PLENARY SPEAKERS:

REISS THEORY PLENARY

*The Development and Evolution of Male Androphilia: Insights From Over a Decade of Cross-Cultural Research*

**Thursday, November 12th (PM)**

**Doug VanderLaan, PhD**

Dr. Doug P. VanderLaan is an Assistant Professor of Psychology at the University of Toronto and holds a cross-appointment as a Research Scientist in the Child and Adolescent Gender Identity Service at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. He is also a Section Editor for the *Encyclopedia of Evolutionary Psychological Science*, Managing Editor of *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, and serves on the Editorial Boards of *Archives of Sexual Behavior, Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity, Canadian Journal of Human Sexuality*, and *Evolutionary Psychological Science*.

Dr. VanderLaan’s cross-cultural and clinical research provides insight regarding both biological and sociocultural influences on sexual orientation and gender expression. His Canadian and Japanese studies focus on gender-nonconforming cisgender men and women while his Samoan research concentrates on a ‘third’ gender known locally as fa'aafine. In addition, he has published large-scale cross-cultural analyses of indigenous societies to identify sociocultural factors most reliably associated with the presence of transgenderism. As a complement to this cross-cultural work, his clinical research with children and adolescents who experience gender dysphoria offers a unique window on developmental issues. In combination, this multi-faceted approach helps elucidate the origins of variation in sexual orientation and gender expression.

TED Talk PLENARY - *The Science of Pleasure*

**Friday, November 13th (AM)**

**Debby Herbenick, PhD**

Dr. Debby Herbenick is an associate professor at Indiana University, the sexual health educator for The Kinsey Institute, and the author of six books about sex and love. Her newest book is *The Coregasm* Workout about exercise-induced arousal and orgasm. Dr. Herbenick has published more than 90 scientific articles on topics such as sexual pleasure and satisfaction, women's sexual desire, and sexual behavior in the United States. Passionately committed to sexuality education, Dr. Herbenick has written more than 2000 columns about sex for Kinsey Confidential, Men's Health magazine, Time Out Chicago magazine, Glamour magazine, and many more publications. She's taught people of all ages from children through older age and is a long-time member of SSSS.

**Stella Resnick, PhD - The Science of the Art of Romance**

Stella Resnick, PhD is a clinical psychologist, seminar leader, and AAECT-certified sex therapist, supervisor, and CE provider in private practice in Beverly Hills, California. She trains and supervises therapists in her full-spectrum approach to sex therapy. Her recent book, *The Heart of Desire: Keys to the Pleasures of Love*, describes how childhood attachment patterns can affect adult libido and offers body-mind methods for couples to enhance their loving and their emotional and sexual pleasures. Her previous book, *The Pleasure Zone: Why We Resist Good Feelings* explores eight core pleasures essential
Stella’s enduring interests are on the transformative power of body-based pleasures, both emotional and sexual, and on integrating couples and sex therapy through an amalgam of neurobiology, couple’s relational dynamics, sexology, and Gestalt present-centered methodology. Stella can be reached through her website at www.drstellaresnick.com.

**Stephanie Sanders, PhD**
Dr. Stephanie A. Sanders is a Professor of Gender Studies and Associate Director of The Kinsey Institute, gave the inaugural lecture at the First National Debate on Sexual Health in Poland on September 12, 2008 in Zielona Gora, Poland. The conference gathered representatives from Polish psychological, medical, sexological, cultural, and political environments to discuss the challenges facing Poland in regarding various aspects of sexual health.

Professor Sanders' research, conducted in the United States and Scandinavia, addresses: sexual behavior; sexuality, sexual identity, and gender relations; sex differentiation; gender difference in psychological and physical development; effects of prenatal hormones and drugs on human development; women's health and well-being, menstruation, menopause, and the life cycle; and biopsychological perspectives on debates in feminist theory.

Instructing Gender Studies courses since 1995, her current research analyzes gendered dimensions of scientific research methodologies; the effects of oral contraceptives on sexuality and well-being in women; sexual behavior and risk for sexually transmitted diseases; and the long-term behavioral effects of prenatal exposure to drugs and hormones. Professor Sanders recently served as President of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, and has been a co-principal investigator on research grants from such agencies as the National Institute on Drug Abuse, and the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. Dr. Sanders recently won the Distinguished Scientific Achievement Award from the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality.

