

# Renee Baker

Bringing strength to our gender journeys...



## A Heartfelt Journey Into the World of Transgenderism

Transgenderism is a topic we are all aware of, it receives much attention in the media, but we may not really understand the depth behind it. It can be a touchy subject too, often sensationalized and considered morally objectionable, especially when we often transform very sacred parts of our bodies. So how can we even begin to approach this subject openly in public spaces?

My name is Renee Baker and I am a post-operative transgender woman. I do “go there” and I do share in a heartfelt way my journey to transgendered self. My talks come from a place of love and I hope to help others see gender in a new light, for their benefit. I hope to awaken and heal just a bit more a world that is still aching from gender inequity. And so far, I have been well received and they keep asking for more. And I am glad to help you in any way I can.

## Where I Speak

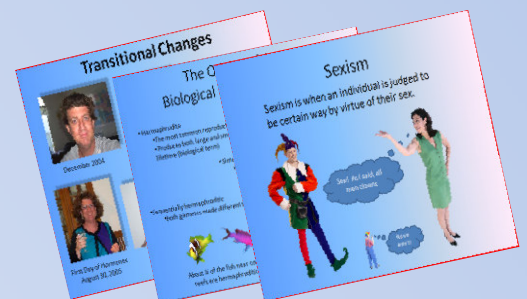
Well, I will speak anywhere where I am welcomed, even when not all present are able to move into a place of acceptance. That is okay. It is where they are at and they probably need it the most. I speak at churches, conferences, non-profit organizations, corporations, on radio and TV, and at schools. Students are among my favorite group because they really enjoy the engagement and are not afraid to ask the tough questions. I absolutely enjoy the challenge of answering it all!



## Formats

Gender is such a broad topic and envelopes so much of our whole lives that many formats are possible. Depending upon the venue and the event and audience, I tailor my material to deliver the best message I can, every time.

I am available for keynote addresses, classroom discussions, interactive workshops, panel moderation or panel participation and transgender or LGBT diversity training. Whatever you need, I can find a format to bring it all to life.



## My Educational Background



My earlier education was in electrical engineering and I have a doctoral degree from the University of Texas at Dallas. I was a glutton for equations and mathematics, trying to make some sense of the world outside of myself.

As I journeyed closer to self, I realized I needed to make some changes. I was starved to help people and engineering can be fairly detached from human interaction.

I returned to school and became an orthopedic massage therapist. I found bodywork is a wonderful way to help others heal and also a nice way to say you accept them just as they are.

I am considering going back to school to become a counselor, but we'll just wait and see for a bit where the universe takes me.

## My Career Background

My career has taken me across a number of fields over the last 22 years since I graduated from college. My first position was as a development engineer at Texas Instruments. I designed test equipment and circuit cards for radar systems and software for a missile system. I moved out of defense and into telecommunications for several years, writing the software used today by much of big business.

When pursuing my doctoral degree and as a post-doctoral research scientist, I developed advanced algorithms to understand complex signal data, extracting human information from obscure and noisy waveforms. I then became a university faculty member teaching primarily graduate engineering.

My skills demanded real world application and so I moved back into industry and worked in airborne reconnaissance, developing advanced spy plane algorithms, and was a trainer to others. And then, just after I began my transition, I left to begin a life of service, helping others, as I have found that to be my true source of joy.

Besides owning my own massage therapy practice and transgender outreach practice, I also am a freelance writer and write stories of LGBT interest. I have written over 700 poems, dozens of stories and I am now writing my biography. I am very passionate about my work - more than ever before!

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