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National Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Centers
presents



THE SEVENTH
INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM
ON
HUMAN RIGHTS AND MODERN SOCIETY

*Advancing Human Dignity and the
Legal Right to Bodily Integrity in the 21st Century*



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- Gary Harryman**, MA, coordinator, National Organization of Restoring Men, Southern California (NORM-SC), researcher, author. Topanga, CA, USA.
- Greg Hartley**, PE, graduated cum laude in engineering, University of Pittsburgh, completed Naval Nuclear Power School, was a civilian instructor, US Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program, now works in fleet support, and Director, NOCIRC of PA. Ingomar, PA, USA.
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- Martin Novoa**, investment banker, twenty years experience in research and counseling about male circumcision. San Francisco, CA, USA.
- Kristen O'Hara**, BS in Education, Salem College, Salem, Massachusetts, and author. Boston, MA, USA.
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- Morris Sorrells**, MD, retired pediatrician, consultant, and researcher. Port Ludlow, WA, USA.
- William Stowell**, A1C, Security Forces, US Air Force, first 18-year-old to file circumcision lawsuit. Denver, CO, USA.
- J. Steven Svoboda**, JD, founder and Director, Attorneys for the Rights of the Child (ARC). Berkeley, California, USA.
- John Taylor**, MB, FRCPC, pathologist (retired), Health Sciences Centre and University of Manitoba. Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.
- Avshalom Zoosmann-Diskin**, PhD, Director, The Israeli Association Against Genital Mutilation, and currently a medical student. Sturt, South Australia, Australia.

PROGRAM

Thursday, April 4

- 6:00 pm Registration
- 7:00 pm **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
Marilyn Milos
- 7:15 pm **Keynote Address: Bodily Integrity in the Biotech Era**
Frederick Mansfield Hodges
- 8:00 pm **Award Presentations** *Marilyn Milos*
- 8:30 pm **Reception**

Friday, April 5

- 8:00 am Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 am **A New Law Regulating Religious Circumcision in Sweden**
Yngve Hofvander
- 9:30 am **Penile Torts in the Courts**
David Llewellyn
- 10:00 am **Circumcision: A Teenager's Perspective** *William Stowell*
- 10:30 am **Discrimination for Political Views: Intactivism in the Workplace, Part I**
Charles Bonner
- 11:00 am **Discrimination for Political Views: Intactivism in the Workplace, Part II**
Martin Novoa
- 11:30 am **Assaulted and Mutilated: Surviving Circumcision Trauma** *Shane Peterson*
- 12:00 pm **Educating the United Nations About Male Circumcision** *J. Steven Svoboda*
- 12:30 pm Buffet Lunch
- 1:30 pm **An Adlerian Look at Neonatal Trauma and Early Childhood Beliefs**
Dan Bollinger
- 2:00 pm **Anthropology and Circumcision: Why did it take us so long to come around?**
Marianne Sarkis
- 2:30 pm **Female Genital Mutilation: My Own Story** *Soraya Mire*
- 3:00 pm **Can Culture Play a Positive Role in Elimination of Female Genital Mutilation?** *Jotham Musinguzi*

- 3:30 pm **Circumcision Decision Making in a Population of American Women Intending a Non-Interventive Birth**
Rudolph P. Fedrizzi
- 4:00 pm **Adoption: A Path to Genital Integrity**
Greg Hartley
- 4:30 pm **Genital Integrity and Nobel Prize Winners** *Van Lewis*
- 5:00 pm Dinner (on your own)

Saturday, April 6

- 8:00 am Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 am **What is the Foreskin?** *Steve Scott*
- 9:30 am **A Survey of the Foreskin as Depicted in Current Medical Educational Literature**
Gary Harryman
- 10:00 am **The Importance of the Foreskin to Penile Reflexes** *Harry Meislahn and John Taylor*
- 10:30 am **Circumcision and Sexual Pleasure: A Study** *George Denniston*
- 11:00 am **Penile Sensitivity Touch-Test Evaluation Study** *Morrie Sorrells*
- 11:30 am **Preputial Stenosis in Adolescents and Young Adults** *Michel Beauge*
- 12:00 pm **Save the Foreskin II: BXO in Boys Does Not Mandate Circumcision**
Steve Donnell
- 12:30 Buffet Lunch
- 1:30 pm **Comparative Analysis on Urinary Tract Infection in North America, Israel, and Europe** *Avshalom Zoosmann-Diskin*
- 2:00 pm **A Doctor Puts His Scalpel Down: What to Say to Parents** *Paul Fleiss*
- 2:30 pm **NORM-UK and Britain's Health Service**
Peter Ball
- 3:30 pm **A Research and Community Development Strategy for NOCIRC of Northern Ireland** *Linda Massie*
- 4:00 pm **Activism in North Carolina, USA**
Amber Craig
- 4:30 pm **Male Circumcision Hurts Sexuality of Both Partners** *Kristen O'Hara*
- 5:00 pm Dinner (on your own)