**PRESIDENTIAL PLENARY**

*Determinants Of Female Sexual Orgasms*

**Friday, November 13**

**Osmo Kontula, PhD**
Dr. Osmo Kontula is a Research Professor at Family Federation of Finland and University of Helsinki. He has been active in sexuality research and sexual science for 30 years. He has authored or edited over 350 publications, of which more than 30 books are of sexological issues and about one-hundred are book chapters. He has publications in ten languages. He has given over hundred talks at international conferences and seminars. Osmo Kontula is the current President of SSSS, a Member of Advisory Committee and a Chair of Sexuality Education Committee in the World Association for Sexual Health (WAS), and a full member of the International Academy of Sex Research (IASR). He is also an Associate Editor of the Journal of Sex Research (JSR). Previously he was General Secretary of the European Federation of Sexology (EFS) and President of the Nordic Association for Clinical Sexology (NACS). Kontula is a Fellow of SSSS and has received a Gold Medal from EFS.
WINER PLENARY

“Bringing Social Justice In: Notes from the Field”

Saturday, November 14th (AM)

Mandy Carter, Social Justice Activist

Mandy Carter is a southern African-American lesbian social justice activist with a 47-year movement history of social, racial and LGBT justice organizing since 1968. Raised in two orphanages and a foster home for her first 18 years as a ward of the state of New York, Ms. Carter attributes the influences of the Quaker-based American Friends Service Committee, the former Institute for the Study of Nonviolence, and the pacifist-based War Resisters League for her sustained multi-racial and multi-issue organizing. www.afsc.org  www.warresisters.org

But, it was specifically her participation in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. inspired 1968 Poor People’s Campaign organized by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) that solidified her sustained commitment to nonviolence. Resurrection City, on the National Mall in Washington, DC, was to have been Dr. King’s most dramatic appeal to the conscience of the nation, designed to call attention to the fact that thousands of American citizens - both white and black - continued to suffer poverty in the midst of plenty, The Poor People’s Campaign was the last project Dr. King was working on before his assassination in Memphis, TN on April 4, 1968.

In February 2016, Ms. Carter will be the Activist-In-Residence at Warren Wilson College. The two-week on campus program will be engaging with classes, their work crews, and giving a talk targeted to a campus audience. And, participating in a panel with a number of other local area activists in a large public event on “The Soul of Activist” Located in Asheville, NC, Warren Wilson is the country’s only liberal arts college with a national student body and integrated work and service programs. www.warren-wilson.edu

On May 15 of this year Ms. Carter received the Union Medal, the highest honor from the Union Theological Seminary, for her distinguished advocacy in both civil rights and LGBTQ justice. It was the first time ever that it was awarded to an out LGBT person. Also receiving the Union Medal that day was former Vice-President Al Gore for his public leadership on civil rights and on climate justice. Union Theological Seminary is a leading progressive seminary and voice for justice. www.utsnyc.edu

In March of this year, Ms. Carter helped organize diverse broad-based participation in the 50th Anniversary of the Selma-To-Montgomery Voting Rights Act activities that moved Congress to pass the 1965 Voting Rights Act that enfranchised hundreds of thousands of blacks across the South. President Obama and the First Family were in attendance, www.dreammarcheson.com

Ms. Carter is the national coordinator of the Bayard Rustin Commemoration Project of the National Black Justice Coalition. A national organizing effort to acknowledge, honor, and celebrate black gay civil rights activist Bayard Rustin. In 2013, the BRCP joined in the many activities marking the 50th anniversary of the historic 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom where Dr. King gave his iconic “I Have A Dream” speech. Bayard Rustin, key organizer of the 1963 March, received the 2013 Presidential Medal of Freedom (post-humously) from President Obama that was presented to his surviving partner Walter Naegle at the White House. Bayard Rustin dared to live as an openly gay man during his 60 years of activism. www.nbjc.org  www.rustin.org

Ms. Carter helped co-founded two groundbreaking organizations. Southerners On New Ground (SONG) and the National Black Justice Coalition (NBJC). SONG, founded in 1993, is about building progressive movement across the South by creating transformative models of organizing that connects race, class, culture, gender, sexual orientation and gender identity. Specifically, SONG integrates work against homophobia into freedom struggles in the South. She served as its Executive Director from 2003-2005. www.southernersonnewground.org

