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LGBTQ Initiative

The LGBTQ (Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer) Initiative of Manhattan Institute for Psychoanalysis was established in 2008 to create a visible LGBTQ presence at the Institute, to expand awareness and education about gender and sexuality, and to enhance the provision of sensitive and affirmative clinical services to LGBTQ-identified persons. This standing committee of the Institute is comprised of LGBTQ-identified and –allied candidates, graduates and faculty members.

The Initiative holds monthly meetings for members of the Manhattan Institute community during the academic year, including study and discussion groups as well as presentations by invited speakers. These meetings address a broad range of topics, such as reconceptualizing driven sexual behaviors, clinical work with queer immigrants seeking political asylum, working with transgender teens, and the gamut of transference and countertransference issues that may arise in clinical situations of sexual and gender diversity.

We annually co-sponsor a speaker in the Institute’s Colloquium Series who presents clinical or theoretical work regarding contemporary issues in gender or sexuality or relating to work with LGBTQ persons.

We have undertaken special projects of significance relevant to issues of gender and sexual diversity in psychoanalysis, such as writing a public critique of the proposed DSM-5 diagnostic categories of gender identity disorder/gender incongruence and transvestic fetishism/transvestic disorder. In addition, the Initiative contributes material for Institute course curricula concerning gender and sexuality.

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