

# CLARITY in a CONFUSED WORLD

A Forum on the Transgender Phenomenon Influencing Our Culture

## Meet the Speakers



**Mary Rice Hasson, J.D.**, is the Kate O’Beirne Senior Fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C., where she co-founded the Person and Identity Project, an initiative that equips parents and faith-based institutions with resources to promote the truth about the human person and counter gender ideology. An attorney and policy expert, Mary has been a keynote speaker for the Holy See during the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, addressing education, women and work, caregiving, and gender ideology, and serves as a consultant to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family, Life and Youth. She speaks frequently at national conferences, universities, and in dioceses across the country, and has testified before the U.S. Senate, several state legislatures, and the

Australian parliament on parents’ rights and transgender issues. The co-author of several books on education, Mary’s writing has appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Newsweek*, *National Review*, *First Things*, the *National Catholic Register* and *Our Sunday Visitor*, among others. Mary and her husband Seamus Hasson have seven grown children and three grandchildren.



**Samantha Kelley** is the Founder and current President of FIERCE Athlete Inc. She played Division 1 Soccer at UConn and is currently involved in competitive rowing. She has spent the last 12 years working for Catholic nonprofits and outreaching to female athletes. She graduated with a Masters in Catholic Psychology, holds certification in Strength & Conditioning and has extensively studied the Theology of the Body. It was actually through the teachings of Theology of the Body and the Catholic Church that she has discovered what it means to be both feminine and athletic. These teachings have the power to heal and through FIERCE Athlete she desires to share those truths with female athletes and women across the world.



**Maria Keffler** is a co-founder of Advocates Protecting Children, Partners for Ethical Care and the Arlington Parent Coalition (Virginia). An author, speaker, and teacher with a background in educational psychology, Ms. Keffler has fought to support families and protect children from unethical activism and dangerous policies around sexuality and transgender ideology since 2018. She is the author of multiple books, including *Desist, Detrans & Detox: Getting Your Child Out of the Gender Cult*. Ms. Keffler lives in Arlington, Virginia (USA), with her husband and three teenage children.



**Fr. Christopher B. Rogers** is Pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Kennett Square. Ordained in the Jubilee Year 2000 for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, he has served in a variety of priestly ministries including Parish & Campus Ministry as well as Vocation Director for the Diocesan Priesthood. Since 2017, Father has served as Chaplain to the Courage & Encourage Apostolates in the Archdiocese. These apostolates minister to persons with same-sex attraction or gender identity issues and those who love them. That work has put him in touch with faithful parents, families and individuals who seek to navigate the turbulent waters of our modern times. Walking with such persons, offering clarity, charity and Christ-Jesus has been a great joy of his priesthood.



**Dr. Andrew Sodergren, Psy.D** is a Catholic psychologist and Director of Psychological Services for Ruah Woods Institute, a Theology of the Body education and healing ministry in Cincinnati, OH. He earned his Masters and Doctorate in clinical psychology from Divine Mercy University's Institute for the Psychological Sciences. He also holds a Masters degree in theology from the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family in Washington, DC, where he went on to teach as an Adjunct Professor for 13 years. Dr. Sodergren recently contributed a chapter on the psychology of the sexual difference to the book *Sexual Identity: The Harmony of Philosophy, Science & Revelation* published by Emmaus Road in 2022. He and his wife Ellie have been married 23 years and have five children.



**Jeremy Samek, Esq.**, is the Chief of Staff at the Pennsylvania Family Institute and is Senior Counsel at the Independence Law Center, where he serves on the litigation and legislative policy teams to preserve religious liberty, promote marriage and the family, and protect human life. Since joining Pa Family and ILC in 2015, he has authored state legislation, local government ordinances, and both private and public-school policy. He provides legal analysis, presentations, and testimony about how proposed laws or policy will affect fundamental rights such as religious liberty, speech rights, parental rights and the right to life. Samek has worked on a number of important cases protecting religious freedom of employees and business owners. He has represented individual women to protect them from coerced abortions. He has also represented parents, school boards, teachers, principals, and board members on matters concerning free speech, religious freedom, privacy, parental rights, and religious accommodation. Jeremy received his J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in 2006 where he served as research editor of the U. of Pitt. Law Review. He earned his B.A. from Liberty University. He was a Staff Sergeant in the United States Air Force Reserve and deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and to Kyrgyzstan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He and his wife Sarah have five children.



**Erin Brewer** is co-founder of Advocates Protecting Children, which supports efforts to stop the unethical treatment of children by schools, hospitals, and mental and medical healthcare providers under the duplicitous banner of gender affirmation. Erin is the author of *Always Erin*, a children's book about Erin's childhood gender dysphoria, *Transing Our Children* is a primer book about the transgender ideology, and *Parenting in A Transgender World*, a handbook for parents to equip them to protect their children from the transgender ideology. She and Maria Keffler have produced two video series, *Commonsense Care* for parents of trans-identified children and *Teacher Talks* for educators. She has a YouTube channel, *Truth Is the New Hate Speech*, to raise awareness about how the transgender ideology is harming children and society. <https://www.youtube.com/c/ErinBrewer/videos> She has a BS from Hampshire College and an MS and PhD from Utah State University.