

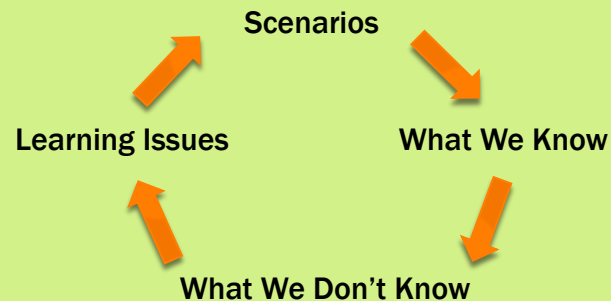
# UNIV1200: SEX, GENDER & SEXUALITY

## The Secret Tribal Ritual: How Do Girls Become Boys?

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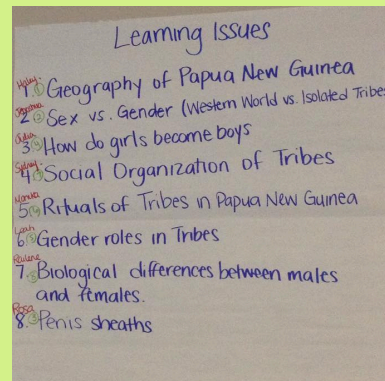


**Course Objective:** Intended to provide research and communication skills to be able to debate, analyze critically, and respect diversity of opinion about the Arts and Science of Sex, Gender and Sexuality.



### Case Summary:

- Isolated Ibbi tribe, almost all babies appear to be female
- Around puberty, half the children undergo secret ritual performed by Village Elder
- Village Elder has powers to understand male and female forms
- “Female” children emerge from Change Hut as male (with male genitalia)
- Newly changed males are welcomed by tribe with a celebration
- Gender roles emerge after physical change occurs
- Change was due to small gene pool causing rare genetic occurrence
- Absence of 5ARD enzyme postpones testosterone action



- No Midterm!
- No Final!
- No Tests!
- In-class Discussion
- Student-Focused

### What Do We Do?

- 6-8 Cases
- 2-3 Minute Presentations
- Group Discussions