An investigation into the publication of
J. Michael Bailey's book on transsexualism
by the National Academies
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This is the story of an extensive trans community investigation into the publication of a highly transphobic book by the National Academies. The investigation involved hundreds of trans participants and thousands of supporters, and uncovered evidence of serious professional misconduct on the part of the book's author, J. Michael Bailey, of Northwestern University. That evidence led Northwestern's central administration to conduct their own formal internal investigation of Bailey's conduct, resulting in his resignation as Chair of the Psychology Department at Northwestern, his career in disgrace.

To follow how the story unfolded, see the Log of Breaking News. To study the historical trail of events in the investigation, see the timeline-spreadsheet of unfolding events. For a more detailed examination of information obtained from many investigators, see Andrea James' webpage: Categorically wrong? A Bailey-Blanchard-Lawrence clearinghouse. For a discussion of the issues involved and the impact of these events, see Andrea James' essay, "A Defining Moment in Our History".

Introduction:

In the Spring of 2003, J. Michael Bailey, Chairman of the Psychology Department at Northwestern University, threw the socially endangered community of transsexual women into serious distress, by authoring a book that pseudo-scientifically defamed their lives and identities. The situation was made all the worse in that his book was published by the National Academies Press, the publishing arm of the eminent U. S. National Academy of Sciences, and was intensively marketed as being "scientifically correct and groundbreaking".

Containing no specific references to other scientific work, the The Man Who Would Be Queen simply pronounced as a scientific fact that postoperative transsexual women are either (i) effeminate gay men who underwent "sex changes" in order to have sex with lots of men, or else they are (ii) sexual paraphilic males who "changed sex" for bizarre autosexual reasons. The book especially defames trans women who are attracted to men, calling them "homosexual transsexuals" as if they were men themselves.

Cloaked in the guise of a series of "scientific studies", the book contains page after page of defamatory caricatures of transsexual women, as in the following direct quotes (links to pages in the book enable you to read the quotes in context, and fully confirm their strangeness for yourself):

" - - - homosexual transsexuals are used to living on the margins of society" p. 184

"Homosexual transsexuals tend to have a short time horizon, with certain pleasure in the present worth great risks for the future." p. 184

"Prostitution is the single most common occupation that homosexual transsexuals in our study admitted to." p. 184

"Nearly all the homosexual transsexuals I know work as escorts after they have their surgery." p. 210

"Do they get married? ... homosexual transsexuals are not very successful at finding desirable men willing to commit to them." p. 209
When the book immediately set off a firestorm of complaints from the trans community, Mr. Bailey was quoted in the media as making responses such as the following:

“… the book is intentionally controversial,” Bailey said. “I write about things that matter and that people are uncomfortable with. The cover (as well as the book) is meant to be provocative.” (Daily NU, April 21, 2003)

Then, when he and the National Academies began receiving large numbers of well thought out, sincere complaints about the credibility of his scientific pronouncements, and about the dangers those pronouncements presented to transsexual women, he cavalierly responded in the media by saying things such as:

“I can’t be a slave to sensitivity”. (Chronicle of Higher Education, June 22, 2003)

When those complaints escalated into a major investigation into ethical misconduct on his part, leading to the filing of many complaints of research misconduct against him at Northwestern University, Mr. Bailey began to bitterly complain in the media about his life being ruined. And yet at the same time he showed no remorse whatsoever about the angst he had caused in thousands of women.

“I am very sympathetic to transsexuals. I like these people, except for the people who hate me -- they scare me.” (Daily NU, April 21, 2003)

“Did I think that people would devote their lives to trying to ruin me? I did not….” (SEED Magazine, May/June, 2004)

Mr. Bailey's behavior towards his lay critics and research subjects, as uncovered in the ongoing trans community investigation, are very troubling. From the start he showed no surprise at the massive scientific and social criticism of his book. He showed no remorse about the angst that his book was causing amongst thousands of trans women. He made no effort to clarify or defend his scientific and social views, or to ease the distress those views were causing trans women. Instead he aggressively attacked his critics' sanity and veracity.

