The Center for Research and Education on Gender and Sexuality is pleased to present:

**Thomas W. Johnson**

**Gender Identities Beyond the Binary**

**Presentation description:**

While most individuals continue to view human sex and gender in terms of binary pairs (i.e., male or female; masculine or feminine), there are other variants. My colleagues and I have been working for several years with a population of genetic males, who wish to be not male, but do not consider themselves to be female. They variously identify as third-gender, eunuch, or continue to identify as male post-castration. We have termed this a Male-to-Eunuch Gender Dysphoria. We have data on over 300 genetic males, who have been voluntarily castrated, and another 1,300 who have not yet been castrated but wish to be. Most do not fit the diagnosis of male-to-female, as they desire to be neither male nor female. Others suffer from a Body Integrity Identity Disorder and find their genitalia repugnant, but otherwise still identify as male. There are indications that the number of those with a Male-to-Eunuch GID may be quite high. We have also found individuals who transitioned with full male-to-female sexual reassignment surgery who then discovered that they were not female either and reverted to a neutral/eunuch gender identity.

**Speaker details:**

Tom Johnson is a cultural anthropologist who originally specialized in Japanese studies. His first major work was on the social development of adolescent boys in rural Japan. He later studied child development, folk religion, rural economics and village festivals. He taught Japanese and Korean culture at Chico State for 30 years and taught English and American culture in Japanese and Korean universities. About the time he retired from active teaching, he stumbled into a topic that was poorly understood and decided to pursue it. For the past several years his work has focused on gender dysphoria beyond the well-studied male-to-female and female-to-male binary. With a medical school colleague he has published and lectured widely on Male-to-Eunuch gender dysphoria. His goal is to expand our knowledge and acceptance of gender diversity.

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