



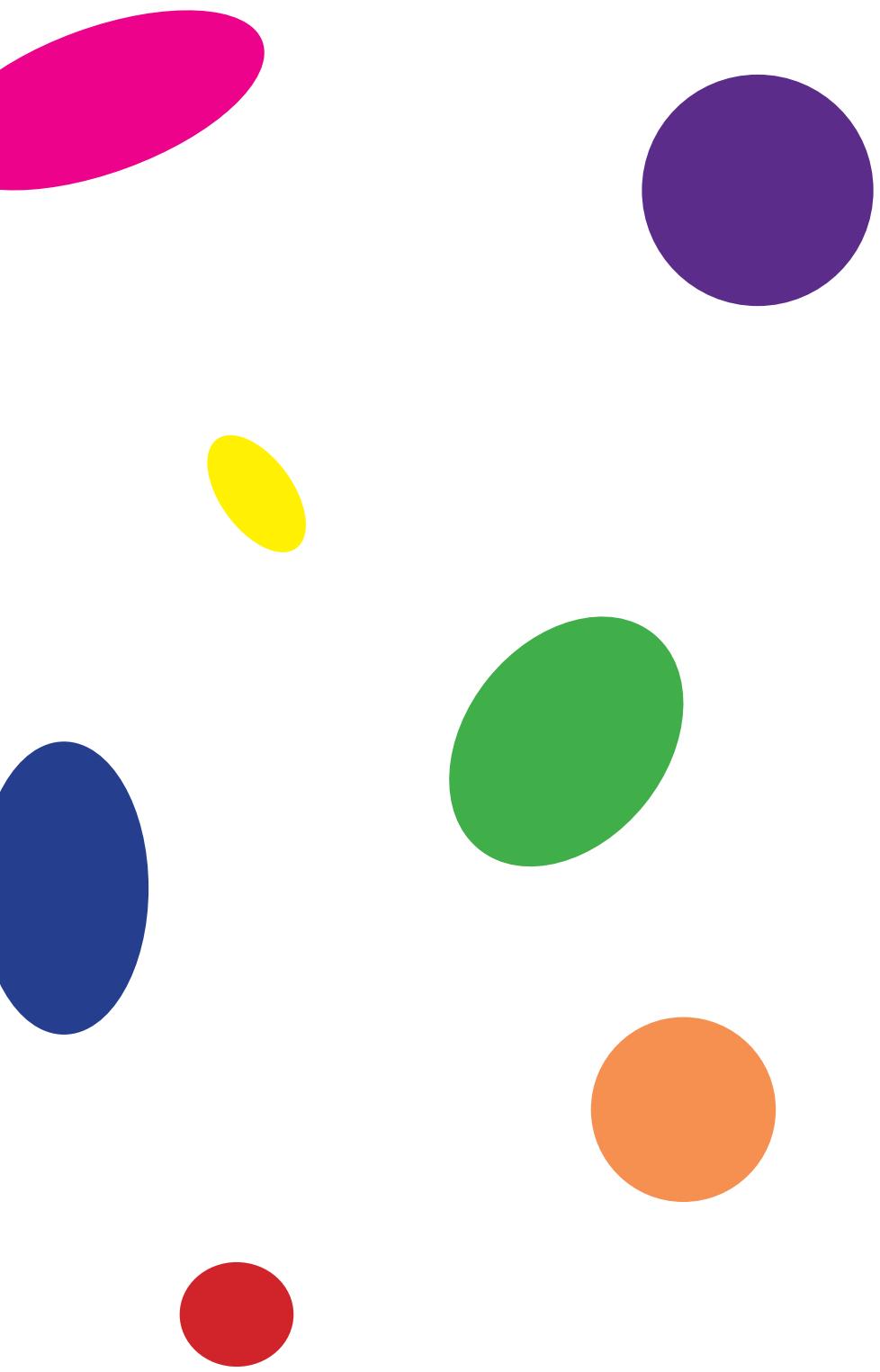
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AAAS DoSER welcomes you to the  
2022 December Dialogues

