Letter from the President of SSSS

I joined SSSS many years ago, and attended my first SSSS conference in 1994. Since then, I’ve enjoyed and invested in SSSS as my “professional home.” SSSS accepted me as a student, helping me to begin my career. And, SSSS allowed me opportunities to share my science, learn leadership skills, and meet new research partners and friends. I’m humbled to have served you as SSSS President over the last two years. As I enter the final days of my leadership of the SSSS Board of Directors, I reflect on some of the amazing things I’ve been a part of in this capacity.

We’ve witnessed the resiliency of a small, professional membership organization. In 2017, when hurricanes devastated Puerto Rico, we mobilized to find a back-up SSSS meeting location in one month’s time. The leaders with whom I worked were tireless in their efforts to host a high-quality meeting. And we did it in Atlanta. I’m proud to say, as I promised in 2017 in Atlanta, that we plan to return to San Juan, Puerto Rico, for our 2021 Annual Meeting (mark your calendars for November 18-21 at the Intercontinental San Juan)! I’m confident, given our amazing members and elected leaders, that the organization will remain resilient, overcoming any challenges it faces.

One of my goals, as I began my term as President in 2017, was to help you translate the work you do, so that it can make a difference. While we commissioned an ad hoc Advocacy Task Force to learn how SSSS can help you translate your work for consumers, whether that be journalists or the general public, and equally as important, decision makers and policy makers, this goal has not yet been fully realized; I mark this goal as “in progress” and look forward to assisting in continuing these efforts.

Over the past two years, many of our actions on the Board of Directors were to respond to a large issue: sexual harassment and creating a safe and welcoming space for our members and conference attendees. In 2018, after hearing reports about individuals who experienced sexual misconduct/harassment while attending SSSS-sanctioned events over the years, I asked for your patience as SSSS leaders began to explore and enact solutions to these important issues. The Board of Directors created a Sexual Harassment Task Force, which held an open session at the 2018 Annual Meeting in Montreal to obtain feedback, as well as gather potential solutions. We have since developed a code of conduct/civility policy, on which we obtained SSSS member feedback. We are working toward employing this new policy at the 2019 Annual Meeting in Denver. We are also contracting with an independent and external Ombuds service to assist with any problems experienced and/or violations of the code.

We also accomplished greater transparency within the organization, as the Board of Directors started the process of reassessing our organizational awards, including how they are determined. Two years ago, we could barely defend some of the award processes, as there were little-to-no rubrics or criteria or no openness regarding the awards process. That reassessment of the awards has led to at least one award being discontinued. While that process was extremely difficult to navigate, I believe the decisions made have left SSSS in a better place.

These represent only a few of the amazing and complex experiences of which I’ve been a part over the past two years. I am confident in saying that SSSS is in good hands with its elected leaders and am excited to see what the next term brings! Looking forward to seeing you all in Denver.

Eric Walsh-Buhi
SSSS President
Professor and Chair, Department of Applied Health Science
Indiana University School of Public Health-Bloomington
Join Us in Denver Nov 7-10!

This year’s annual meeting will feature great plenary sessions including:

Jenny Higgins – Contraceptives’ Effects on Sexual Functioning, Satisfaction, and Well-Being.

Bianca Laureano – After We F#*k Up: Accountability, Apology, and Community Collaboration.

Deborah Tolman – Desire Matters: Listening to and Learning from Adolescent Girls.

Did you register for the Annual Meeting? If you haven’t, you can still register onsite!


Congratulations 2019 Award Winners!

Distinguished Scientific Achievement Award: Deborah Tolman

Distinguished Service to SSSS Award: Charlene Muehlenhard

Theory Award & Fellow of The Society (2 Awards!): Meredith Chivers

Fellow of The Society: Brian Dodge

Social Justice / Public Service Policy Award: JoAnna Keatley

2019 SSSS Board of Directors Election Results

PRESIDENT-ELECT 2019 - 2021
CARLOS RODRIGUEZ-DIAZ

PRESIDENT 2021 - 2023

TREASURER 2019 - 2021
MYESHIA PRICE-FEENEY

MEMBER-AT-LARGE 2019 - 2021
MARIOTTA GARY-SMITH

MEMBER-AT-LARGE 2019 - 2021
CHARLENE MUEHLENHARD

STUDENT CO-CHAIR
Jr. Co-Chair 2019 – 2021
FINNERAN MUZZEY

Sr. Co-Chair 2021 - 2023
JSR RECOGNISES THIS YEAR’S TOP PAPERS!

