

## Gender DynamiX Management Committee

The Management Committee of Gender DynamiX consists of

- Robert Hamblin (Chairperson)
- Candice Pillay (Vice Chairperson)
- Charl Marais (Secretary)
- Margie Lagerwall (Treasurer)
- Robert Bayer
- Simone Heradien
- Mzikazi Nduna
- Sally-Jean Shackleton
- Dr. Marlene Wasserman
- Zama Xulu Robert Hamblin (Chairperson)

Robert Hamblin is the Chairperson of the Gender Dynamix Management Committee. It is a designation that he takes personally and he is determined to be proactive in this position. Robert was the first South African Transgender person to have the gender altered in his South African Identity document, solely on the basis of medical treatment. He stated no surgeries in this application. The amendment was preceded by a year long struggle with the Department of Home Affairs. Robert is a public transman who uses his transition experiences in his Gender DynamiX advocacy work.

In the other half of his life Robert is a husband and lives in Johannesburg. He works as a commercial and fine art photographer in the main stream media and also the television industry. He uses his skills and talents as a photographer and artist to create narratives of the human state. In his fine art conceptual work his expertise, aptitude and experiences also explore gender issues to increase awareness and aspires to transform gender relations. His art can be viewed online at <http://www.roberthamblin.com/>

(back to top) Candice Pillay (Vice Chairperson)

Candice grew up in Kwa-Zulu Natal where she obtained her B. Ed degree whilst completing her Education Diploma. She then went on to teach Mathematics and Science whilst completing her Honours and then Masters Degrees In Education. Having been appointed as Head of the Senior Phase, she opted to travel abroad to Europe, where she taught both in Albania and the UK. She has been nominated "Teacher of the Year" with the Gauteng Department of Education in addition to various accolades for her involvement with various children's based charities.

Currently she is in Executive Management Training whilst studying toward a B.Tech. HR Training and Development Degree.

Candice was part of the Body Map workshop and the Strategic Planning session in 2007.

She envisages herself in the forefront of facilitating and training on transgender issues.

(back to top) Charl Marais (Secretary)

Charl Marais is a Transman, still in transition. He has lived and worked fulltime as a man for the last fifteen years. Charl qualified as a teacher in 1975 and in 1981 qualified as a journalist. It is as a journalist that he has worked for the more than twenty years until bad health made fulltime work impossible. Currently he works as a free-lance bookkeeper and occasionally does free-lance journalism. Charl grew up on the Cape Flats close to where the new offices of Gender DynamiX are. Charl participated in the Body Map Workshop and the Strategic Planning Session in 2007.

When not at work or online, Charl enjoys a good mystery or suspense novel while having soft music in the background. A bit of a homebody and somewhat of an introvert, Charl admits to becoming more sociable since attending the T-Junctions, the Gender DynamiX trans social group.

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After matriculating Margie's working career started at a large retail store, where she gained a thorough knowledge of retail operations, moving through the ranks for two years. When she left, she held the position of Training Officer. After a while as a credit controller, and obtaining her Certified Bookkeeper's Diploma, Margie started MGL Admin Services in 1986, an Accounting Practice aimed at small to medium enterprises. Ready for a new challenge,

Margie has recently started Objective Consulting as a division of MGL, where she will assist businesses in identifying and correcting problem areas. Assisting people is Margie's passion, and she is currently studying towards qualifying as a Life Coach.

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Robert Bayer is in Deutschland aufgewachsen und lebt seit 2001 in der "Mother City". Er hält ein Diplom in Betriebswirtschaft und Informatik und hat in Europa Berufserfahrung in den Bereichen Projektmanagement und Öffentlichkeitsarbeit gesammelt. In Kapstadt arbeitet Robert für ein Unternehmen, daß sich auf Kommunikation und Kundenbeziehungsmanagement spezialisiert hat. In seinem Privatleben genießt er Kapstadt und das Meer mit seinem Partner und zwei Katzen. Er ist Vorstandsmitglied der Good Hope Metropolitan Community Church, einer inklusiven Kirchengemeinde in Kapstadt. Robert hat Gender DynamiX über das erste Seminar in 2005 kennengelernt. Seitdem arbeitet er ehrenamtlich für die Organisation und ist verantwortlich für die elektronischen Dienstleistungen von Gender DynamiX.

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Simone commenced with active community engagement during the period of liberation and served on the executive committees of political liberation structures. As Executive Member of Women Against Violence, an association founded at that time in 1984 in response to three successive female murders in the immediate area, she assisted in conscientising protective structures, such as the South African Police Services. Her most significant achievement within the milieu of transgender issues was the successful presentations of submissions as part of the Cape Transsexual Support Group, which resulted in the promulgation of the amendment of Act 49 of 2003, vs. the The Alteration of Sex Description and Sex Status Bill 37 of 2003, which was eventually approved and signed into law by former President Thabo Mbeki. She also serves on the South African National Commission to UNESCO, a body which oversees structures and formulates recommendations on UNESCO draft resolutions and policies for submission to the National Minister of Education, as South Africa's official delegate to UNESCO.

