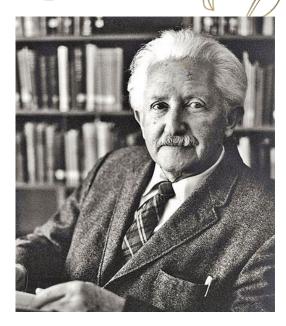




## Theory of Psychosocial Development

- Proposed by Erik Erikson.
- \* Focuses on the lifespan perspective.
- Eight stages:
  - Each one has a conflict.
    - Resolution leads to a virtue.
      - Must resolve one stage to get to the next.



## **Identity versus Role Confusion**



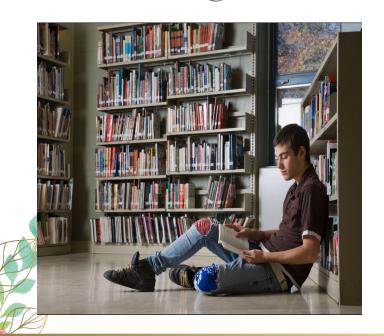
- The fifth stage, takes place during adolescence.
- ♦ 3 areas of conflict:
  - Occupation choice.
  - > Values.
  - Sexual Identity.
- Virtue gained: fidelity.

## Failure to Develop and Identity

- Leads to:
  - > A poor self-concept.
  - Relationship troubles.
  - Psychological slowness in adulthood.



## **Preventing Failure**



- The Psychosocial Moratorium:
  - > Free period of exploration.
  - Characterized by post-secondary institution attendance.
- Joining a clique:
  - Helps develop a solid identity.

## Things to Note About Erikson's Theory

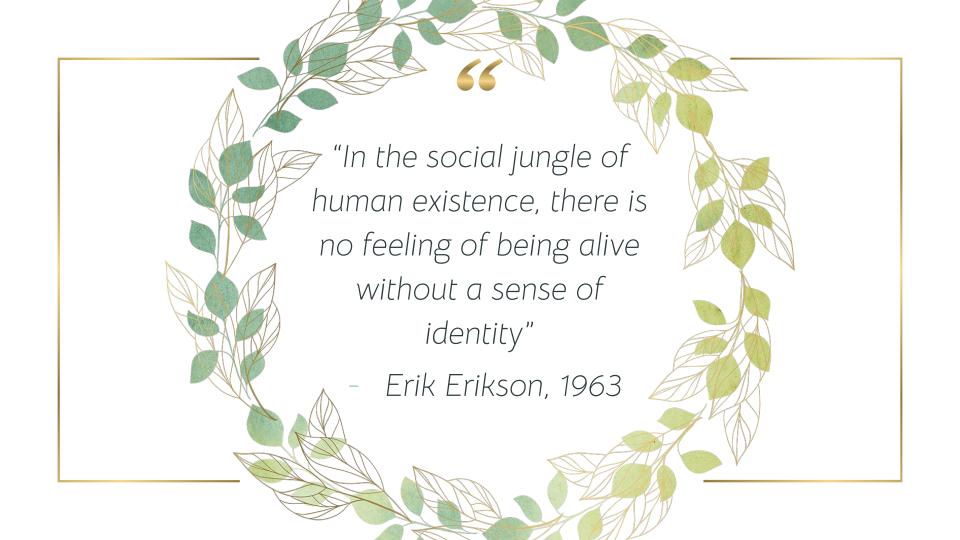
- Erikson's theory is a product of its time.
  - Outdated ideas about female identity.
  - The theory describes the average person.

