

[from Charlotte Allen charfleur@aol.com]

Ms. James:

I'd like to talk to you especially about the J. Michael Bailey controversy and why you so adamantly reject his and Ray Blanchard's theories about transsexuals. I'd also like to find out what you think of Alice Dreger's report that essentially cleared Bailey of professional misconduct.

May I call you at your convenience? Alternatively, we could correspond by e-mail. Thanks so much for any time you can give.

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[from Andrea James aj@andreaames.com]

Ms. Allen--

I will happily correspond with you on this matter once you have interviewed Danny Ryan and his mother, father, and uncle.

I'm also interested in your thoughts on Bailey's recent live fucksaw demonstration.

<http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/415434.article>

I'll be happy to correspond on that subject as well.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

**Take care,
Andrea**

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Two afterthoughts:

I should add that if you do speak with Danny and family, you will be the only journalist who has ever done so. If you're still in Chicago, you can get quite a scoop if you all sit down face to face! Bring a photographer if you do.

You may also wish to speak with Robert Stacy McCain about Bailey, Danny, etc. Tell Mr. McCain I said hello if you do.

[from Charlotte Allen]

Ms. James:

Who is Danny Ryan--I'm sorry to say that I don't know. If you can give me some contact information about these four people, I'll try to interview them. That's a lot of people, so I don't know whether I'll get to you. I think the Bailey incident was hilarious.

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Oh, I just realized: Danny Ryan is the pseudonym of the child in Bailey's book. Of course I'll ask him if Danny and his relatives would be willing to talk.

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It's occurred to me that you're telling me that Danny Ryan doesn't exist. Is that the case? If that's what you're saying, can I interview you?

[from Andrea James]

Science proceeds by evidence, and there has never been independent confirmation of Bailey's anecdotal evidence that frames his book. Let me know if you have any luck. I am traveling with my new film this week, but if you have specific questions, feel free to send them along. I'll do my best to answer them before your deadline.

[from Charlotte Allen]

I'll definitely send you some queries.

But wasn't the complaint about the others was that Bailey had pinpointed their identities while promising them anonymity? Danny seems to be a case of anonymity protected. Aren't you trying to have it both ways?

[from Andrea James]

The complaint was that once we tried to confirm Bailey's facts independently, the inaccuracies about those profiled had remarkable parallels to John Money's inaccurate reports on David Reimer. That's why Bailey's cure narrative about his own extraordinary case report "Danny Ryan" is so suspicious.

I haven't heard back with your other questions. Here is a paper I presented at the National Women's Studies Association Conference summarizing that controversy:

<http://www.tsroadmap.com/info/alice-dreger/fair-comment.pdf>

[from Charlotte Allen]

Ms. James:

1. You've compared Ken Zuckerman's approach to "reparative" therapy that attempts to make gay men straight. But studies--not Zuckerman's--have shown that something like 80 percent of prepubescent boys who identify as girls grow out of that at puberty and identify as gay adolescents and, later, gay men. Even Norman Spack, who's pioneered puberty-blocking agrees with that (he says that the youths he works on are part of the 20 percent). So why are you opposed to Zucker's methodology?

2. Why your attack on J. Michael Bailey, when his book was essentially a popularization of Ray Blanchard's theories? Blanchard wrote about his theories--and coined the word "autogynephilia" during the late 1980s, and Bailey's book wasn't published until 2003. Why Bailey and not Blanchard?

3. During the Bailey controversy you posted photos of Bailey's children on your website along with intimations that Bailey had sodomized them. Later, you removed the photos. Do you regret having posted those photos? Why did you post them?

4. You clearly oppose the Blanchard/Bailey theory that transgender people fall into two categories: homosexual and non-homosexual, with the latter group transitioning later in life and after living (at least for the MTF) conventionally male lives: stereotypically male careers, marriage to women, often children. Why do you oppose this theory? Why does it strike you as off-base?

5. Many younger transgenders these days don't seem to be bothering with surgery. How would you distinguish between them and cross-dressers--if you think such a distinction can be drawn? Cross-dressing is usually defined as a sexual fetish, whereas transgenderism is often defined as a matter of gender identity--but among non-surgery transgenders, the distinction seems rather vaguely drawn. How would you make such a distinction?

6. What do you make of Alice Dreger's essentially exonerating Bailey?

I'm looking forward to your responses!

[from Andrea James]

I suspect you neither spoke with Danny Ryan and his family nor read the PDF I'd linked previously. I'll answer your questions when you've confirmed my conditions have been met.

[from Charlotte Allen]

I read your PDF. Do you want to answer my questions?