

Member of the Board of Directors

Sean McLennan

Whether it is embraced or suppressed, societies' preoccupation with sex demonstrates how important it is to humans. I believe that the only way we can develop a healthy relationship with our sexuality —a crucial aspect of our being —is through education.

A native Calgarian, Sean McLennan has an eclectic background; he has degrees in Linguistics and Cognitive Science from the University of Calgary and Indiana University and now primarily consults in IT specializing in security and “governance, risk and compliance”. Over the last twenty years, he has also worked as freelance writer, educator, curriculum designer, editor, software developer, and project manager. Education has been a pervasive theme throughout and he has taught in a wide variety of contexts including: ESL in Japan, Shad Valley (a national program for gifted high school students) and a variety of science, business and ethics topics at post-secondary and graduate institutions in the US and Canada. He also teaches yoga.

Sean grew up in a predominantly matriarchal micro-culture and came to an early appreciation of the systemic gender-bias that continues to haunt our society despite decades of hard work and good progress. Gender and language is an academic sub-specialty that he has written and spoken on widely. He has been involved in LGBT and HIV education since he was in high school; he helped organize the Calgary Youth Forum on HIV/AIDs in 2007 and his first involvement with the Calgary Sexual Health Centre was as a volunteer LGBT speaker.