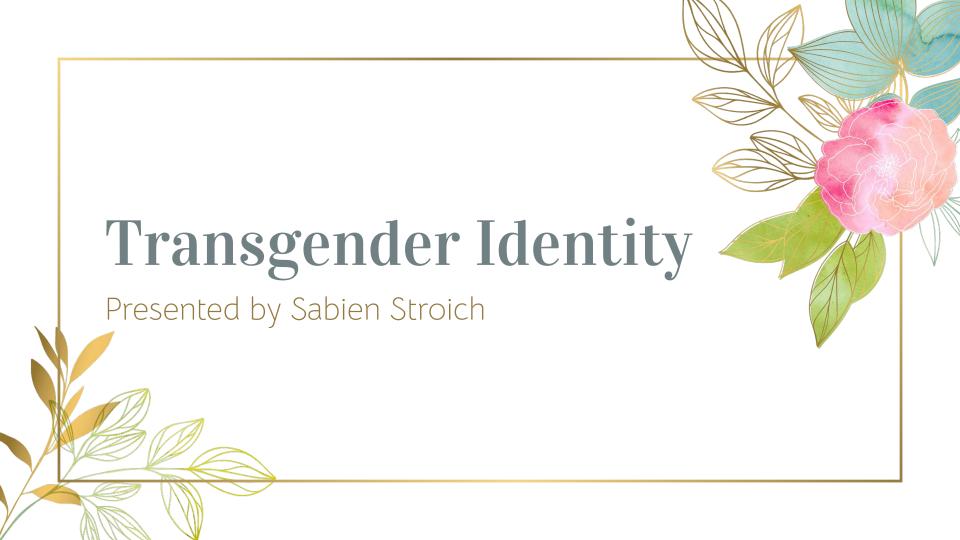


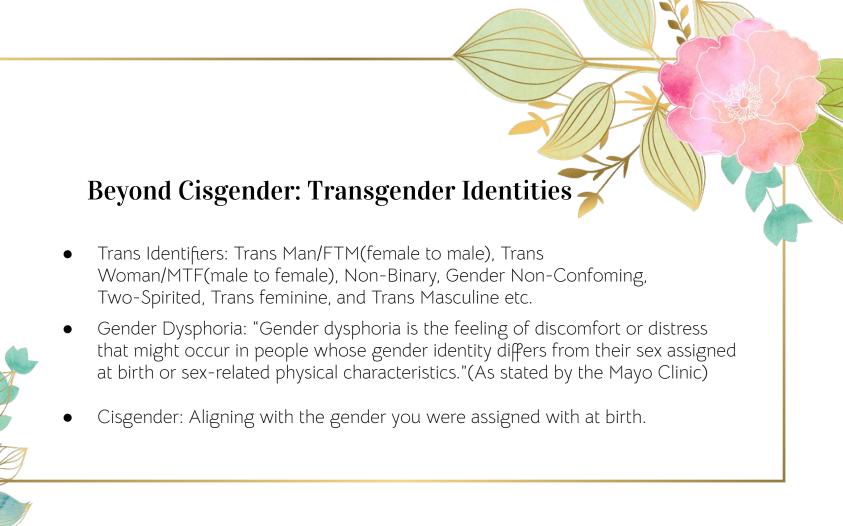
## Is Erikson's Theory True?



- Journal of Adult Development.
  - Study conducted between1966 2002.
- Journal of Adolescent Research.
  - > Study conducted in 1993.
- Both studies seem to support Erikson's theory.







#### Transgender identities: Love and Rejection

"Gender identity belongs to the person who lives it, but one cannot deny that observers will make assumptions about us based on their understanding or comprehension of gender signals." - Jamison Green



'Julian Is a Mermaid' by Jessica Love



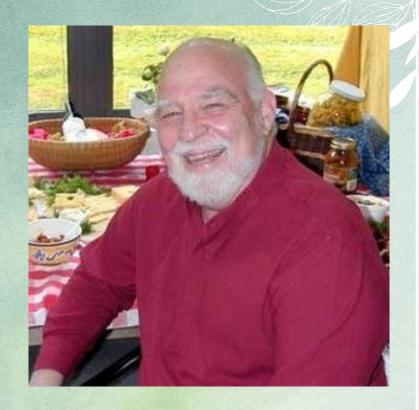
"A major barrier to accessing appropriate health care is the fear of rejection and negative attitudes of service providers." (Grossman & D'Augelli, 2006)

"There continues to be less resources and opportunities for trans youth receiving the care they need." (Youth&Society.2017.P.854)

