Warm Summer Greetings from Your Newsletter Editor

Summer is my favourite season! Summer is when I shift my “home office” outside – being locked in front of my laptop definitely feels easier when I’m sitting on my balcony, or a patio, sipping on a nice cold drink while I chip away at my writing goals (which I always seem to set to be maybe a little overly ambitious). Everything just feels a little better and easier in the summer.

Besides patio writing and my summer vacation travel (see photo), one of the major things I’ve been looking forward to this summer is the SSSS Summer Research Institute. Since our conference is in the fall, it’s was great to have this extra opportunity to connect with other friends and colleagues, especially when we simultaneously have the chance to boost our skillsets and learn about some exciting and innovative qualitative and quantitative methodology and research practices.

The Summer Research Institute packed a lot of great material into two days and there were certainly sessions that expanded my horizons! Dr. John Sakaluk’s workshop on improving Replicability/Credibility in sex science was eye opening. And, based on the twitter coverage, it motivated many of us to work harder to keep ahead of the changing scientific landscape and make sure our own research is highly credible. Dr. Sofia Jawed-Wessel’s workshop on bridging our research with advocacy in our own communities was thrilling and inspiring! We all learned that there are many ways we can make a difference by getting out of the ivory tower and engaging in small and large scale advocacy – depending on your comfort level and bravery. (You can read more about the summer research institute on page 2.)

It’s also nice knowing that while we’re relaxing on the beach, meeting with clients, or working on our summer writing goals—the SSSS annual meeting program committee is hard at work putting together a great conference for this November! Our program chairs Justin Lehmiller, Kristen Jozkowski, and Kristen Mark had a massive wave of submissions to sort through this year and I think that means this year’s annual meeting is going to be memorable. Plus, for the first time in a long time, we’re going to be meeting in Canada this year— I’m very much looking forward to welcoming you to my country this fall!

Take it easy for now SSSS Members!
- Shayna Skakoon-Sparling, Sexual Science Editor

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SSSS Summer Research Institute!

The Advancing Sexual Science Committee is thrilled to have held the first SSSS Summer Research Institute July 27-28th, hosted at the Center for Human Sexuality Studies (CHSS) at Widener University! Co-chaired by Drs. Brooke Wells and Terry Humphreys, 35 attendees from around the world joined us for two days packed with cutting edge sexual science workshops. Workshops ranged from increasing replicability in sexual science to ethnographic methods for life histories in gender and sexuality research. Check out #SSSSInstitute on Twitter (https://goo.gl/JRqjUt) for a peek at the content from the inaugural Summer Research Institute and see the full program here: https://goo.gl/b5nkKX.

Please join us in extending a huge thank you to the brilliant presenters who shared their expertise! We hope that this is the first of many successful summer research institutes!

The latest Impact factors for the Journal of Sex Research have been released! Our five-year impact factor is now 3.631 and our overall impact factor is 2.921 – that’s our highest ever! JSR is now ranked 7th out of 98 journals in the social sciences, interdisciplinary category and 31st out of 127 journals in the clinical psychology category (Journal Citation Reports®, Clarivate Analytics, 2018).

The JSR editorial team would like to say a huge thank you to all of our Associate and Consulting Editors and to our Reviewers! Congratulations JSR!

Early Bird Registration Rates!
In effect until Sept 7th
https://goo.gl/PeQooX

Abstracts for Late Breaker Posters accepted until Sept 17th!
(Open to members only, so join up or renew today!) https://goo.gl/tDGKT2

Don’t Forget that SSSS Offers Continuing Education (CE) Credits!
Earn up to 19.5 Credit Hours at the Annual Meeting! https://goo.gl/dnHc9P

The SSSS Annual Meeting is a great opportunity to promote your program, school, or company!

SSSS offers great sponsorship packages!
If your department, school, or organization is interested in becoming a SSSS sponsor, you can view all the information from the opportunities for exhibits, sponsors, and advertisers section here: https://goo.gl/PeQooX
Looking for a roommate to share a hotel room during the annual meeting in Montreal, Canada this November? The SSSS Room Share Forums are now live! http://ssssroomshare.freeforums.net/

Call for Ambassadors!
Want to get more involved with the Society? Student and Developing Professionals can apply to be part of the SSSS Ambassador program! In exchange for assisting with the running of the annual meeting in Montreal, Ambassadors receive partial registration reimbursement and gain unique opportunities to network and develop relationships with senior members.
Application form here: https://goo.gl/LfKCr4
Deadline: Monday, September 17, 2018

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A few months ago, two of our members, Amy and Heath, successfully proposed a Consensual Non-Monogamy (CNM) Task Force, which was approved by the Society for the Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity (Division 44) of the American Psychological Association (APA).