# Celebrating All That We Are: A Conversation on Sex, Gender, and Identity



# **Agenda**

## **Welcome:**

- Dr. Katy Hinman, Program Director, DoSER

## **Speaker Reflections:**

- Anne Fausto-Sterling, PhD, Nancy Duke Lewis Professor Emerita of Biology and Gender Studies, Brown University
- Meredith Reches, PhD, Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of Massachusetts Boston
- August Laperche, MATS, Interim co-Executive Director and Program Director, Q Christian Fellowship

**Panel discussion** moderated by Dr. Rob O'Malley, Project Director, DoSER

**Audience Q&A**

**Closing, Reception**

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## Synopsis

Conversations about identity can be particularly challenging when they intersect with biology, culture (including faith), and lived experience. In the current social and political moment, many people are seeking a richer understanding of sex and gender, drawing on insights from current science and from other ways of knowing. How do these concepts overlap, and how are they different? How have ideas about sex and gender changed over time, and why? How can (or should) society respond?

**We invite you to join the AAAS-DoSER program for a conversation about sex, gender and identity.** Together we will consider scientific perspectives on these concepts as they relate to humans and other organisms – AND share ideas about fostering constructive conversations about sex, gender and identity in religious spaces, recognizing the challenges and opportunities of the current moment.

## What To Know

The code of conduct for AAAS meetings is here:



A guide to gender identity terms is here:

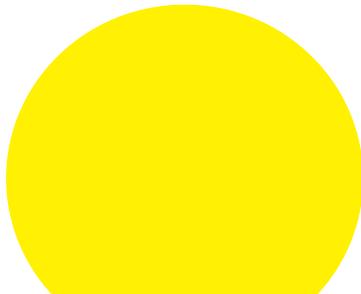


## Join a follow-up discussion

**Friday December 16th, 12-1pm ET**

The DoSER program invites attendees to join an informal follow-up conversation for the 2022 December Dialogue, "Celebrating All That We Are: A Conversation on Sex, Gender, and Identity." This will be an opportunity for attendees to share with and learn from each other during a discussion facilitated by the DoSER Team.

Registration link: [bit.ly/3h0A7Se](https://bit.ly/3h0A7Se)



## Speakers



**Anne Fausto-Sterling** (she/her/hers), Brown University

Dr. Anne Fausto-Sterling is the Nancy Duke Lewis Professor Emerita of Biology and Gender Studies in the Department of Molecular and Cell Biology and Biochemistry at Brown University, and founder and former director of the Science & Technology Studies Program at Brown University. She is currently focused on applying dynamic systems theory to the study of gender differentiation in early childhood. She has authored three books on sex and gender, and writes regularly for scientific and general audiences. She is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.



**Meredith Reiches** (she/her/hers), University of Massachusetts Boston

Dr. Meredith Reiches is Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Massachusetts Boston, and a rabbinical student at Hebrew College. She works at the intersection of evolutionary biology and gender and race ideology, asking not only how human bodies grow and reproduce, but also how human histories and power relations structure what kinds of questions—and answers—researchers and publics are able to formulate and metabolize. She has published peer-reviewed research in a biological, anthropological and social science journals as well as articles for wider audiences.



**August Laperche** (they/them/theirs), Q Christian Fellowship

August Laperche, MATS, is interim co-executive director and program director for the Q Christian Fellowship (QCF), whose organizational mission is to “cultivate radical belonging among LGBTQ+ people and allies through a commitment to growth, community, and relational justice.” They work to create and disseminate resources on sexuality and gender for clergy, families, and individuals, and to create spaces for safe and inclusive dialogue among diverse Christian communities. They grew up “denominationally ambiguous” in the Christian faith tradition. They hold a bachelor’s degree in Social Work, and those studies introduced them to progressive values that sparked a passion for social justice. They came out as queer, trans, and non-binary in their early 20s and since then has been an active advocate for the LGBTQIA+ community; especially those folks within Christianity and with faith backgrounds. August is a graduate of Phillips Theological Seminary, and holds a Master of Arts in Theological Studies.



**Moderator: Robert O’Malley** (he/him/his), AAAS DoSER

Dr. Robert O’Malley (moderator) is a Project Director for DoSER with oversight of the Engaging Scientists and Faith Communities project. This project supports scientists, science communicators, informal science institutions, and educators in science engagement with faith communities and with the broader religious public. Rob has organized or participated in public engagement with science activities at science fiction conventions, seminaries, science museums, and online.



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