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## EDUCATION

**M.A. Brandeis University**, Sociology, *February 1999*

**B.A. Bradford College**, Human Studies - Sociology, *June 1997*

**A.A. Northern Essex Community College**, Social Work, *June 1995*

## RECOGNITION & AWARDS

**Five Trans Writers Who Are Redefining Masculinity**, 2016  
By Pride.com

**Seven Trans and Non-Binary Artists Doing the Work**, 2015  
By Queer As Verb

**Trans Latinx Activist Changing the World**, 2014  
By Pride.com

**Honor 41**, 2014  
By Honor41.org

**Trans 100**, 2013  
By Wehappytrans.com

**Eleven Trans Artists of Color You Should Know**, 2013  
By Huffington Post

**Marsha A. Gómez Cultural Heritage Award**, 2002

**Stonewall Award for Political Leadership and Empowerment**, 1998

## EXPERIENCE

**INDEPENDANT CONSULTANT, SPEAKER, TRAINER,  
PERFORMER**, igrivera.com, heal2end.org, *2000-Present*

- A highly seasoned and experienced community organizer, trainer and consultant, specializing in gender, sexuality, race, class and economic justice within a multi-issue framework.

**Just Beginnings Collaborative, New York**  
**JBC FELLOW, Jan '16-Dec '19**

- Founded the HEAL Project (heal2end.org), Ignacio envisions a radical and comprehensive sexuality and gender framework for ending child sexual abuse. Utilizing multiple platforms— theater, social media and workshops— in this project, child sexual abuse is more broadly talked about, especially in other social justice movements that are sources of political experience, energy and activism.

**The National Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Task Force, Washington, DC**  
**CONSULTANT & COORDINATOR FOR TRANS/GENDER QUEER DAY LONG INSTITUTE AT CREATING CHANGE, Sep '15-Jan '16**

- Finalized the vision and outcomes for the Trans/Gender Queer Day Long Institute
- Recruited a team of trainers/facilitators to design curriculum, coordinate communication, and implement curriculum at the annual Creating Change Conference 2016

**National Center for Transgender Equality, Washington, DC**  
**SURVEY OUTREACH COORDINATOR, Mar-Sep '15**

- Developed and implemented outreach plan for the U.S. Trans Survey.
- Fostered relationships with US based LGBT and organizations who serve LGBT people.
- Oversaw the work of Interns. Engaged in public speaking and workshop presentations.

**Global Transgender Research and Advocacy (GTRAP )**  
**DIRECTOR OF TRAINING AND PROJECT SPECIALIST, Apr '13-Mar '15**

- Lended research and advocacy expertise to the efforts to devise global applications for the U.S.-based National Transgender Discrimination Survey (NTDS), the largest study of its kind in the world.

**CONNECT: Community Empowerment Program, New York, NY**  
**CONSULTANT & WORKSHOP FACILITATOR, Jul '03-Aug '10**

- Provided workshops to direct service providers on LGBT and HIV related Domestic Violence
- Provided training, technical assistance, outreach and community needs assessment to organizations and community groups around family violence in the Bronx and Queens.

**Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network, New York, NY**  
**TRAINER, Mar '07-Oct '09**

- Worked in teams to provide intensive workshop/trainings on Anti-bullying, anti-homo/transphobia as a professional development tool for teachers, principals and all high school and some elementary school staff.

**The Latino Commission on AIDS, New York, NY**  
**FOCUS GROUP COORDINATOR & COMMUNITY**  
**ORGANIZER/ADVOCACY COORDINATOR, Apr '01-Feb '03**

- Prepared and planned seven focus groups geared towards Latina women who have not been tested for HIV. Work responsibilities included, outreach, organization and facilitation, development and submission of focus group findings and recommendations.
- Consulted with community outreach, coalition building, policy development and educating appointed officials and other key people on issues of importance to Latinos affected by HIV/AIDS.
- Attended relevant meetings, community-based conferences, and developed strategies to ensure the needs of Latinos affected by HIV/AIDS were met.

**National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, New York, NY**  
**RACIAL and ECONOMIC JUSTICE POLICY ANALYST, May '00 -**  
**Mar '02**

- Directed a two-year, grant funded Racial and Economic Justice Initiative.
- Conducted outreach and consultation, and initiated research and policy collaborations with grassroots organizations advocating against racism and poverty and serving GLBT people of color and low-income people.
- Oversaw the work of Research Fellows and Interns working on the Racial and Economic Justice Initiative.
- Engaged in public speaking and workshop presentations at academic and community-based conferences.