NBJC, founded in 2003, is a national civil rights organization dedicated to empowering Black lesbian,
gay, bisexual, and transgender people. NBJC’s mission is to end racism and homophobia. NBJC provides leadership at the intersection of national civil rights organizations and LGBT organizations. Advocating for the unique challenges and needs of the African-American LGBT community that are often relegated to the sidelines. History was made at the 100th Anniversary Convention of the NAACP in 2009 when they rolled out their **NAACP LGBT Equality Task Force**. A new partnership of the NAACP and NBJC. The LGBT Equality Task Force is comprised of seven members, and is co-chaired by former **NAACP National Chairman Julian Bond** and California NAACP Chair **Alice Huffman**. Both co-chairs have track records as champions of LGBT rights. [www.nbjc.org](http://www.nbjc.org)

Underscoring the importance of electoral politics in social change movements, Ms. Carter was one of the five national co-chairs of **Obama LGBT Pride**, the national LGBT infrastructure for Barack Obama’s historic 2008 presidential campaign and win. She had done the hard work of organizing grassroots networks, especially people of color throughout the South. In 2010, she was invited by the White House to attend President Obama’s speech at Forsyth Technical Community College in Winston-Salem, NC. Followed by the opportunity to meet and have a picture taken with him. She is also a former member of the **Democratic National Committee’s Black Caucus** and LGBT Caucus. [www.dnc.org](http://www.dnc.org)

Ms. Carter was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize as part of the **1000 Women for the Nobel Peace Prize 2005** in order to recognize, make visible and celebrate the impressive and valuable, yet often invisible peace work of thousands of women around the world. The 1000 women from 150 countries were guided in their work by nonviolence, integrity, and selflessness. The 1000th woman was called “anonyma” to stand for all of the nameless women whose work has been overlooked, and for those endangered women who set things in motion and bring about change but who must remain nameless. [www.1000peacewomen.org](http://www.1000peacewomen.org)

### DISTINGUISHED SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENT PLENARY

**Title – Coming Soon!**

**Saturday, November 14th (PM)**

**Robert A. Hatcher, MD, MPH**

Bob Hatcher started his career in family planning four decades ago as an EIS officer assigned to the Muscogee County (GA) Health Department. There he opened, ran, and evaluated the first publicly funded family planning program in rural Georgia.

After his initial year there, he pioneered a summer program with six interns. He continued to run a greatly expanded summer program for 30 years and provided effective mentorship for 600 students (high school, college, and medical school). For many eventual leaders in the family planning field, the experience was life-changing: the gateway into a career in sexual and reproductive health.

Bob next moved to the OB/GYN department at Emory University, where he remained until he retired. He ran the family planning program at Grady Memorial Hospital, and he worked regularly at the Emory student health service. In his early years at Emory, he started *Contraceptive Technology*, originally the notes for his lectures to medical students, and now a greatly expanded reference book currently in its 20th edition.

Twenty-five years ago, Bob started the annual *Contraceptive Technology* conferences, now held three times a year with roughly 2,000 attendees per year. Outside the summer program, Bob mentored young professionals, too. He held weekly lunches to attract residents and medical students to come listen to talks on family planning topics, subjects in which they otherwise would have received little or no training. In addition, Bob has for many years given countless talks on topics in reproductive health to clinical audiences around the country; he is a popular and effective speaker.
NAFSO PLENARY

Transgender Health Research Around the World: Beyond the Binary and Beyond Transition

Sunday, November 15th (AM)

Walter Bockting, PhD

Walter Bockting, PhD, is Professor of Medical Psychology (in Psychiatry and Nursing) and Co-Director of the LGBT Health Initiative, Division of Gender, Sexuality, and Health, Columbia Psychiatry and the Columbia University School of Nursing. He is also a Research Scientist with the New York State Psychiatric Institute. A native from the Netherlands, Dr. Bockting coordinated the Transgender Health Services at the University of Minnesota Medical School from 1991-2012. It was there that he developed a research program in transgender health and HIV prevention, funded by the National Institutes of Health, the American Foundation for AIDS Research, and the Minnesota Department of Health. Since joining the faculty of Columbia University Medical Center in the fall of 2012, he has continued this research program in New York City. He is currently the Principal Investigator of an NICHD-funded multi-site longitudinal study of transgender identity development across the lifespan, and continues his transgender HIV prevention research with funding from the MAC AIDS Fund and a number of other private foundations. Dr. Bockting served on the Institute of Medicine Committee that produced the IOM report on LGBT Health. He is a past president and fellow of SSSS as well as a past president of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health.