

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

ABOUT FACES



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Interest Based Ads

For months, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette has been exploring the many aspects of the human face in our series, "About Faces." Now, we are offering the public a chance to meet five fascinating people who deal with facial differences every day of their lives. The participants on this panel will reflect on what it means to have a face that does not fit the definition of normal, and why the face is so important in our interactions as human beings. Audience members will get a chance to ask questions of all the panelists.

Monday January 10 • 6:30 - 8:00 PM
Senator John Heinz History Center

Free Admission • To attend, register at marketing@post-gazette.com
Or call 412-263-3850. Include names of attendees.



Host: **David Shribman**
Executive Editor, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

David Shribman became executive editor of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette in 2003. He came to Pittsburgh from The Boston Globe where he was assistant managing editor, a columnist and Washington bureau chief. He joined The Globe after serving as national political correspondent for The Wall Street Journal. He was awarded the 1995 Pulitzer Prize.

Panelists:

Kathleen Bogart

A graduate student in psychology at Tufts University, Ms. Bogart was born with Moebius syndrome, which has paralyzed most of her facial muscles and makes it hard for her to express emotions.

Connie Culp

The recipient of the nation's first face transplant, Ms. Culp lived for four years with terrible disfigurement after she was shot in the face by her husband. In 2008, she received a face transplant at the Cleveland Clinic.

Joseph Losee

A plastic surgeon who specializes in facial reconstruction, Dr. Losee is heading up UPMC's newly-approved face transplant program.

David Roche

Born with disfigurement on one side of his face, Mr. Roche has turned his experiences into an inspiring career as a public speaker and the author of a memoir, "The Church of 80% Sincerity."

Mark Roth

A staff writer and author of the About Faces series for the Post-Gazette, Mr. Roth returned to full-time writing in 2005, after 20 years as an editor at the PG. He was the newspaper's first

science editor, served as city editor, assistant managing editor for news, and as an editor in charge of special issues, investigative stories and long-term projects.

Peter Townsend

Born with neurofibromatosis, Mr. Townsend worked as probation officer in Pittsburgh and never let the growing number of bumps that cover his body and face keep him from leading a full life.

PARKING:

Alco lot with entrance at 12th and Smallman across from the restaurant Eleven.

EVENT LOCATION:

Mueller Education Center, 5th floor

QUESTIONS:

Question cards will be distributed to attendees and collected during the program and asked of panelists.

REGISTRATION:

Attendance is free but registration is requested. E-mail marketing@post-gazette.com or call 412-263-3850. Include names of attendees.

KISS INVITATION: PARTICIPANTS WITH FACIAL DIFFERENCES SOUGHT FOR FILM San Francisco filmmaker Todd Herman is seeking families who would be willing to participate in his new film, "In a Kiss," portraying those with significant facial differences being kissed by a parent, partner or friend. Filming would take place at the History Center prior to the start of the Post-Gazette forum. Participants would be asked to sit in front of a white background individually looking at the video camera. Then a parent, or partner, or friend gives them a kiss on the cheek. That's it! He does a few takes, usually 15-20 minutes per participant. To participate, please call 412-263-3850. See [attached](#) for more details on the project.

PROGRAM NOTE:

Panelist David Roche will also lead a program open to the public on Sunday, January 9 at East Liberty Presbyterian Church starting at 12:30 p.m. for anyone who would like to attend.

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