

## NARTH Organizational Update

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### The 2008 NARTH Convention

Beautiful Denver, Colorado will host the 2008 NARTH Training Institute and Convention on November 6, 7, and 8th as we meet at the Denver Renaissance Hotel. Visit the web site to keep up with registration information, book your hotel room, find out about featured speakers, and review the convention schedule as they become available. Dr. Neil Whitehead of New Zealand has agreed to present a keynote address.

### Our new Toll-Free Telephone Number

NARTH now has a new toll-free telephone number 888-364-4744 that will make it even easier for our members to get in touch with our staff and access NARTH services. Individuals or families looking for a therapist referral, media representatives asking about our perspective on the treatment of unwanted homosexuality, as well as organizations seeking reliable scientific information or the latest research will now find it easier than ever to get the help they need.

### The NARTH Training Institute

Dr. Joseph Nicolosi will direct the 2008 NARTH Training Institute at the convention this year. Friday will feature a clinical and a leadership training track. The clinical track will be taught by experienced therapists and is designed to enhance the ability of psychotherapists, professional counselors and supervised interns to successfully treat unwanted homosexuality. The leadership track is designed to develop expert community, ministry, family, and academic leaders as they are called upon to educate and assist in their sphere of influence.

### Workshop Presenters And Seminar Leaders Wanted!

NARTH seeks to continue its tradition of offering workshop and seminar leader opportunities to all our members at the annual convention and training institute. If you are interested in participating as a presenter please call the NARTH office or find the presenters applications link on the NARTH web site homepage and download an application.

### New Materials in The NARTH Bookstore

We are always adding new books and audio visual materials to the bookstore. Both Janelle Hallman and Joseph Nicolosi have new books that are now available through NARTH. A electronic copy of the 2007 NARTH Conference Report can also be ordered for only \$10.00.

### Visit The Newly-Designed NARTH Web Site

After some considerable time and expense NARTH has a new look and design for our web site. Finding the latest research, locating important articles, getting information about upcoming NARTH events, and making a donation are easier than ever.

### Register Your Email Address With The Office

Now more than ever before, keeping your mailing address, professional contact information and your email address up to date is vital if we are going to serve our members efficiently and effectively. If you're not sure if your information is up-to-date please call the office and let us check the records. We want to serve you better than ever before!

*(Twin Study, continued from page 35)*

In spite of the above-cited criticisms, some useful points emerge from the study. The sample is probably the least biased so far. The authors believe prenatal hormonal theories as a cause of SSA do not hold up, because they should lead to greater similarity between identical twins, not less similarity as we see above. Also, we see a continuation of an already-established trend -- *the more recent and better-conducted the study, the smaller the detected genetic influence on SSA*. In the meantime, the reader should continue to assume that genetic causal effects on SSA are minor, and that other, very individualistic factors predominate.

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