The APA Division 44 CNM Task Force promotes awareness and inclusivity about consensual non-monogamy and diverse expressions of intimate relationships. This definition includes, but is not limited to: people who practice polyamory, open relationships, swinging, relationship anarchy, and other types of ethical non-monogamous relationships.

The goal of the Task Force is to generate research, create resources, and advocate for the inclusion of consensually non-monogamous relationships in four areas: 1) basic and applied research, 2) education and training, 3) psychological practice, and 4) public interest.

The Task Force is already creating headway on multiple projects, including a fact sheet about consensual non-monogamy, brochures for healthcare providers, a reading list for educators, practice recommendations for therapists, and adding consensual non-monogamy as a search term on mainstream therapist locator websites.

I got in touch with Heath and Amy to ask them a few questions about their CNM Task Force.

**Could you tell me a little bit about how you two came to decide to form this task-force.**

**How did you identify the need?**

Long story: in 2012, we met at the International Association for Relationship Research conference. Amy gave a talk on the relationship between attachment orientations and desire to engage in consensually non-monogamous relationships. Heath was training to become a LGBTQ and non-monogamy focused therapist. We were both graduate students at the time and this was the first time that either of us had met another scholar with the same interests at a professional conference. Naturally, we became fast friends.

**In our first collaborative project, we applied a queer theory lens to examine assumptions underlying how romantic relationship research is studied and applied. During this process we developed five recommendations that psychological researchers and practitioners can implement to avoid reinforcing mononormativity (the idealization and essentialization of monogamy/coupling).** We both saw the need to include and advocate for consensually non-monogamous relationships in our science and in our society as similar to activism surrounding LGBTQ relationships. We closely read the American Psychological Association’s Task Force on Non-Heterosexist Research, and imagined one day cultivating a similar initiative for people who engage in diverse expressions of intimate relationships. That day clearly has come. With the support of APA’s Division 44, we are able to promote the inclusion of consensually non-monogamous relationships within our professional organizations. We see this as an important and necessary step to initiate and promote greater awareness of the issues faced by people engaged in consensual non-monogamy.

**What was the reaction from APA? Was there any pushback or were they cool about it?**

They were cool about it! Heath was approached by one of the co-chairs of the APA Division 44 Bisexual Issues Subcommittee (Dr. Chris David) about doing a webinar addressing the intersectionality of CNM and bisexuality. Following the webinar, then APA Division 44 president (Dr. Kimberly Balsam) invited Heath to contribute an article about CNM for the June 2017
...CNM Task Force Continued

Division 44 newsletter, in which he called for the creation of a CNM Task Force. Heath drafted a proposal and Chris helped set up a meeting between him and the incoming APA Division 44 president (Dr. David Pantalone) to discuss the possibility of establishing a CNM Task Force in Division 44. David was very supportive and invited Heath to submit a proposal. Heath and Amy built out the proposal together, with support from Dr. Michelle Vaughn, who now serves as Advisor to the Task Force. David and Chris offered guidance and feedback, and then introduced the proposal at the December 2017 APA Division 44 Mid-Winter meeting (where new project proposals and budgets are decided). Feedback on the proposal was also provided by Dr. Justin Lehmiller and Dr. Daniel Cardoso, among other polyamory researchers and activists.

The support we received from the APA Division 44 Executive Committee for our Task Force proposal was phenomenal. It was approved unanimously by all 13 members! Throughout our careers, we have both received pushback from other scholars in the field and from the media for researching people engaged in consensually non-monogamous relationships. Thus, we are honoured and excited to have the full support of a national professional organization to lead a task force dedicated to promoting awareness and inclusion of consensually non-monogamous relationships in research, training, education, and public interest.

What is your long-term vision for the task-force?

One of our dreams is to facilitate the creation of a CNM standing committee so there is an ongoing presence within the APA. Eventually, we would also like to see practice guidelines created and approved, similar to what has been created for LGB and TGNC therapy clients. We also would like to see more dialogue about CNM as a protected status and including CNM in LGBTQ resources and trainings.

Intrigued? The task force is currently recruiting volunteers who are interested in advancing its mission. Learn more about this opportunity here: [https://goo.gl/uDXqq8](https://goo.gl/uDXqq8)

Congratulations Tiffany Marcantonio!

