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Podcast: Intersex Awareness Day

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Abstract

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- 10/26/17: Intersex Awareness Day
- 10/29/17: Gender Reel Houston presents: Both
- 11/4/17: The 25th annual Transgender Unity Banquet
- 11/18/17: Houston Trans Day of Remembrance

Topics:

- Transexual Menace
- Historic 1st: Intersex protection bill put forward in Texas Legislature
- The Gender Book
- Transgender Foundation of America
- The Houston Intersex Society (THIS)
- Androgen Insensitivity Syndrome (AIS) & Differences of Sex Development (DSD)/Intersex group
- Advocates for Intersex Youth

THIS Livestream:

About Hermaphrodites With Attitude:

- Hermaphrodites With Attitude newsletters by ISNA, 1995 - 2005
- Hermaphrodites with Attitude: Mapping the Emergence of Intersex Political Activism by Cheryl Chase

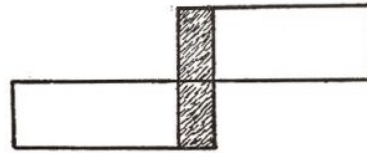
Articles & Books Referenced:

- Scientific American on trans issues
- Adam's Rib by Ruth Herschberger

Ruth Herschberger's Critique, 1948

Thanks to the magical properties of the words "normal" and "average," our sketches of the average man and woman now give the reader an impression something like this:

ALL MALES
Toward
squarer jaw,
thicker neck,
etc.:
the "male"
physique

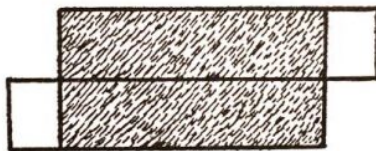


ALL FEMALES
Toward
rounder chin,
wider hips, etc.:
the "female"
physique

As pedagogy teaches: male and female sexed body difference, p. 198

As important as the differences in sex organs -- the books imply -- is the mature male should possess broad square shoulders, heavy brows, straight arms, narrow hips, cylindrical thighs, blunt toes and bulging calves. The mature female is characterized by soft sloping shoulders, a short neck, bent arms, wide hips, conical thighs, small feet and knock-knees... These, then, are the True Male and True Female, the average, the typical, the normal, and to judge by a look around us, possibly extinct.

ALL FEMALES
Toward rounder
chin, wider hips,
smaller hands, etc.:
the "female"
physique



ALL MALES
Toward squarer
jaw, thicker neck,
broader shoulders,
etc.: the "male"
physique

The distribution of these traits within the general population is suggested by the following sketch. The "masculine" traits are polarized at the right, the "feminine" traits at the left. Most of us possess some of each.[...]

The reality behind the cultural constructions of sexed bodies, p. 197

Most of us reside in the shaded area. We have somewhat bulging calves but rounded shoulders, or broad shoulders and sloping rounded legs, etc. There is infinite variety in us.

1.) Herschberger, Ruth, *Adam's Rib*, New York, New York: Pellegrini & Cudahy, 1948, 198.
2.) *Ibid.*, 3-4.
3.) *Ibid.*, 196.
4.) *Ibid.*, 197.

Figure 1. From *Adam's Rib*, 1948

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