Dr. Magnus Hirschfeld and A Magic Modern History of Trans Healthcare

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I will now list all the reasons why you should believe I know what I'm talking about...
Content/Trigger Warnings

- Sex
- Gender
- Political systems and oppression - esp around gender, race, and class
- Antiquated terminology > Language changes
- Medical treatments including surgery, hormones, medical experiences
- Provider/Patient power dynamics
- Mental Health - mentions of suicide

Trans Medicine Turned 103 this year!

Magnus Hirschfeld, M.D. coined the term “Transvestit” (Transvestite in 1918)

Term was created to describe his trans patients at the 
Institut für Sexualwissenschaft
Magnus Hirschfeld, M.D  
05/14/1868-05/14/1935

- Polish Jew - Studied medicine and psychology, philosophy
- 1893 - Forms theory and begins research of "Global Phenomenon and Universality of Homosexuality"
- 1893-1896 > Rio de Janeiro, Chicago, Tokyo, Tangiers, back home to Berlin
- Sets up private practice, develops an acute case of RADICAL ACTIVISM
  - 1897 - Scientific Humanitarian Committee
  - Gay/Lesbian rights '98 - Paragraph 175
  - OUCH! Mag. 1907 - outlaid a general during a trial.
  - PTSD - WWI 1915
  - 1918 Women's suffrage - Tante Frankie

The Einstein of Sex

- 1919 - Buys giant villa, makes film debut
  - Cowrote and acted in Anders als die Andern - Different from the Others
- July 6th, 1919 - Opens Institut für Sexualwissenschaft - Institute on Sexual Science/Research
  - Multiple psychologists, psychiatrists, endocrinologists, urologists, gynecologists, dermatologists, surgeons
  - Developed theory of 64 types of "sexual intermediaries"
- Museum of Sex - In the same building!
  - School classes would visit
- Archive of writings, journal articles, notes, pamphlets, etc - First TRUE research center on sexuality and gender - international
- Lived on second floor w Karl Giese - his partner.

- 1922 - Dora Richter - First Gender Reassignment Surgery
  - She stayed at the Institute for years while recovering
- 1930 - Lili Elbe
The Einstein of Sex on a World Tour

1920 - Assault - almost dies
1921 - First Congress on Sexual Reform
   ◦ World League on Sexual Reform
Returns to Berlin end 1921 - resumes sex/gender work and activism
   ◦ 1928-1929 - Repulsion of Paragraph 175 nearly attained
1930 - Fascist Germany - Weimar Republic
   Under Brüning and von Papen - hostile to gay rights, feminist movements.
   ◦ Scientific-Humanitarian Committee - spat started in 1928

1930 - "No future here for people like me"
   Begins speaking tour in NYC
   ◦ Different messages in German ("legalization of homosexuality") vs. English ("open-mindedness about heterosexual sex")
   ◦ "Love's natural turns"
   ◦ Homosexual Art lecture in Chicago - BANNED
      - Heard digs up Gay Rights activism from DEU - doesn't end well

Asia to Mediterranean tour - 1931
   ◦ Japan; Shanghai; Indonesia; Egypt; British Palestine
      - Feminist activism/meetings and gay rights activism/meetings
      - LL, addition to the family.

The Decline of Ideals and Rise of Resistance

Brief return to Switzerland - hoping for improvement;
   May 10th, 1933 - Burning of the Institute
   May 14th, 1933 - Move to Nice, France
      ◦ LL, Geise, Magnus
      ◦ Finishes Rassismus (Racism) - "...the racial theory which underlines the doctrine of racial war."
         - Calls BS on volkish nationalism - "aberration and a front to humanity and science"
         - Used to justify white supremacy, power, and oppression of others.

Died May 14th, 1935 of a heart attack in his beachfront Nice home in the arms of Karl.
   Per Scientiam ad Justitiam
Let’s talk about sex… In the States

1940-1960
- 1947 - Institute for Sex Research - Indiana University
  - Dr. Alfred Kinsey coins the term “transsexual” - Effective introduction to transgender people for America
  - 1948-1949: Harry Benjamin for 12 yo trans girl
  - HRT, coordinates for surgery in Germany
- (1952) Christine Jorgensen - To Denmark
  - Dr. Christian Hamburger
  - Dr. Harry Benjamin - Endocrinologist - NYC/SF
  - Denied Marriage Certificate 1959
  
  But Dr. Benjamin changed the game

Dr. Harry Benjamin - Radical Human, Activist

1960-1979
- 1965 - Johns Hopkins Gender Identity Clinic opens
  - 1966 - Mtr. of Anonymous v. Weiner
    - Change name/sex in NYC, denied, appealed, denied - change only if error was made in recording
  - 1966 - Harry Benjamin publishes Transsexual Phenomena
- 1973 - Mtr. of Hartin v. Dir. of Bur. of Recs. - NYC
  - Repeat of Weiner
  - EXCEPT: support being expressed
- 1975 - Darnell v Lloyd - CT
  - Substantial interest demonstrated by state to DENY change in sex.
- 1975 - MPLS nondiscrimination ord
  - NY
  - Further shift in support - but need legislation
Our villains: Dr. Paul McHugh (1975-2001 Chair-Psychiatry), Dr. Jon Meyer (Chair-Surgery)

- **1979** - Johns Hopkins Transgender Treatment Study.
- 29 patients who had SRS v 21 who did not
  - “Those who had the surgery were not more adjusted to society than those who did not have the surgery”
  - McHugh shuts program down

- McHugh explained that the “duty of all doctors who propose a treatment is to know the nature of the problem they propose to treat. The issue of transgender (people) is, the vast majority coming for surgery now don’t have a biological reason but a psychosocial reason.” - 2017

### Brace yourself

1979 - Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association - AKA WPATH
1980 - Gender Identity Dysphoria added to DSM

### The Aughts

- **2005** - Fields v Smith - Wisconsin (incarcerated people)
- **2009** - Endocrine Society publishes guidelines HRT
- **2010** - ACA
- **2011** - National Health Survey Addition
- **2012** - VA
- **2012** - Last WPATH passed
- **2015** - Obergefell v Hodges -
- **2016** - 1557 Guidance
- **2016** - Medicare
- **2017** - 1557 Guidance Injunction
- **2017** - TRUMP

**2018-Now >**

Buckle Up.
Oy Vey.

Aug 14, 2019 - Dept. of Labor proposes rule change creating exemption for “religious beliefs” for federal contractors to 2016 EO 11246 which prevented discrimination against Trans and GNC employees. 30 day comment period.

Oct 8, 2019 - Supreme Court hears Stephens Case (Title 7)
Oct 16, 2019 - 1557 Guidance Struck Down (Religious Freedom - this is a ruling over 3 years in the making, ACLU)

Sept 19th, 2019 - HHS cancelled plan to prohibit hospitals that receive funds for CMS from discriminating against LGBTQ+ patients.

DO WE PANIC?!?
No.

Short Answer