Tiffany is the recipient of the SSSS Student Research Grant - Fall 2017 Competition. Her project, “Understanding condom use and alcohol and sex expectancies among college students during an alcohol intensive event (AIE) using the Theory of Planned Behavior” is focused on understanding the role of alcohol intensive environments (e.g., tailgates, Greek parties) on condom use using the Theory of Planned Behavior. I reached out to Tiffany to learn a little bit more about her project:

“I was so excited to learn that I received the 2017 Fall Research Grant from SSSS! During the semester at my Uni there is a Greek orchestrated event, called RowWeek, which consist of 4 days of consecutive parties on and off campus. I am going to use these funds to recruit students into a daily diary study that will examine their attitudes, drinking and sexual behaviors prior to Row Week and then assess their behaviors each day. Using constructs from the Theory of Planned Behavior, I intend to understand what factors predict condomless sex during the week and then use this information to inform prevention initiatives on campus.”

(Student Research Grant Awards for 2018 Spring & Fall will be announced prior to the Annual Meeting.)

In Memoriam – Patricia Schiller

Patricia Schiller, sex education pioneer and founder of the American Association of Sex Educators, Counsellors and Therapists (AAESET), died on June 29, 2018 at her home in Palm Beach, Florida. She was 104.

Schiller decided to change careers while she was working at Legal Aid with couples seeking divorces. As she told her daughter, "They really didn't know what a marriage was." This realization inspired her to study for an MA in Clinical Psychology. To help support her family while she studied, Schiller taught at a local junior high school. Here she noticed that teenage girls were forced to leave school as soon as they became pregnant and then became trapped in a cycle of poverty. In 1963, Schiller joined the inaugural team of The Webster School for Pregnant Girls.

The 1960s were a time of great progress in sex education and therapy but Schiller was concerned that the burgeoning field invited the possibility that charlatans would take advantage of vulnerable clients. So she set about creating a regulatory body to oversee the discipline. In 1967, with a thousand dollars of her own money and a gift of $500 dollars from philanthropist Phillip Stern, Schiller set up the American Association of Sex Educators, Counsellors and Therapists. She established guidelines for the profession with celebrated sex researchers Masters and Johnson.

Schiller continued to give courses and take part in conferences well into her seventies. She was 96 years old when she published her final book: Sex Questions Kids Ask – and How to Answer. Schiller was adamant that proper sex education in schools made a vital contribution to happy adulthood.

In 1978, Schiller said: "I think of sex as the most creative, pleasurable, wonderful thing between two people who care about each other. But you know, it doesn’t have to be a gourmet dinner every time. It can also be just, well, it can be a sandwich and a Coke."

Read more here: [https://goo.gl/s4DAX7](https://goo.gl/s4DAX7)
Hey Student Members!

Watch for the call for nominations for the Lester A. Kirkendall Outstanding Mentor Award later this month!

What is the Lester A. Kirkendall Outstanding Mentor Award?

This award is designed to highlight individuals who, in the tradition of Dr. Kirkendall, are outstanding mentors. This award will be used to recognize one individual a year who provides exceptional mentorship to students.

Potential awardees must be nominated by a student they mentor.

The first recipient will be honoured in Montreal at this year’s Annual Meeting!

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This spring Chelsea Reynolds presented at the International Communications Association conference, in Prague. Her talk was titled “The Internet is the Crack Cocaine of Sex Addiction: Coverage of Craigslist Sex Forums in Newspapers and LGBTQ and Feminist Magazine”.

And this August Chelsea appeared on C-SPAN to debate SESTA / FOSTA, "offensive” speech, and First Amendment rights!

The newly minted Doctor Jessica Wood is pleased to share that she successfully defended her dissertation “Reasons for sex and relational outcomes in consensually non-monogamous and monogamous relationships: A self-determination theory approach” on June 29th! Congratulations doctor!

Various members of SSSS contributed to the newly released Compendium on Sexual and Reproductive Health Resources for Healthcare Providers. [Link](https://goo.gl/WPrW3h)

Rhea Orion has just published a book on Therapy and CNM called: A Therapists Guide to Consensual Nonmonogamy: Polyamory, Swinging, and Open Marriage. Summarizing the book in one sentence, she says that it’s: “A necessary primer on modern monogamy and consensual nonmonogamy for clinicians and all inhabitants of the 21st century who wish to be informed and inclusive.” More info here: [Link](http://www.rheaorion.com/)


Chelsea also presented this work at the recent SSTAR meeting and won a presentation award for her excellent poster, which was titled “Nonconsensual sexual experiences and the sexual self schemas in women’s sexual functioning: The role of self-identification.” Wow!

