

## News from the Intersex, Identity and Disability project at the Lincoln Theological Institute, University of Manchester

### Day Conference: Intersex, Theology and the Bible (12<sup>th</sup> March 2013)

This international conference will bring together academics, activists and others invested in the ethical, pastoral and theological questions raised by intersex. It is open to anyone at a cost of £20 (£10 student/unwaged), including lunch. Confirmed speakers include Sally Gross (Intersex South Africa), Nathan Carlin (University of Texas), Patricia Beattie Jung (Saint Paul School of Theology), Megan DeFranza (Gordon College), Stephen Craig Kerry (Charles Darwin University), Joseph A. Marchal (Ball State University), and John Hare (Hughes Hall, University of Cambridge). For more details, including abstracts, speakers' biographies and booking information, see <http://lincolnthologicalinstitute.com/iid-conference>

### Summer Lecture Tour

During September 2012 Susannah Cornwall visited the USA to give lectures and other presentations about the Intersex, Identity and Disability project at Harvard Divinity School and Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Church Divinity School of the Pacific and Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California. In Cambridge, she took part in a panel on intersex and transgender theologies which is available to view through the Episcopal Divinity School website ([www.eds.edu](http://www.eds.edu)). In Berkeley, she gave the third annual Georgia Harkness Lecture, entitled "Asking About What is Better: Intersex, Disability and Inaugurated Eschatology". The text of this lecture will be published by the Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies at the Pacific School of Religion.

### Briefing Papers

A series of briefing papers based on the project's themes and targeted at different groups are currently in preparation. Three of these are already available to download from the project's resources page at <http://religionandcivilsociety.com/iid-resources/>. The first, "Intersex Conditions (DSDs) and Pastoral Care: A Guide for Healthcare Chaplains, Ministers and Pastoral Carers", includes leaflets designed for healthcare chaplains to use with parents of intersex children. There is both a Christian version and a multifaith version available. Healthcare chaplains who wish to use these are invited to contact Susannah Cornwall, and to check the project website regularly for any updates.

For more information about the project's links with healthcare chaplaincy, see <http://lincolnthologicalinstitute.com/iid-healthcare-chaplains/>

The other two briefing papers already available are "Intersex Conditions/DSDs: A Guide for Christians", and "Intersex Conditions/DSDs: Some Christian Theological Implications". These are available as free PDF downloads.

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