Rather than confront scientific or methodological criticism with a scientific defense, Mr. Bailey undertook a campaign of personal attacks in the media upon the women who had lodged formal complaints against him, and upon any others who dared criticize his scientific work, accusing them of being mentally-ill sexual paraphilics who were trying to ruin his life:

“Their primary sexual attraction is to themselves…”, Bailey says. Meaning they’re turned on by a vagina, but they’d prefer it to be their own. (Chicago Reader, Dec. 12, 2003)

While sweepingly defaming trans women as sexual perverts, including doing so via various surrogates and spokespersons, Mr. Bailey claimed he himself was simply being scientifically “truthful” about them and couldn’t be concerned about their feelings:

"I'm concerned with science and truth and not the feelings of groups," Bailey said. (Daily NU, July 31, 2003)

And in a parallel defensive effort to rally his sex-science colleagues behind him and turn attention away from actual scientific debate, and to further isolate transsexual women from any participation in the emerging debate, Mr. Bailey harangued his colleagues with a conference talk about how the critics of his scientific research were engaging in “identity politics,” and were endangering sex-science’s search for “truth”.

This overall pattern of behavior is in very sharp contrast to the manner in which scientists normally respond to critics when defending their work.

For the Chairman of the Department of Psychology of a major research university to feel comfortably and professionally able to openly engage in personal attacks upon the gender identity, sanity and truthfulness of trans women who filed complaints about his research conduct, and upon any others who simply dared to criticize his scientific defamation of their endangered class of people, is a frightening development in the history of "modern science."

Even more frightening is the way in which the scientific establishment and the National Academies stood by in silence whilst this outrage
unfolded, in many cases deliberately turning their backs on trans women who stepped forward to complain about what was being done to them.

We believe that the record of these events will in time expose major flaws in the institutional conduct of scientific research involving human subjects, leading to new rules of conduct for researchers, and to more vigilant community self-policing regarding the rogue scientists amongst us. Otherwise, more scientific fields will fall into ridicule and disrepute in the public eye, as has the field of psychology for condoning of the likes of J. Michael Bailey. Thus it is likely that the investigation of these events will "have ramifications far beyond the Bailey case".

Meanwhile, the revolution ignited in response to the publication of Mr. Bailey's book by the National Academies has become a defining moment in our community's history. Thousands of trans people participated in this, one of the first major 'bloggings' in internet history, well before the word 'blog' even came into use. The resulting revolution against the psychiatric and psychological defamation of gender minorities will insure that, in the end, the academic and scientific establishment will be held to account for these offenses -- as trans people move out from under their scrutiny as "pathological specimens," seize our full human rights, and make our voices heard.

In this website and in Andrea James' BBL Clearinghouse, you can learn about and follow the events that triggered this revolution.

Lynn Conway

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How to explore this site:

You can gain an overview of the unfolding events in the Bailey saga by browsing the "Log of Breaking News". The Log contains links in chronological order to key e-mails, field reports, essays, open letters to institutional leaders, press releases, and unfolding investigation findings (most recent entries first). By browsing the log of news from bottom to top you can visualize how events unfolded and how the trans community united to deal with this crisis. For an even more thorough historical overview of the investigation and more in-depth information on detailed events, access and study the Timeline-Spreadsheet of unfolding events.

The Investigative Background Notes gave an early rough overview of the gender issues involved in this controversy, and some details of the early stages of the Bailey investigation as we first began to contact his research subjects and discover evidence of his research misconduct. By browsing those sections you can learn about the gender issues involved and be better prepared to interpret the unfolding events.

However, to fully understand what this controversy is all about, you must read Bailey's book. We've also compiled a selection of direct quotes from the book that will give you a sense of how the book so terribly misrepresents transsexuality, and how it caricatures and defames trans women by trivializing, sexualizing and pathologizing their lives and identities.

This website is the result of the work of hundreds of volunteers representing thousands of concerned trans women (see Acknowledgements below). We would appreciate your help in spreading the word about the results. Even now, long after the successful conclusion of the investigation (with Bailey resignation as chair of the Psychology Department at Northwestern and his fall into disgrace as a scientist), we are still logging Breaking News in the aftermath of the investigation. For example, in April 2005, Bailey went on to attempt to make a public defense of his stance on homosexual eugenics. Then in July 2005, he went on to attack the identities of bisexual men. We've included reports on those later events in the Log of Breaking News. For further follow-on information we recommend that you check in on Andrea James' BBL Clearinghouse, and watch for news there too.