BEIGEL AWARD
Karen L. Blair, Jaclyn Cappell & Caroline F. Pukall: Not All Orgasms Were Created Equal: Differences in Frequency and Satisfaction of Orgasm Experiences by Sexual Activity in Same-Sex Versus Mixed-Sex Relationships

EDITOR’S CHOICE:
Forrest Hangen, Dev Crasta & Ronald D. Rogge: Delineating the Boundaries between Nonmonogamy and Infidelity: Bringing Consent Back Into Definitions of Consensual Nonmonogamy With Latent Profile Analysis

Tiffany L. Marcantonio & Kristen N. Jozkowski: Assessing How Gender, Relationship Status, and Item Wording Influence Cues Used by College Students to Decline Different Sexual Behaviors

Laura Widman, Kristyn Kamke, Reina Evans, J. L. Stewart, Sophia Choukas-Bradley & Carol E. Golin: Feasibility, Acceptability, and Preliminary Efficacy of a Brief Online Sexual Health Program for Adolescents

Kate Dawson, Saoirse Nic Gabhainn & Pádraig MacNeela: Toward a Model of Porn Literacy: Core Concepts, Rationales, and Approaches

Goran Milas, Paul Wright & Aleksandar Štulhofer: Longitudinal Assessment of the Association Between Pornography Use and Sexual Satisfaction in Adolescence

TOP TRENDING PAPERS
Flora Oswald, Alex Lopes, Kaylee Skoda, Cassandra L. Hesse & Cory L. Pedersen: I’ll Show You Mine so You’ll Show Me Yours: Motivations and Personality Variables in Photographic Exhibitionism


Shayna Skakoon-Sparling & Kenneth M. Cramer: Are We Blinded by Desire? Relationship Motivation and Sexual Risk-Taking Intentions during Condom Negotiation

Sanne W. C. Nikkelen, Johanna M. F. van Oosten & Mariike M. J. J. van den Borne: Sexuality Education in the Digital Era: Intrinsic and Extrinsic Predictors of Online Sexual Information Seeking Among Youth

Jacques van Lankveld, Kenny Wolfs & Andrea Grauvogl: Gender Differences in the Relationship of Sexual Functioning With Implicit and Explicit Sex Liking and Sex Wanting: A Community Sample Study
Join the SSSS Mentorship Program!

Are you looking to get more out of your SSSS membership? We are looking for mentors and mentees who are interested in building their professional network and creating a productive working relationship with another sex science professional.

The program has been running for around two months and we have made 13 successful matches so far! New matches are made at the end of every month (depending on interest/availability), so you can sign up to join any time!

Already our mentor-mentee matches are reporting lots of positive feedback. Some matches have started research collaborations together, others are maintaining regular contact and working on capacity building.

This is a great opportunity, for senior and junior members alike, to make productive new connections and build new skills!

Keep in mind that there is flexibility in how mentor and mentee are defined. For example, graduate students are welcome to apply to provide mentorship to members who are their junior. At the same time, early and mid-career members are also welcome to apply as mentees, to receive mentorship from more senior members.

To find out more and fill out an application, go here: http://sexscience.org/resources/mentoring-program/

Update from the APA Division 44 Consensual Non-Monogamy Task Force

We are pleased to pass along that the APA Division 44 Consensual Non-monogamy Task force's request for the APA Psychologist Locator to add 'Consensual Non-monogamy' & 'Kink/BDSM/Fetish Sexualities' as searchable sub-categories was approved.

In March 2019 the APA Psychology Locator leadership asked the APA Committee on Sexual Orientation & Gender Diversity (CSOGD) to review the CNM Task Force’s request to add searchable categories for CNM and kink and make a recommendation. On June 6th, the CNM Task Force was informed that CSOGD would write letter to the Division 44 leadership and Dr. Jared Skillings (APA Chief of Professional Practice) recommending the creation of a 'Sexuality/Relationships' heading with Consensual Non-monogamy and Kink/BDSM/Fetish Sexualities as subcategories, which aligned with the CNM Task Force's request. Once the Division 44 leadership has reviewed and signed off on the CSOGD recommendation, a letter will be sent to Dr. Skillings with the requested updates.

The CNM Task Force had also been reaching out to Psychology Today about adding CNM and kink as searchable categories since February 2018. We are pleased that Psychology Today recently took steps to include CNM, kink, and other additional stigmatized populations (e.g., Transgender Allied, Racial Justice Allied, Sex Worker Allied) their directory. At the same time, however, these new updates do not allow users to effectively search for a therapist or psychiatrist with experience supporting the CNM and kink communities. The CNM Task Force sent a letter on May 9th formally requesting that searches can be made based on these categories but has not heard back.