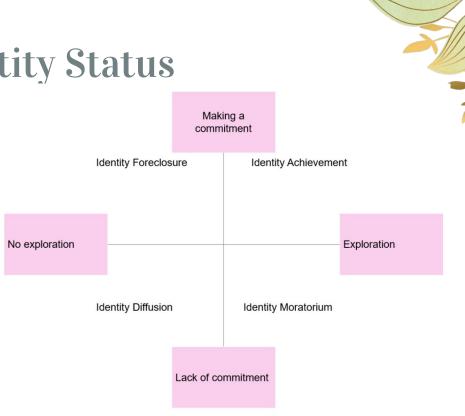


# James Marcia

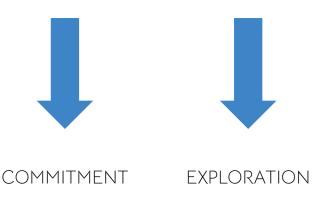
- A clinical and developmental psychologist
- Had expanded upon Erikson's concept of identity crisis and confusion
- Completed PhD at Ohio State
  University, and completed B.A. at
  Wittenberg University







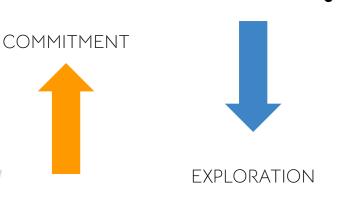
## 1. Identity-Diffusion



The adolescents have not considered their identity, and established any life goals



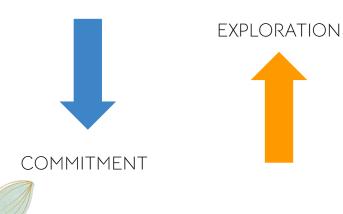
## 2. Identity-Foreclosure



Accept the beliefs and values of their family and environment without questioning



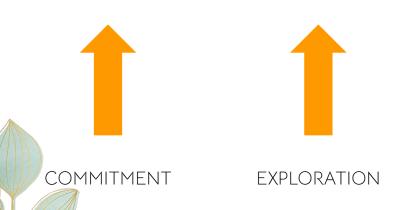
## 3. Identity-Moratorium



The adolescents are keeping their options open, but have not made any final decisions.

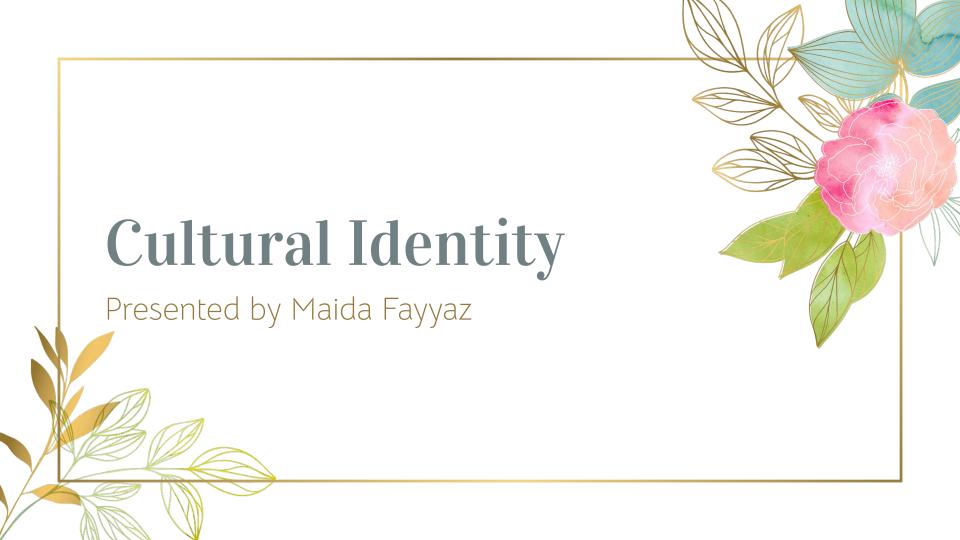


## 4. Identity-Achievement

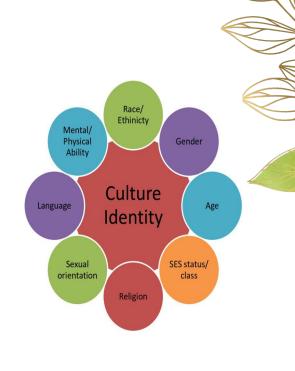


Achieved their identity exploration and decided what values and goals are important to them.





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