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Calendar of Events

DATE	Time	Event	Venues:	O= Online	C= Center
Nov 2	7 pm	LGBT AA Group Meeting			O/C
Nov 3		Election Day - Get Out The Vote			C
Nov 4	6:30 pm	Month LGBT Center Board Meeting			O/C
Nov 9	7 pm	LGBT AA Group Meeting			O/C
Nov 11	7 pm	Pozitive Attitudes (HIV+ Support Group)			O/C
Nov 16	7 pm	LGBT AA Group Meeting			O/C
Nov 17	7 pm	Gatlyn Dame Group (Trans Support Group)		O	
Nov 21	3 pm	Annual Thanksgiving Dinner			C
Nov 23	7 pm	LGBT AA Group Meeting			O/C
Nov 25	7 pm	Pozitive Attitudes (HIV+ Support Group)			O/C
Nov 26	1 pm	Center Open for Thanksgiving Drop IN			C
Nov 30	7 pm	LGBT AA Group Meeting			O/C

I am not a member of any organized political party. I am a Democrat.
Will Rogers

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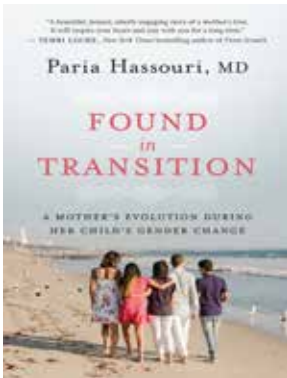
Book Reviews

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"Found in Transition: A Mother's Evolution During Her Child's Gender Change" by Paria Hassouri, MD c.2020, New World Library
\$25.95 / higher in Canada 215 pages



In your mother's book, you were known before you were born. She noted every kick, every head-bump, every stretch you made as she carried you. She felt your burps, and when you rolled over. And though she'd never met you, she recognized you the minute you arrived because your mother knew you before you were born. But as in the new book **"Found in Transition"** by Paria Hassouri, MD, a

mother can't know everything.

She always wanted to be a mom.

Born in the U.S., raised in Iran, Paria Hassouri was a teen when she returned to the U.S., where her mother insisted that Hassouri and her sisters get an education. But schooling was secondary in Hassouri's eyes. She'd wanted children since she was a child herself, and was particularly eager to have daughters, though she was not terribly disappointed that her first two babies were sons.

For much of her life, the second-born, Ava, had been a handful.

There were many conversations with teachers through the years, Hassouri recalls: teachers worried that Ava was depressed, had behavioral issues, or was suicidal. Ava was a smart kid with great creativity and she loved to try new things, but she didn't tend to stick with them for more than a few months. Because of that, when, at the edge of adolescence, Ava finally told her parents that she was a girl, Hassouri thought it was another "phase."

To her own later guilt, she refused to believe her child.

Though Hassouri was a pediatrician, her first identity was as the mother of three children, two boys and a girl, and now what? She was confused, wounded, and greatly saddened. She and her husband had carefully named their offspring according to family tradition, and now one of them wanted a new name and new pronouns that sounded wrong to Hassouri's ears. She mourned that her second-born would never become the man she'd envisioned. She cried and grieved. And yet, she writes, there really were just two options.

"I choose figuring it out," she said. "I choose my child."

Reading "Found in Transition" is tough – not for what it is but for what author Paria Hassouri says. It's almost like sandpaper on a sunburn. Foremost, there are a lot of hard truths inside this memoir, for which Hassouri states "I have to own them and be honest about them," and that took courage – although confessions seem to be necessary here, for her and for readers. This book, in fact, would've been much different absent those harsh, sometimes incomprehensible feelings and thoughts; readers may've even sensed that it wasn't quite *complete*. No, it would have been the lesser without its brutal truths from this maternal point of view, because here's the thing: though Ava is a constant presence in a memoir that truly wouldn't exist without her, this is really *not her story*. It might make you angry, it might make you cry, but this tale belongs to her mother; indeed, "Found in Transition" is one-hundred-percent a mother's book.

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Thanksgiving At The Center

During this time of COVID, mental health professional have told us that it is more important than ever to continue to do our normal things, our long established traditions. Albeit a little different for safety sake, but important to carry on as best we can. The Greater Dayton LGBT Center has historically offered an Annual Thanksgiving Dinner each year for as long as I can remember. Prior to my becoming involved with the Center there was always a quarterly dinner series in place and each survey we take of the community reveals the desire for this tradition in camaraderie and socialization to continue. Yet, how do you do it safely in a pandemic world?

After reviewing health and safety guidelines again, we have decided to move forward with our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on November 21st, with a few modifications. It will not be a carry-in dinner. All food will be prepared and pre-boxed using all the safety protocols. You will actually have two options.

1. We will do ONE sit-down meal service for the 1st fifty people who sign up. Yes, masks are required until you are seated to begin eating.
2. We will have our pre-boxed dinners ready for you to pick up and enjoy in the comfort of your own home. Stop by the Center to pick those up between 5 and 6 pm on November 21st.

