

Barbara Faye Waxman Fiduccia

Respected disAbled feminist thinker, writer, educator and scholar, Barbara Faye Waxman Fiduccia died suddenly on 24 April 2001, two weeks after the death of her husband Daniel. She was Director of the Americans with Disabilities Act Project at the Los Angeles Regional Family Planning Council, and a long-time advocate for the health and reproductive rights of women with disabilities.

In the words of long-time friend and associate, Corbett O'Toole, Barbara was "feisty, irascible, divine, brilliant, sexy, hard-nosed and devoted. Her activist work on reproductive rights, violence and euthanasia defined our issues. Her 5-year fight for the right to marry a disabled man changed the U.S. policy. Her projects range from an initiative she authored and directed to make family planning services in California fully accessible to women with disabilities, to the amendment she brought to Capitol Hill last year in an effort to have disabled people added to the list of target groups included in the hate crimes bill. And then there are the articles on sexuality, on violence against disabled women, and on prenatal testing and selective abortion. Although her political gifts to the disabled women's community are legendary, she was also a fabulous woman who fought with the heart of a tiger, the wardrobe of a goddess, and the joy of being fully human."

Barbara's e-mails always closed with a signature phrase quoting writer Audre Lorde, "Advocating the mere tolerance of difference ... is the grossest reformism. Difference must be not merely tolerated, but seen as a fund of necessary polarities between which our creativity can spark like a dialectic. Only then does the necessity for interdependence become unthreatening."

The women's health sector has lost a wonderful friend and a vibrant role model. We can best honour her and celebrate her life by working ourselves to celebrate diversity. She will always be with us.

- Barbara Anello, Marie Barile,
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