Clinicians who use these services are encouraged to consider updating their profiles accordingly.

We are excited about these historic steps toward inclusion as they acknowledge the legitimacy of the CNM and Kink communities and will help improve access to culturally-affirming healthcare. This will also enhance the strength of our requests to other healthcare/therapy directories in our ongoing efforts to promote awareness of this issue.

Kind regards,

Drs. Amy Moors & Heath Schechinger
Co-chairs, APA Division 44 Consensual Non-monogamy Task Force
News from the Kinsey Institute!

- Dr. Jessica Hille has been appointed the new Assistant Director for Education at The Kinsey Institute.

- Dr. Kristen Jozkowski has joined the Indiana University faculty as William L. Yarber Endowed Professor of Sexual Health in the School of Public Health and as Senior Scientist at The Kinsey Institute.

- Dr. Alexa Marcotte has joined the Kinsey Institute as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow.

- Dr. Adam Safron has joined the Kinsey Institute as a Research Associate. He recently received a grant from the American Institute of Bisexuality in support of his research on sexual orientation.

- The Kinsey Institute and Indiana University have announced a $2 million gift from donor Scott C. Schurz to establish the Kinsey Institute Bicentennial Endowed Chair. Read more about this here: [http://bit.ly/2MQZKly](http://bit.ly/2MQZKly)

This has been busy year for Stella Resnick, with many highlights. One was the release of her latest book, *Body-to-Body Intimacy: Transformation Through Love, Sex, and Neurobiology* -- #1 new release in psychotherapy at amazon.com. The second began in February, starting her new training on Embodied Relational Sex Therapy (ERST) that met 4-weekends and ended in September. In May, she and her husband traveled to the Atacama Desert in Chile to hike and view the darkest night sky on the planet. Seeing the array of stars and Milky Way from horizon to horizon, was astonishing. In Santiago Stella delivered a presentation at an international conference on psychotherapy research. She cited neurobiological evidence to corroborate the effectiveness of body-based, experiential psychotherapy and described sexuality as a core factor in the development of the self, determining that sexual health is a key factor in the wellness of the whole person. The climax of it all (pun intended) was presenting the invited address at the AAECT Annual Conference Awards Luncheon in June. The theme was “Let the Body Rejoice!” Stella’s presentation was *Sexual Health in Body, Mind, and Spirit: The Wide-Spectrum Healing Power of Pleasure*. In it she called for a more holistic approach to sex therapy, citing evidence that sexual development is neurobiologically intertwined with self-development, attachment security, and feelings of self-worth or shame. Stella suggested that, given the societal prevalence of sex-negative child rearing, sexual issues are often a hidden factor in emotional and relational distress. Stella is now focused on her next ERST training in Los Angeles, two 5-day, 30-hour workshops in March and August 2020. For more information about ERST 2020, please visit [http://www.drstellaresnick.com/programs-for-professionals](http://www.drstellaresnick.com/programs-for-professionals).

Dr. Megan Maas was recently awarded an internal grant from MSU’s Institute on Public Policy Research to look at online sexual misconduct in public school. Her project is titled “A statement representative study of online sexual misconduct policies in Michigan public schools: Reflecting the online reality of our digital native students.” The aim is to analyze current sexual misconduct policies in secondary schools across all counties in Michigan. Megan and her team will determine how comprehensive they are in terms of including sexual harassment and image-based sexual abuse. They will also be surveying student assistance professionals (social workers, health educators, etc.) to see if they think policies are being enforced, if students are aware of them, and what needs to change to reflect the sexual harassment and abuse that is occurring online. The results will lead to legislation at the state level.
The publication this year of the fourth edition of the *Handbook of Sexuality Measures* has a unique component: an “academic family tree” one might say. Three of the five editors—Robin Milhausen, John Sakaluk and Bill Yarber—represent “three generations” of faculty/student connections. Bill was a past supervisor for Robin and Robin was a past supervisor for John. How often does that happen on a single publication? Now, this is the way to keep a valuable publication going through the decades!