She and her former supervisor, Terry Humphreys, were recently reunited at EFS in Portugal (see photo).

Carey Roth Bayer was recently promoted to Professor in the Departments of Community Health and Preventive Medicine as well as the Department of Medical Education at Morehouse School of Medicine. She is also the Chair of Faculty Assembly for 2018-2019, but don’t worry, she still directs the Center of Excellence for Sexual Health in the Satcher Health Leadership Institute.

Shayna Skakoon-Sparling was hired as a new postdoctoral research fellow at Ryerson University. She’ll be working with Trevor Hart.

Terry Humphreys is speaking out about proposed changes that would regress Ontario’s Sexual Health Education Curriculum. His recent letter to the editor was published in a local newspaper this July: [Link](https://goo.gl/jXQTZf)

Justin Lehmiller is very pleased to announce the publication of his new book: *Tell Me What You Want: The Science of Sexual Desire and How It Can Help You Improve Your Sex Life.*

What do Americans really want when it comes to sex? And is it possible for us to get what we want? Dr. Justin Lehmiller, Kinsey Institute Research Fellow and author of the blog *Sex and Psychology*, addresses these questions in his latest book. *Tell Me What You Want* is centered around the largest and most comprehensive survey of sexual fantasies conducted to date in the United States. Dr. Lehmiller spent almost two years surveying more than 4,000 Americans about their sexual fantasies, personalities, sexual histories, and demographics.
Opportunities!

Indiana University’s School of Public Health (USA) has a variety of Assistant, Associate and Full Professor positions open: https://goo.gl/v1qNZf

Morehouse School of Medicine (USA) is currently recruiting for two positions:
Director of Satcher Health Leadership Institute - https://goo.gl/3RoxV a
Director, Division of Health Policy in the Satcher Health Leadership Institute: https://careers.msm.edu/postings/4664

The department of psychology at the University of Western Ontario (Canada) is inviting applications for an Assistant Professor position in the area of Social Psychology. The successful candidate’s research program must build on, or complement existing research strength in the current cluster of research excellence in Social, Social Development, and Personality Psychology. More info here: http://psychology.uwo.ca/about_us/socialfacposn.html

Widener University’s Centre for Human Sexuality Studies (USA) is currently recruiting a full-time Health Education Specialist. The intervention specialist will work with the principal investigators, research scientists, and project staff to assure the success of the ISRC’s various educational projects. The Health Intervention Specialist will report to the ISRC directors and project coordinators to implement the educational programming, including, planning, piloting, evaluation, and implementation of that programming by staff facilitators and interns. More info: https://widener.igreentree.com/CSS_External/CSSPage_JobDetail.ASP?T=20180731113421&

The University of Southampton (in the UK) is currently recruiting a Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Social Psychology. More information here: https://jobs.soton.ac.uk/Vacancy.aspx?ref=1041618JW

The University of Southampton is also recruiting a Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Health Psychology. This post is in partnership with Solent NHS Trust Sexual Health service and will specifically focus on sexual health research, including (but not restricted to) digital interventions. More information here: https://jobs.soton.ac.uk/Vacancy.aspx?ref=1043518JW

Columbia University (USA) has an opening for a Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in “Behavioral Sciences Research in HIV Infection” at the HIV Center for Clinical and Behavioral Studies, Division of Gender, Sexuality, and Health in the Columbia University Department of Psychiatry. More info here: https://www.hivcenternyc.org/postdoctoral-fellowship/

Nathan Lachowsky at the University of Victoria (Canada) is now accepting applications for prospective MA, PhD, or postdoctoral research fellows, who are interested in joining his new program of research focused on the health and wellbeing of gay, bisexual, two-spirit, queer, and trans men. Dr. Lachowsky will provide funding via research and teaching assistant positions. If you are interested in a position, please send a cover letter and your curriculum vitae to Bernie Paillé, the Research Program Manager at berniepaille@uvic.ca. References are not needed at this stage. If you have questions, feel free to write to nlachowsky@uvic.ca

John Sakaluk and his lab at the University of Victoria (Canada) are accepting applications for prospective graduate students who wish to join this team. If you are interested in social psychology, romantic and/or sexual relationships, and/or learning about complex methodologies and statistical analyses this could be a great fit. More information can be found on the MaRSS Lab website (https://goo.gl/xZxzAY), and we encourage interested students to contact Dr. Sakaluk by email: https://goo.gl/GPE4d9

Upcoming...

