Centers - an intensive outpatient treatment centers located in Hollywood, West Los Angeles, San Diego and Portland. Dr. Costine has dedicated herself to the field of LGBT-Affirmative Psychotherapy & is a pioneer in Lesbian-Affirmative Therapy. Her first book: Lesbian Love Addiction: Understanding the Urge to Merge and How To Heal When Things go Wrong is available on То Amazon. learn more about the book please visit www.lesbianloveaddiction.com. Articles written by Dr. Costine have been featured in numerous mental health magazines, she has been featured on multiple radio shows including NPR and publishes a monthly written and video blog titled "Dr. Costine's Commentary." Her website is drlaurencostine.com.



Linda Santiman, MA is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. She provides individual and couple's therapy in a Los Feliz office. She also works for the Los Angeles LGBT Center counseling HIV positive clients. She has worked eclectically with clients depending on their needs and has utilized psychodynamically-based Jungian psychology, object relations, CBT, narrative,

motivational interviewing, family systems, feminist and LGBT affirmative approaches. She has cohosted the Better Sex and Intimacy! Workshop for the Women's 360 conference for the LA LGBT Center for two years.



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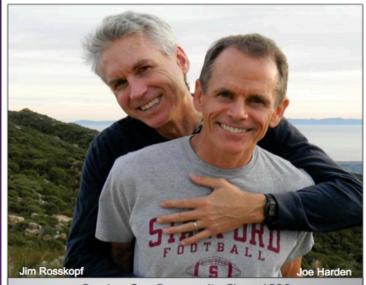
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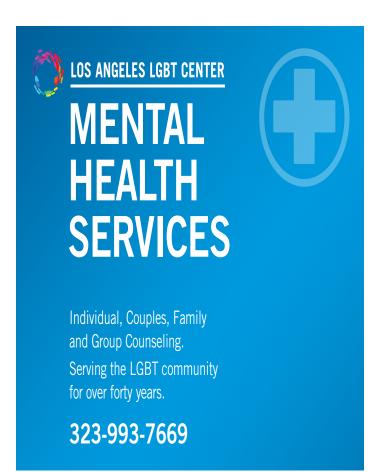
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