**New York City Anti-Violence Project, New York, NY**  
**COORDINATOR of VOLUNTEER SERVICES and COMMUNITY**  
**OUTREACH, May '99-May '00**

- Recruited, trained, retained and managed over 60 volunteers for all aspects of AVP's programs, including a 24-hour bilingual crisis intervention hotline.
- Organized and facilitated community meetings and direct action around violence in the GLTB community and crisis intervention.
- Facilitated bi-annual 30-hour hotline training, and was the Editor of Volunteer Services Monthly Newsletter.

**Gay & Lesbian Community Advocates, Lawrence, MA**  
**FOUNDER & FACILITATOR, Mar '97-Apr '99**

- Organized citywide Human Rights Week.
- Conducted grant writing; provided media coverage; organized film festival, children/youth/senior events; booked speakers and function rooms throughout Lawrence.
- Developed and implemented "Speak Out Now! – public speaking/workshop in local high schools, colleges, churches and local organizations.
- Discussed human rights issues and mobilizing community members to become local community advocates.
- Organized the first and second Annual Lesbians/Gay/Trans/Straight Ally Pride March in Lawrence.

**WRITTEN WORK**

**The Accountability to Ourselves and Our Children** in Love WITH Accountability: Digging Up the Roots of Child Sexual Abuse by Aishah Shahidah Simmons, *2019*

**The One Minute Negotiation for Hook Ups** in Sex Hacks: Over 100 Tricks, Shortcuts, and Secrets to Set Your Sex Life on Fire by Kinkly, *2016*

**Boxes of Our Own Creation: A Trans Data Collection Wo/Manifesto** Co-authored with Jack Harrison-Quintana and J'aime M. Grant in Transgender Studies Quarterly Edited by Edited by Paisley Currah and Susan Stryker, Volume 2, Number 1, *February 2015*

**Coming Out in Porn from Inside Oppression** in Coming Out Like a Porn Star by Jiz Lee, *2015*

**Lesbian Seeking Trans** in Girl Sex 101 by Allison Moon, *2015*

**The Power of Ritual**, Third Woman Press Zine: Calling All Goddesses, Radical Feminist of Color, Published December 2015 Volume 3, *2015*

**The Sexual Body** in Trans Bodies Trans Selves, *2014*

**Gender in Stereogram** in Genderqueer: And Other Gender Identities by Dave Naz, *2014*

**Age Role Play** in The Ultimate Guide to Kink: BDSM, Role play and Erotic Edge, edited by Tristan Taormino, *2012*

**Vieques** in *Yellow Medicine Review*: a journal of indigenous literature, art and thought, *Fall 2012*

**PRESENTATIONS  
AND INVITED  
LECTURES**

Keynote Address, “Understanding The Fire” *Sex Down South*, Atlanta, GA, September 2019

Keynote Address, “Sexual Liberation, Health, and Wellness” *University of Michigan*, Ann Arbor, MI, February 2019

Keynote Address, “The Politics of Sex: Intimacy, Power, and Control,” *Northeastern University*, Boston, MA, October 2015

Keynote Address, “Privilege and Oppression of Sex(uality), and Trans Queering Your Sex,” *SexX Interactive Conference*, Philadelphia, PA, May 2015

Keynote Address, “Queer Activism”, *Western Michigan University’s Fall Fab Fest*, Kalamazoo, MI, September 2013

Keynote Address, “Bringing Us All Together”, *Transcending Boundaries Conference*, Springfield, MA, October 2012

Keynote Address, “Learning from History: Allyship Among Women and Trans People, Elements Organization,” *LGBTQ Womyn of Color Conference*, Philadelphia, PA, October 2012

Keynote Address, “Navigating Multiple Identities within a Polyamorous Framework,” *OpenSF Conference*, San Francisco, CA, June 2012

Keynote Address, “Using an Intercultural Lens to Understand Gender, Negotiating Consent and Sexual Liberation”, *4th annual TransOhio Transgender & Ally Conference*, August 2011

For a complete list of workshops and performances, please visit <http://www.heal2end.org/services>

**PROFESSIONAL  
AFFILIATIONS**

**Rockwood Leadership Institute** - September 2019-Present, Fellow

**Association of Black Sexologists and Clinicians**, 2015-Present  
Member

**Poly Patao Productions (P3), 2001-Present**  
Founder

**Global Transgender Research and Advocacy (GTRAP), 2013-2015**  
Co-Founder

**Queer Economics Justice Network, 1999-2008**  
Board of Directors