Additional background reading:

To gain a broader perspective on this investigation, it's important to learn about the kinds of lives lived by tens of thousands of successfully transitioned, socially assimilated trans women. We've compiled some "TS Successes" pages, where you will find photos and links to the stories and websites of over 150 such women of diverse backgrounds from all over the world. Please do some of your own "field work" by reading and studying some of these women's stories:

TS Women's Successes

Then ask yourself: Why didn't Mr. Bailey know about the thousands of trans women who have transitioned and now live rather normal successful lives, just as any other women do? Why didn't he ever made any effort to study the thousands of assimilated trans women?

Instead, he simply promoted an arcane old classification scheme popularized by sexologist Ray Blanchard, in which trans women are either (i) gay men who change sex in order to have sex with lots of men (and who are "especially suited to prostitution"), or are (ii) "autogynephilic sexual paraphilics" who change sex for bizarre autosexual reasons.

That classification scheme completely excludes any concept of inner gender identity, or of the gender dysphoria perceived and reported by the vast majority of trans women. Neither is it a scientific theory, for it is unfalsifiable (note: any trans woman who reports that she doesn't fit the classifications is explained by the "theory" as being a "liar"). Furthermore, the scheme has no predictive capabilities. Thus
it is thus untestable and has no clinical utility. Instead, it is merely a set of assertions about what Bailey claimed is going on inside the heads of all transsexual women.

But don't just take our word that Bailey's book is pseudoscience: Take a look at the highly respected Southern Poverty Law Center's expose of Mr. Bailey work in the special Winter 2003 SPLC Intelligence Report on transgender hate crimes. Take a look at the many other damning critiques of Bailey's work by a wide range of respected organizations (including HBIGDA). Then ask yourself, "Does this sound like "sound science"?" Or does it sound like ideology and identity-defamation masquerading as "science"?

\[ SPLC \text{ Report: } "Queer \text{ Science}" \]

Major threads and stories:

The following are major threads of stories that unfolded during the investigation.

1. Scientific reflections on and deconstructions of Bailey's work and its harmful impact:

"The Bailey Affair: Psychology Perverted", by Joan Roughgarden, Ph.D.

*Psychology seen as a discipline without standards, nourishing a clique of dumbly insensitive bigots* (Deutsch, en español, em português, Русский)

"Psychology Perverted" - A Response by a group of UK Psychologists:

"We are particularly concerned that Bailey's work will be seen as representative of scientific psychological research...

Reflections on the Bailey fiasco by Deirdre McCloskey, Ph.D., in Reason Magazine, Nov 2003:

"Queer Science: A data-bending psychologist confirms what he already knew about gays and transsexuals"

In the American Psychological Association's DIV44 Spring 2004 Newsletter:

"A Personal & Scientific look at a Mental Illness Model of Transgenderism" - by psychologist Madeline H. Wyndzen, Ph. D.

Walter Bockting, Ph.D., of the University of Minnesota Medical School reviews, rebuts and rebukes Bailey's book:


"A defining moment in our history", by Andrea James. (PDF)

"BBL will be regarded as an interesting curiosity from the waning years when our community was considered disordered and diseased."

2. Transgender people come out in large numbers to protest defamation by psychologists:

Petition protesting LLF nomination of Bailey's book for an award is successful:

LLF declares the book to be transphobic instead

The petition gained over a thousand signatures from countries all over the world in just its first few days. See the list of signatures!

An essay by Christine Burns summarizes the situation well:

"The Queen Who Won't Be Crowned"

Story by Kyle Scanlon, on how LLF got it wrong and never really righted it:

"Lost in trans-lation: NOMINATION REVOKED / How a book award went so wrong"

3. The 'Queer Science' of Bailey and his colleagues is linked to eugenics and hate groups:

Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC):

*Exposes Bailey and Blanchard as in amongst a group of 'elite' hatemongers!*

QUEER SCIENCE:

*An 'elite' cadre of scientists and journalists tries to turn back the clock on sex, gender and race.*

DISPOSABLE PEOPLE™

*A wave of violence engulfs the transgendered, whose murder rate may outpace that of all other hate killings.*

Bailey, Cochran and Sailer on Homosexuality and Eugenics:

*Bailey: "Evolutionarily, homosexuality is a big mistake"*

Investigative files on active members of the Human Biodiversity Group (HBI):
The "evolutionary psychology" intellectual milieu within which Bailey's and Blanchard's work was conducted.