Read more about Simone

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Lecturer and researcher, Discipline of Psychology, University of Witwatersrand.

UMzikazi Nduna waqala ukuba nomdla kumsebenzi ongempilo yokuzala nobudlelwane nakwimiba yophuhliso ngokwesini ngelixa esasebenza efundisa kwiphondo laseMpumakoloni. Wasebenzela umbutho i-Planned Parenthood Association of South Africa (PPASA) njengomphathi we Project eyayifundisa ikwaphuhlisa umsebenzi wokulwa ukusuleleka nokwanda kweHIV/AIDS iminyaka eminzi. Wasuka ke apho waya kusebenza e-Medical Research Council apho afake igalelo elikhulu kakhulu ingakumbi ekufundiseni, nakuphando lokuqinisekisa ukuba ziziphi na iindlela zokukhusela iHIV ngokuguqula izimo zokuziphatha ezisebenzayo. Ungumntu onomdla kakhulu kwimiba edibene nokuqaqambisa ubuni kubantu abatsha.

UMzikazi uthabathele kuye wagqiba uphenyo ngokuyamaniswa kwe VCT nee Nkonzo zokucwangcisa eziklinikhini e North West phantsi kombutho i-Population Council ngaphambi kokuba abe yi-Lecturer kwizifundo ze Psychology kwiDyunivesithi yase-Wits apho axelenga khona ngoku. Umsebenzi wakhe uqaqambe kakhulu kwihlelo lePsychology elifunda ngeMpilo nokuHlalelana kakuhle kweentlobo-ngeentlobo zabantu. U-Mzi ufunde amaphepha amanzini kwiiNkomfa ezilapha eMzantsi nangaphandle, ubhalile ekunye noogxa bakhe base-MRC amaphepha apapashwe kwiincwadi ze-science.

UMzi ulilungu le South African AIDS Consortium, ukwasebenzisana ne-Gender & Health Research Group yaseMRC, ulilungu eliphosa iso kwi- Men As Partners (MAP) yase-EngenderHealth's exhaswa Canadian AID Agency ukwayiyo ne-Fellow ye-Africa Regional Sexuality Resource Centre.

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Sally-Jean Shackleton

Sally-Jean's work in the gender sector started in 1991 with her involvement in the organisation People Opposing Women Abuse (POWA) where she worked as a volunteer counsellor for survivors of sexual and domestic violence. In 1994 she was employed as the organisation's Information and Media Officer. Leaving the organisation in 1998 to complete her studies, she worked as a consultant, trainer and materials developer - training court personnel on violence

against women, coordinating manual women's rights, and participating in research on intimate femicide. She now focuses her attention on gender, media and information communications technologies for women's empowerment including issues relating to access, content, skills development and policy. She joined Women'sNet in 2001 after working with the organisation to develop a website on women's human rights, and is currently occupying the position of Programme Manager/Deputy Executive Director. She is a feminist.

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DHS (Doctorate in Human Sexuality), Institute of Advanced Study in Human Sexuality, San Francisco, California; M (Soc.Sc.) Clinical Social Work, CUM LAUDE, is a Couple and Sex Therapist and Clinical Sexologist in Private Practice at Cape Town Medi Clinic Sexual Health Centre. As a Sexuality Educator Marlene uses the medium of radio, television and writing to inform and provoke people into thinking about their sexuality and relationships. She holds a post as part time lecturer at the Medical School of the University of Cape Town and lectures regularly at other academic institutions internationally. In January 2006 Marlene was appointed the first Africa Editor of a UK based international academic journal "Sexual and Relationship Therapy". Her first book, "Dr Eve Teen S.E.X." will be released in 2006 and her 2nd book in February, 2007. Marlene's website can be visited at <http://www.dreve.co.za/>.

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UZama Xulu ungowokugcina ebantwaneni baka Mnumzane no Nkosikazi Xulu. Wazalwa wakhulela eMgungundlovu, wafunda ezikoleni ezahlukeni kwiProvinsi yakwaZulu Natali wagcina ngokuphuthula umatiko; etsheni eVryheid Comprehensive High School. Ufunde eNatal Technikon nokuyilapho eqede khona iNational Diploma ne Bachelor of Technology Degree kwi Civil Engineering. Emva kweminyaka emihlanu esebenza eMgundundlovu, wabe esethuthela eTshwane (ePitoli) lapho esebenzele khona amakhonsalithenti ahlukeni khona eTshwane (ePitoli) naseGoli ebe futhi eqhubeka nezifundo zakhe kwiUnivesithi yaseWitwatersrand. Kulapho eqede khonake i Post Graduate Diploma kwiCivil Engineering egxile kwi Water ne Hydraulics Engineering, nokuyilapho enza khona iMsc kuyo iCivil Engineering. UZama ungowesilisa owazalwa nomzimba wabesimame nowuthanda kakhulu umndenini nomsebenzi wakhe, futhi onesifiso sokuvula amehlo abantu ngezobulili.

English Version of Zama's Bio

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