Jacqueline Avanthay, R.N., B.Sc.N., M.Sc.N., successfully defended her master's thesis in August, 2019 (javanthaystrus@ustboniface.ca). She was a student in the master's program in nursing at the School of Nursing of the University of Ottawa in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. She currently teaches in nursing at the University of St. Boniface in Manitoba, Canada, and is preparing her admission application for doctoral studies on sexual minorities. The title of her thesis is: 'Manitoban Consensual Non-monogamous Couples' Conciliation of their Parenting Role and their Sexual Lifestyle during the Transition to Parenthood'. Her thesis supervisor was Viola Polomeno, R.N., B.Sc., M.Sc.(A.), Ph.D. (vpolomen@uottawa.ca), Associate Professor at the School of Nursing of the University of Ottawa.

Dr. Karen L. Blair is the 2018 recipient of the prestigious Beigel Award for the best paper published in the *Journal of Sex Research*. This award is named for the first editor of JSR and recognises research excellence in sexual science. The Beigel award is adjudicated by JSR’s editor (Cynthia Graham) and 6 associate editors – they read every article published throughout the year and vote on the winner. This is what makes this award so prestigious – this is not an award that can be applied for, it is based on assessment by a dedicated group of adjudicators. Congratulations Dr. Blair!! You can view a video abstract for the award-winning article here: [https://youtu.be/wuj2AAHnXs](https://youtu.be/wuj2AAHnXs)

Cory Cascalheira a student member of SSSS is thrilled to have his first empirical study published in *Sexuality & Culture* this autumn. The project is reproductive from R scripts (hosted on GitHub) and documented on the Open Science Framework: [https://osf.io/esxz7/](https://osf.io/esxz7/). Check out the abstract here: [https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s12119-019-09653-z](https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s12119-019-09653-z). You can look forward to seeing Cory present this work at our upcoming Annual Meeting in Denver! Cory also has two additional, up-and-coming projects. The first explores the curative power of kink while the second seeks to answer how sexual scripts among MSM become maladaptive. Cory is looking forward to a long, collaborative career with other sex scientists!

Michael Fiorini will be presenting some of the first research describing Demisexuality, specifically for use by psychologists’ work with clients. Watch for Michael’s poster presentation at this year’s SSSS annual conference in Denver! Michael is also collaborating with the Society for Descriptive Psychology to create a formulation for how to encapsulate all past, present, and potential expressions of human sexuality – starting with Demisexuality and work on other forms and orientations of sexuality.

**MORE MEMBER NEWS!**

Adrian Shanker has edited *Bodies and Barriers: Queer Activists on Health*, a new book published by PM Press, which will be released in January 2020. Bodies and Barriers is the first book written by LGBT healthcare consumers to inform the healthcare system and make it work more equitably for all of us.

Preach 2020: An International LGBTQ Psychology Conference will take place on July 16th and 17th, 2020 in Prague, Czech Republic. The conference takes place right before the International Congress of Psychology, so we encourage people to attend both conferences, presenting their cutting-edge LGBTQ research at Preach and their educational/outreach versions of their LGBTQ research at ICP 2020. Dr. Lisa Diamond will be a keynote speaker at Preach 2020 and ICP 2020, and Dr. Karen Blair will be a keynote speaker at ICP 2020 as well as the host of Preach 2020. For more information, please visit the Preach website: https://cpasogii.com/preach2020

The final submission deadline is December 15, 2019, and these submitters will hear back from us by March 2020.

For those submitting to ICP (www.ICP2020.com) the final submission deadline is December 1, 2019. For the first time ever, ICP will have a Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity stream, we encourage people to submit their LGBTQ research to this stream.
Special Interest Groups!
Rebooted for 2019

SIG Reboot Event:
Thursday 4:45pm-5:15pm

What is a SIG?
A SIG is a Special Interest Group. These are groups created for SSSS members by SSSS members to network and connect with other folx who share their area of interest. This year, SIGs have a bit more structure to help aid in the sustainability of the initiative. We start on Thursday with a reboot and introduction event followed by meeting times throughout the conference. Choose one or many meetings to attend!

Friday 8:00am – 8:45am
*Find us near breakfast*
Trans Health/Sexuality
BDSM/Kink
Sex Research Methods

Friday 3:15pm – 4:00pm
*Find us near the posters*
Race/Ethnicity and Sexuality
Sexual Coercion/Aggression & Prevention
Technology

Saturday 8:00am – 8:45am
*Find us near breakfast*
Queer Sexualities
Sex Work
Relationships
Pornography

Saturday 3:15pm – 4:00pm
*Find us near the posters*
Intersectional Sex Research
Sexual Pleasure
Sexual Health and Promotion