Formal complaints filed against Bailey at Northwestern:

The following are direct links to the formal complaints filed against J. Michael Bailey at Northwestern University. To visualize how these complaint filings fit into the sequence of unfolding events, see the investigation timeline-spreadsheet (in which they are tabbed in the "Comp" column)

07-03-03: Anjelica Kieltyka files formal complaint with Northwestern University
07-14-03: Second research subject, "Victoria", files misconduct complaint
07-23-03: A third research subject files research misconduct complaint
07-29-03: Deirdre McCloskey and Lynn Conway file a formal complaint
07-30-03: A fourth research subject files a formal complaint against Bailey
10-07-03: Anjelica Kieltyka files key evidence with Northwestern's OPRS
12-11-03: Documentation of complaint about Mr. Bailey's sexual exploitation of a research subject
04-06-04: Complaints filed against Mr. Bailey for practicing as clinical psychologist without a license, and for publishing confidential clinical case-history information without permissions
5-10-04: Lynn Conway files the "May 10th Complaint"

Timeline of the unfolding events:

In the aftermath of the investigation, we have shifted our emphasis from reporting on unfolding events (via the Breaking News) to organizing the historical record of the overall investigation (via a new Timeline-Spreadsheet). The Timeline-Spreadsheet will prove helpful for later analyses of the historical flow of events - especially regarding causes and effects - by indicating the relative timings and connections between many related events. Thus the Timeline-Spreadsheet will prove useful to historians of science interested in the Bailey case as an example of "science gone wrong", and to scholars and ethicists interested in the ramifications of the Bailey case on the conduct of science in the future.

Timeline-Spreadsheet (html version)
Timeline-Spreadsheet (xls version)

A detailed description of the new timeline-spreadsheet (including user-guide information) is available at this link. A shorter, summary version of the timeline, in the form of a "list of key events" is included below. This "summary of key events" (from earliest to latest) can be used to quickly gain an overview of how the investigation unfolded (red = BBL/NAP actions; blue = trans responses).

Also included is a summary of the key events in the 2007 attack on the trans community by Alice Dreger and Ken Zucker, in an attempt to resurrect Bailey's lost reputation.

After browsing these local links, you can access the more extensive record of unfolding events in the "Timeline-Spreadsheet", which lists many more detailed events (and also includes tabulations of various properties of those events).

Summary of Key Events in the BBL Investigation of 2003-04:

National Academy Press publicist Robin Pinnel issues press release to promote Bailey's book, 3-21-03
Bailey lectures at Emory Univ., boasting of how "scandalous" and "controversial" his book is, 4-8-03
Lynn Conway learns of book's publication, and alerts Andrea James and Becky Allison, 4-10-03.
Lynn begins investigation and reporting of news about the situation on a new "Bailey page", 4-13-03.
Andrea James opens a web-clearinghouse to coordinate information on the situation, 4-13-03.
Becky Allison begins posting information about the book in her Blog, 4-13-03.
Anjelica Kieltyka contacts Lynn on 5-4-04 (and begins telling her story on the web on 5-11-03).
Lynn travels to Chicago to meet and interview Bailey's research subjects, 6-03-05.
The Chronicle of Higher Education, gets the story on 'Dr. Sex', 6-20-03.
National Transgender Advocacy Coalition (NTAC) Press Release, 6-21-03
Lynn Conway alerts Northwestern's leaders regarding Bailey controversy; 6-23-03
Stephen Mautner, NAP Exec. Editor, posts open letter in effort to discount NAP responsibility; 6-24-03
Homophobe John Derbyshire writes glowing review of Bailey's book for the National Review, 6-30-03
Anjelica Kieltyka files formal complaint with Northwestern University, 7-03-03
Anjelica Kieltyka reports Bailey admitted FABRICATING final scene in book, 7-10-03
Leading Academics file a HBIGDA Alert, 7-14-03
Second research subject re "Victoria", files misconduct complaint, 7-14-03
Bailey reacts to his critics via his website
Bailey calls Cops to keep IASR conference attendees from meeting Anjelica!, 7-17-03
Bailey presents paper re "Identity politics as a hindrance to scientific truth" at the IASR conference, 7-19-03.
Bancroft Challenges Bailey at IASR conference: "It's NOT Science!", 7-19-03
Lynn Conway and Andrea James meet with Bailey's research subjects in Chicago, 7-18-22/03.
A third research subject files research misconduct complaint, 7-23-03
Chicago Tribune: "Author Ripped for Transsexual Research", 7-29-03
Deirdre McCloskey and Lynn Conway file a formal complaint, 7-29-03
A fourth research subject files a formal complaint against Bailey, 7-30-03
Bailey's book bombs in the marketplace, 9-09-03.
"Bad Science": Eli Coleman, Pres. of HBIGDA, slams Bailey book at symposium; 9-10-03
Anjelica Kieltyka files report on Bailey's misconduct in 6/03 public lecture at UCLA; 10-07-03
HBIGDA denounces Bailey for damaging trans community, in open letter, 10-20-03
Why did he do it? - Bailey's affiliations and ideological associations are exposed; 10-22-03
In a fit of anger, Bailey's mentor Ray Blanchard resigns from HBIGDA!, 11-04-03
Northwestern University officials announce formal investigation of Bailey, 11-12-03
Bailey spokesmen and HBIGDA Derbyshire defames Lynn Conway in the National Review Online, 11-16-03
Daily Northwestern: NU to launch full investigation of Bailey, 11-18-03
The "Smoking Gun": Direct evidence exposes Bailey's lies and evasions, 11-24-03
Complaint filed against Bailey for practicing clinical psychology without a licence, 4-06-04
National Review On-line: Derbyshire claims Bailey critics are engaging in "transsexualist terror"! 4-08-04
Complaint filed against Bailey for publishing clinical case histories without permission, 4-06-04
Desperation in the BBL camp prods Bailey spokespersons into defaming Bailey's investigators, 4-18-04
In major turnaround, APA invites and publishes scientific critique of Bailey's work, 4-28-04
Psychologist Madeline H. Wynnze, Ph. D. deconstructs Blanchard's model of transsexuality; 4-04
Confidential complaint filed against Bailey, based on evidence forwarded by his colleagues, 5-10-04
Blanchard defames postop women as "men without penises" in Canadian newspaper interview 6-12-04
With their old "theory of transsexuality" in disarray, Blanchard & Lawrence surface new theory, 6-20-04
"The Silent Treatment Continues at the National Academies," 7-22-04 (more) (pdf file)
NU officials inform us in early July that the initial Bailey investigation will conclude soon, posted 8-13-04
"A defining moment in our history", a definitive essay on the BBL affair by Andrea James, 9-09-04, (pdf file)
Update regarding delays in the completion of the initial Bailey investigation, 10-03-04
"How J. Michael Bailey Responds to Critics", 10-12-04 (pdf file)
Bailey's supporter Paul McHugh monstrously defames transsexual women in a Catholic magazine article: 11-04
Northwestern Provost Dumas reveals that NU is covering-up its findings and actions in the Bailey Case: 11-29-04
The Chronicle of Higher Education gets the Scoop: Bailey resigned as Dept Chair way back in October! 12-01-04
A Quiet Victory Emerges : J. Michael Bailey is forced to resign as Chair of Psychology at Northwestern; 12-19-04

Aftermath of the investigation, as Bailey falls into disgrace in 2005-07:

01-26-05: Lynn Conway writes Alice Eagly, new Chair of Psychology at NU, re the dark cloud hanging over her Dept.
01-30-05: Ms. Eagly is reported as saying that Bailey's "sudden abdication" led her to take the Interim Chair
04-26-05: Bailey and Greenberg announce planned public defense of their 2001 writings on homosexual eugenics.
defamations of their lives and identities, these women and men were "activists". Most were people who were living productive, successful lives before the Bailey book came out. Shocked by Mr. Bailey's defamations of their lives and identities, these women and men were jolted into action.