All of the dinner in our dinner series has always been free of charge, and this one will be no exception, however in an effort to know how many meals to have prepared we need an accurate head count and a way to also insure people actually show up to claim their dinners. So for this Thanksgiving, we will be charging \$5.00 per meal, and when you arrive to claim your meal, we will exchange your ticket for a \$10.00 Kroger Gift Card. So you will profit \$5.00 and get a great meal.

Finally, no one should be alone on Thanksgiving or Christmas. So the Center will be open again this year for “Drop-In” hours of 1 pm to 6 pm. Stop in, enjoy some snacks and perhaps play a game or just enjoy some great conversation. We want you to feel at home and enjoy your holiday on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Happy Holidays To All!

The Greater Dayton LGBT Center's
The Annual Thanksgiving Dinner
November 21, 2020



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The Jury Is Out on Amy Coney Barrett

By Randy Phillips



For many years the ultra conservative right wing has been crafting policy and even dreaming of the day they could get the opportunity to shift the courts to their favor. That window of opportunity finally came open with the passing of Ruth Bader Ginsberg. So what do we know about Amy Coney Barrett? Barrett is a graduate of Rhodes College (BA) and Notre Dame Law School. After law school Barrett clerked for Judge Lawrence Silverman of US Appeals Court for one year and one year for Justice Antonin Scalia.

For the most of her career she has been a teacher

where she taught federal courts, evidence, constitutional law, and statutory interpretation. She has had no prior experience in court litigation or trials until appointed by Donald Trump in 2017 to the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals. During her appointment hear to the Court of Appeals she was questioned by Senator Dianne Feinstein about a law review article she had written in 1998 in which they argued that Catholic judges should in some cases recue themselves from death penalty cases due to their moral objections to the death penalty. Barrett's reply of "It is never appropriate for a judge to impose that judge's personal convictions, whether they arise from faith or anywhere else, on the law." yet went on to leave many to feel that she would not uphold *Roe v. Wade* given her Catholic beliefs. This hearing made Barrett very popular with religious conservatives. Lambda Legal, an LGBT civil rights organization, co-signed a letter with 26 other gay rights organizations opposing Barrett's nomination. The letter expressed doubts about her ability to separate faith from her rulings on LGBT matters.

Several years ago, Barrett delivered a series of lectures funded by the group with submitted legal brief against same-sex marriage in *Obergefell v. Hodges* and successfully argued a Supreme Court case on behalf of Masterpiece Cake Shop owner Jack Phillips, the Colorado baker who refused to bake a cake for a same-sex wedding because he said it would violate his religious beliefs. (It should be noted that while Barrett has lectured about the Court and taught Constitutional Law, she has never argued a case in Court herself.)

Barrett is a member of the Federalist Society. The Federalist Society, is an organization of conservatives and [libertarians](#) that advocates for a [textualist](#)

and [originalist](#) interpretation of the [United States Constitution](#). She considers Justice Clarence Thomas her idol and requested he administer her oath of office.

The first test of Barrett will be the 1st week of November as the court takes on *Fulton v. City of Philadelphia*. In March 2018, the city of Philadelphia learned that two of the agencies, hired to provide foster care services were not accepting same-sex couples as foster care parents claiming religious objection. Philadelphia informed the agencies that it would no longer refer children to them unless they agreed to comply with nondiscrimination requirements that are part of all foster care agency contracts. One of the agencies agreed to do so. The other, Catholic Social Services (CSS), sued the city, claiming the Constitution gives it the right to opt out of the nondiscrimination requirement.

After the Third Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously affirmed a lower court decision in Philadelphia's favor, CSS asked the Supreme Court to hear this case, and the Court granted review. Argument is set for November 4.

In the past, some states had laws banning LGBTQ people from becoming foster or adoptive parents. The last of these was [struck down](#) in 2016. As these outright bans were struck down, those opposed to LGBTQ equality have increasingly sought a far-reaching constitutional license to discriminate in the name of religion.

Over 1,000 people joined [friend-of-the-court briefs](#) in opposition to this request, including multiple child welfare groups, religious organizations, former foster youth, and nearly half of states and dozens of cities and mayors.

It now seems with a conservative majority on the court that this is a signal that the clock will be turned back on all LGBTQ rights. Should this court hear this case since the defendant is Catholic Social Services? Those on this court that profess to be Catholic are: Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Samuel Alito, Clarence Thomas, Sonia Sotomayor, Brett Kavanaugh and now Amy Coney Barrett. There are two Jewish justices, Stephen Breyer and Elena Kagan. The ninth justice, Neil Gorsuch, was raised Catholic but [reportedly attends](#) an Episcopal church yet the question should be asked is this court that is 2/3rds Catholic impartial enough to render a balance decision or will they expand religious rights going back or reversing its decision in 2016? The jury is out.

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