Sunday, April 7

- 8:00 am Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 am **Something Less than Joyful: Jewish Americans and the Circumcision Dilemma** *Leonard Glick*
- 9:30 am **The Growing Jewish Circumcision Debate: A Psycho-Social Critique** *Ronald Goldman*
- 10:00 am **Counseling Couples: A Jewish Perspective** *Laurie Evans*
- 10:30 am **My Painful Journey: A Retired Jewish Physician's Acknowledgment of Circumcision Trauma Leads Him to Intactivism** *Mark Reiss*
- 11:00 am **The Management of Ambiguous Genitalia** *Milton Diamond*
- 11:30 am **What's Going On: New Alliances, New Ideas, New Gains, New Hopes, And New Futures** *Hanny Lightfoot-Klein*
- 12:00 pm **Closing** *Jeannine Parvati Baker*
- 12:30 pm Buffet Lunch

Speakers confirmed but are subject to change. ∞

LUNCHTIME VIDEO PRESENTATIONS

FRIDAY

Circumcision: Intact Facts Injoy Productions
Facing Circumcision: Eight physicians tell their stories and reveal the ethical dilemmas of physicians who circumcise newborns Mary Conant, Nurses for the Rights of the Child
Restoration in Focus, 2001 Edition Peter Ball, National Organization of Restoring Men (NORM-UK)

SATURDAY

Whose Body, Whose Rights? Tim Hammond, National Organization to Halt the Abuse and Routine Mutilation of Males

Symposium Organisers: Marilyn Fayre Milos, RN, National Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Centers, and Dr. Frederick Hodges, Department of History, Yale University.



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INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND MODERN SOCIETY

The International Symposium on Human Rights and Modern Society, a special project of the National Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Centers (NOCIRC), provides a forum for discussion about the sexual mutilation of infants and children from historical, anthropological, cultural, religious, social, psychological, medical, ethical, legal and human rights perspectives. NOCIRC is a non-profit educational organization that provides information for parents and others about protecting the rights of children.

SPECIAL EXHIBIT

FATHERS IN REBELLION

Duane Jorde

Collected photographs in this exhibit document a “revolution” taking place, and “insurrection” against a harsh, punitive tradition, and the new wave of protective and nurturing fatherly instincts.

This collection is a visual metaphor for healing the “daddy” wound. Circumcision is a continuation of this wound, the absence of the father’s role to protect and nurture his son.

– Alberto Vicente Hernandez Arreola, Native American Shaman

BOOK TABLE

Resource books, videos, and other educational materials will be available for purchase.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Continuing Education credits are provided by the National Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Centers (NOCIRC), approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing. Provider Number CEP 10870, for 18 contact hours.

LOCATION

Georgetown University Conference Center
3800 Reservoir Road, NW, Washington, DC 20057
202-687-3278

Accommodations available. Reservation desk: 202-687-3235
Mention NOCIRC for special rates.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Degree _____

Affiliation _____

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City _____ County/State _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Registration postmarked by March 15:

Professionals: \$65/half-day, \$120/full day, \$325/full program.

Non-professionals: \$50/half-day, \$95/full day,
\$250/full program.

Please make checks payable to: NOCIRC, POB 2512
San Anselmo, CA 94979-2512, USA.

After March 15, on-site registration only:

Professionals: \$80/half-day, \$140/full day, \$375/full program.

Non-professionals: \$65/half-day, \$120/full day,
\$325/full program.

Registration fee does not include accommodations.
Continental breakfast and buffet lunch provided.

Cancellation requests must be made in writing and post-marked no later than April 1, 2002.

POST-SYMPOSIUM MARCH

Genital Integrity Awareness Week march to the Capitol.
For details see: www.themenscenter.com/intact.
Additional details will be provided at the symposium.



SYMPOSIUM DESCRIPTION

Every year around the world, 13.3 million boys and 2 million girls have part or all of their external sex organs cut off.

These mutilations are rarely regarded or acknowledged as such in the societies where they are performed.

Even in developed nations, the proponents of male and female sexual mutilation defend these mutilations with dubious scientific studies and manipulated statistics and by appeals to custom and tradition.

Doctors, parents, and politicians have been misled into believing that these mutilations are beneficial, necessary, and harmless.

Internationally respected experts in the fields of medicine, science, politics, law, ethics, sociology, anthropology, history, and religion will present the latest research, documentation, and analysis of this worldwide problem.

SYMPOSIUM OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the symposium, participants will understand:

- the history of sexual mutilation in recent medical history;
- the ethical, political, and legal aspects of sexual mutilation;
- the cost and other burdens to health care systems of medically contraindicated sexual mutilations such as male circumcision;
- the religious and cultural aspects of sexual mutilation;
- the need for religious, cultural, and gender sensitivity to the issue of sexual mutilation;
- the worldwide campaign to end sexual mutilation;
- the psychological aspects and sequelæ of sexual mutilation;
- the historical and contemporary aspects of foreskin restoration.

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