Dreger and Zucker attempt to resurrect Bailey's disgraced career by attacking the trans community in mid-2007:

07-03-07: Zucker announces to the entire WPATH membership that he will publish Dreger's one-sided history of the Bailey fiasco in the Archives of Sexual Behavior (ASB)
08-13-07: Alice Dreger widely disseminates pre-publication version of her one-sided history of the Bailey book fiasco, via an e-mail from Northwestern
08-14-07: Zucker subverts his scientific journal into a propaganda machine, in a personal vendetta against women who exposed his reparatorist clinic for what it is.
08-14-07: "Alice Dreger: A timeline of her feud with Andrea James": Dreger is exposed as orchestrating a bizarre smear-campaign against Andrea James.
08-21-07: "Science Subverted: How a scientific journal became a propaganda tool in the 'science war' against the social emergence of trans women", LynnnConway.com
08-23-07: Alice Dreger 'defends' J. Michael Bailey in KQED Radio interview, with Bailey deferring to Dreger to respond to questions he can't find answers to.
08-23-07: Letter to WPATH from gender therapist Wal Torres, Ph.D.
08-23-07: Letter to WPATH from gender therapist Sandra Samons, Ph.D.
08-24-07: "The explosive rethinking of sex realignment", The Globe and Mail (Canada) portrays Bailey-Blanchard-McHugh's 'science' as supporting the stoppage of SRS
08-24-07: Biologist Julia Serano, Ph.D. exposes the subversion involved in the attempt by Alice Dreger and Ken Zucker to resurrect J. Michael Bailey's disgraced career
08-30-07: "The Bailey Affair, Again", by Joan Roughgarden, Ph.D., in Scientific Blogging.co "What I concluded in 2004 seems as pertinent today as it was then"
09-02-07: "The J. Michael Bailey Affair in the New York Times - Martyr for Academic Freedom or Thin-Skinned Quack?", an essay by Elise Hendrick
09-25-07: "Academic Attack Against Transwoman by Alice Dreger": Dreger launches mass e-mail defamation of grad student for proposing panel on transphobia in academe
09-25-07: "With "Defenders" Like This...Alice Dreger Destroys Academic Freedom in Order to Save It": Elise Hendrick exposes Dreger's intimidation of graduate student
10-04-07: Bay Area Reporter: "Controversy dogs sexuality researcher": Bailey confirms that he wrote and promoted TMWWBQ for financial gain
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10-18-07: San Francisco Bay Times: "A TransAmazon Takes On The Man", an article about Alice Dreger's attack on grad student Joelle Ryan, and how Joelle has stood her ground.
11-12-07: The Lambda Literary Foundation openly reaffirms that they considered Bailey's book transphobic and inappropriate for an LLF award, thus refuting Dreger's claims.
02-01-08: Archives of Sexual Behavior: "The lineup for Volume 37, Number 3 (June 2008)"
02-07-08: The Daily Northwestern: "Debate resumes on methods of psych professor's research"

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Following his resignation as Chair of the Psychology Department at Northwestern, Bailey attacked the identities of bisexual law people, claiming that male bisexuality does not exist and that men who self-identify as bisexual are "lying." We want to thank the many individuals and organizations that rose up and participated in the bisexual community response to Bailey's attack. Their response echoed and reinforced the earlier trans community response to Bailey's unsound 'science':

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In memory of our dear friend Kristina, who played an important role in this investigation:

Kristina-Maja DeMott (Selfridge)

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About the investigative journalist:

Lynn Conway is an early pioneer of gender transition. After completing her transition in 1968, she went on to become a prominent computer scientist and research engineer in her new life, living in stealth mode for over 31 years until "outed" by events in 1999.

Lynn's innovations in modern methods of VLSI silicon chip design underly much of the modern electronics, computer and communications revolution, and have brought wide recognition from colleagues all across high-technology. Now retired, as Professor Emerita of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at the University of Michigan, Lynn is still active in high-technology circles. As
A happy, fun-loving woman, Lynn has lived a full life since her transition. Most important to her are the simple joys of everyday life, especially life with her husband Charlie. They enjoy life together on 23 acres of country property in rural Michigan, and have been love-mates for 20 years now. If you'd like to contact Lynn or learn more about her story or about transsexualism, see her homepage at http://www.lynnconway.com/
The Man Who Would Be Queen: The Science of Gender-Bending and Transsexualism is a 2003 book by the psychologist J. Michael Bailey, published by Joseph Henry Press. In the first section of the book, Bailey discusses gender-atypical behaviors and gender dysphoria in children, emphasizing the biological determination of gender. In the second section he deals primarily with gay men, including the link between childhood gender dysphoria and male homosexuality later in life. Bailey reviews evidence that