Oct 11th – 13th – Canadian Sex Research Forum Annual Meeting in Toronto, Ontario, Canada
https://goo.gl/MBeWCC

November 8th - 11th – Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality 2018 Annual Meeting
In Montreal, Quebec, Canada!
https://goo.gl/p7YXVM
Upcoming Special Issue of the Journal of Psychology & Sexuality – Critical Femininities

The proposed special issue will begin to carve out a space for the emergent field of Femininities or Critical Femininities. We seek interdisciplinary and multi-methodological contributions that examine femininities or illuminate the devaluation of femininity (femmephobia, femme-negativity, femiphobia, sissypobia, etc.) as both apply to sexuality, health, violence, social inequalities, in/out-group discrimination, rape culture, and the maintenance of toxic or hegemonic masculinities. Specifically, this issue lays the groundwork for establishing Femininity Studies as a sub-field of Feminist though that mirrors Masculinity Studies in its investigation of feminine intersections. As such, we define a field of Femininities studies as one that cuts across disciplines and incorporates a wide variety of interdisciplinary tools, perspectives, and methodologies to understand femininities and femmephobia.

Please submit a 250 to 500-word abstract and a 150-word author biography by February 1, 2019. Full articles will be due September 30, 2019 with an expected publication date in the Fall of 2020. We will give priority to proposal abstracts received by February 2019, and consider late submissions on a case-by-case basis. Full manuscripts should not exceed 6,000 words and should comply with the formatting guidelines of Psychology & Sexuality.

Guest Editors: Rhea Ashley Hoskin, Queen’s University (Rhea.hoskin@queensu.ca), Karen L. Blair, St. Francis Xavier (kblair@stfx.ca). To submit: http://www.femmetheory.org/criticalfemme

Upcoming Special Issue of the Personality and Individual Differences – Sexuality and Individual Differences

The Research on sex and sexuality has expanded across the behavioral, social, and health sciences. Yet, our understandings of sexual diversity continue to need further investigation, to better inform a wide range of topics in research, clinical practice, policy, and the frequent coverage of sexuality-related issues in popular media. This special issue of Personality and Individual Differences on “Sexuality and Individual Differences” is intended to present papers dealing with a variety of sex-related issues including, but not limited to, sex differences/similarities, sexual behaviors, sexual attitudes, sexual orientation, sex/gender roles, and sexual relationship dynamics. We are interested in work that draws on various theoretical perspectives and diverse methodologies, including but not limited to, evolutionary, feminist, constructivist, social learning, cross-cultural, and physiological approaches. Emphasis will be placed on integrating theoretical and methodological tools from personality science and the study of individual differences to sexual science, broadening and deepening our understanding of sex and sexuality. As per usual PAID policy, we will consider 10,000-word-max reviews and multistudy papers, 5,000-word-max single-study and psychometric-focused studies, and 3,000-word-max brief reports for minor contributions and smaller points.

Submissions accepted until the 1st of November 2018 at http://ees.elsevier.com/fct/default.asp

Guest Editors: David P. Schmitt, Brunel University London (david.schmitt@brunel.ac.uk), Amanda N. Gesselman, Indiana University, (angesselman@gmail.com), Justin R. Garcia, Indiana University, (jusrgarc@indiana.edu)

Upcoming Special Issue of the Journal of Adolescence – Romantic Relationships and Sexuality in Adolescence

The goal of this special issue is to highlight current empirical findings in the areas of adolescent romantic and sexual development from around the globe. While we are open to all topics within the area of adolescent romantic and sexual development, we particularly welcome manuscripts that focus on (a) diversity – broadly defined – including sexual orientation, culture, physical health, (b) vulnerable and understudied populations, (c) sexuality in the context of romantic relationships, (d) papers that highlight interdisciplinary and/or multimethod perspectives.

Manuscript proposals (500 words) are due by email to Manfred van Dulmen (mvandul@kent.edu) by September 15th 2018. A subset of proposals will be invited to submit a full manuscript (decision by November 1st 2018). Full manuscripts are due May 1st 2019 and should follow the author guidelines for the Journal of Adolescence (https://www.elsevier.com/journals/journal-of-adolescence/0140-1971/guide-for-authors).

For further information regarding the special issue or any questions, contact Manfred van Dulmen (mvandul@kent.edu) or one of the co-editors (Daphne van de Bongardt (vandebongardt@essb.eur.nl), Sophia Choukas-Bradley (scb.1@pitt.edu), or Graciela Espinosa-Hernandez (hernandezgm@uncw.edu).