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Psych. Prof. Publishes Radical LGBT Theory

By Pearlie Sands

Faux Tech's chair of Bio-psychometronomy, Dr. Brunhilde Torvaldson, published an article in the *Journal of Neuropsychology* reporting her research into the connection between climate change and the increased number of people expressing LGBT identities.

"My research findings suggest that homosexuality and gender identity conditions may be DNA-level responses to environmental stressors," said Dr. Torvaldson.

The root cause of climate change may well be the steadily increasing planetary population over the last two-and-a-half to three centuries, Torvaldson said, "and our DNA is sophisticated enough to react to that by triggering latent genetic traits."

Torvaldson explains in her article that homosexuality particularly is not a survival trait unless we consider it a species-level trait. "We have more homosexuals today because our population is environmentally unsustainable," she said, "making it important that more humans in each generation are not inclined to reproduce."

"We're extremely proud of Dr. Torvaldson's work," said Jules Kevorkian, Dean of Social Workforce and Linguistics. "We think her contributions to the acceptance and inclusion of our LGBT students and faculty are a credit to the Faux Tech family and brand."

Dr. Torvaldson's theories are not without detractors. "She's reduced a complex and highly individualized set

of personal and ecological factors to a glib, one-sentence conclusion," said Dr. Regina Pserminium, professor of women's studies at New York University. "Since her evidence is almost entirely anecdotal, we cannot test her theory, and I certainly cannot endorse it."

Torvaldson concludes her article by suggesting that climate change could be slowed and possibly reversed if we encourage more youth to adopt homosexual or cross-gender lifestyles before they breed. "The environmental impact of overpopulation cannot be exaggerated," Torvaldson said, "and every person who does not reproduce himself improves environmental conditions for the next generation."

The Faux Tech chapter of Silent Majority, a faith-based student political organization, released a statement condemning Torvaldson's article for "propagating Godlessness and immorality under the guise of academic freedom and Environmentalism." SM's statement concluded, "In essence, we believe Torvaldson's article comes down to this: the world would be a better place if only it had more perverts. SM respectfully disagrees."

Faux Tech Reveals Troubling Performance Gap

By Evelyn Bishop

Faux Tech President Dr. Janet Speigel revealed in 2019 Convocation remarks that the college has discovered a performance gap among students with gender identity differences.

"Male-sex students who identify as gender female are out-performing female-sex students who identify as gender male in both completion rate and GPA," said Speigel. "The difference is disturbingly huge."

"We don't want to see performance gaps," said Joel Welles, Faux Tech Provost. "And we can't account for this one. The student experience for both of these groups seems to be identical except for completion and GPA."

The college has significantly narrowed performance gaps related to race and sex over the last four semesters, according the Faux Tech Vice-President of Data Analysis and Revision, Herb Stokes. "We're frankly baffled on this one," Stokes said.

TRANSGENDER GAP

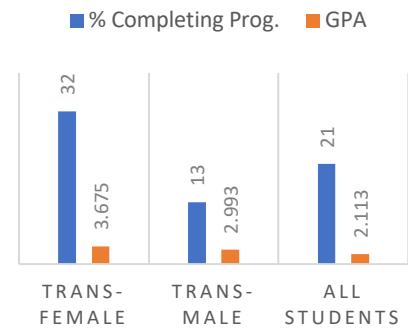


Figure 1: Performance Gap Chart

"We have to delve into these demographics and really massage them," said Welles. "That's the only way to understand the problem, identify the missing tools, and plug the gap. My gut feeling, though, is that

this is a faculty problem. Something about the way we're teaching is preventing the trans-males from closing the learning loop."

FT Offers Scholarships to Aid Tattoo Victims

By Ruby Eldridge

Dr. Janet Speigel announced today a new Faux Tech policy to aid victims of tattoo addiction and abuse.

Students who have difficulty affording tuition because of the tremendous expense of their tattoo addictions now qualify for need-based scholarships of up to \$1000.

"Tattoo abuse can be devastating," Dr. Speigel said Friday. "I talked with a student this week who spent hundreds of dollars for tattoos on her arms, back, neck, and hands only to lose her job because her body art made her look unprofessional. These scholarships will help her and students like her earn credentials for a good job, allowing her to afford expensive tattoo removal or to find work in an industry that respects her personal diversity."

First-year nursing major Beverly Ludivego said, "The faculty keeps telling me that even though I have good grades and will likely be able to get board certified, I will probably have difficulty finding a job in a hospital because of my tattoos. This scholarship will help me afford to remove them."

Fine arts major and part-time adult entertainer Pat Turquel said they finds the new policy offensive. "There's no such thing as tattoo addiction or abuse. I have thirteen tattoos, and I don't feel victimized at all," said Turquel.

Richard Harbinger, Faux Tech's financial aid manager, said his office has already received "about two hundred applications for the tattoo scholarships. I don't know where we'll find the money for all who qualify."

"This is about inclusivity and barrier removal," said Speigel. "We want

our students to succeed in the workforce, and to do that, they must earn marketable credentials."

A recent study conducted by the US Department of Health found that nearly fifty percent of all Americans aged 18 – 35 have at least one tattoo and that an increasing number of those have tattoos that cannot be conveniently hidden by ordinary clothing.

"Tattoo addiction contributes to poverty by making its victims under-employable," Speigel said. "What is a college for if not to mitigate poverty in our community?"

William Thurmond, owner/operator of the Diamond De-lites Tattoo Parlor adjacent to campus, said, "Faux Tech's assertion that people with tattoos are unemployable is false and discriminatory. I have tattoos over ninety percent of my body and have been steadily employed since 1996."

Thurmond told the *Tattler* he opened the Diamond De-lites Tattoo Parlor in July of 1996 but was forced to supplement his income working as a cat groomer and dog walker until 2009.

"It's not the college's role to advise its students about the wisdom of tattooing. We're here to help students earn credentials for employment," said Provost Joel Welles. "The new scholarship is just one way for us to do that."

To apply for the tattoo addiction scholarship, all qualifying students should contact the Faux Tech Office of Student Financial Services.

Priority One: Removing Barriers to Success

By Juan Rodriguez

Student success is the highest priority at Faux Tech this year, and students and faculty alike wonder just what that really means.

Amanda Renegar, second-year nursing student, said she is concerned removing barriers means lowering

standards. "I want my degree to mean I'm competent in my field," Renegar said, "not that I had an easy path. I think employers pay attention to those things."

A senior Faux Tech faculty member who spoke to the *Tattler* on condition of anonymity said, "I think smoothing the path for students is a good idea if it doesn't mean we're inflating grades and lowering academic standards. I get the impression from certain college administrators that the biggest obstacle they see to student success is quality academics."

The faculty member also opined that it seemed to him the administration was more concerned with creating administrative positions at the college than anything else.

"When I hear the phrase 'removing barriers,' I interpret that to mean I'm supposed to make my classes easier," said adjunct instructor Tim Tomison. "I'm glad I decided to teach only part time because it looks as if the profession is dying out and soon the college will be selling credentials on a retail basis."

Provost Joel Welles has stated on several occasions that removing barriers does not mean lowering standards, Tomison said, "but I get the impression he's saying it with a sly wink to get it on the record."

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