



The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality

50th Annual Meeting

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

SEXUAL LITERACY: HEALTH AND RIGHTS IN CULTURAL CONTEXT

November 5-8, 2009

Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico

The Westin Resort and Spa

In the 21st Century, the interconnected world of face-to-face and online relationships and social networks have the power to advance sexual literacy and well being globally. In the spirit of this idea, the SSSS is hosting its first meeting in Mexico and through this effort, is reaching out to build new connections with our dynamic and changing neighbors to the south. Mexico's extraordinary cultural traditions and rich and varied sexual cultures provide opportunities for learning about sexual literacy in other countries and latitudes. Sexual literacy enables such connections because of the positive approach that strives to create in each individual a complex set of abilities, both intellectual and emotional, needed to access, comprehend, critically evaluate, and effectively utilize the dominant sexual systems of a culture for personal, interpersonal, and communal development.

Such a vision is truly interdisciplinary, as it involves the intersection of disciplines that contribute to sexuality research and education from a variety of current and cutting edge angles. How do we achieve sexual happiness? How is sexual well being defined at each stage of the life course? What is the relationship between culture, individual sexuality, and community well being? What does it mean to have sexual responsibility for one's actions and to take care of the people in our lives? What role does the school play? The family? Faith? In its essence, sexual literacy is a journey, not a destination, which begins with the knowledge of the three Ps—Pregnancy, Pleasure, and Prevention, as Former Surgeon General Jocelyn Elders has said.

Like all forms of literacy, sexual knowledge is a historically and culturally specific continuum of learning for individuals in different contexts and communities, both in teaching and learning. However a culture defines it, becoming sexually literate touches every aspect of individual and community life and must be valued as a human right. Thus the subtheme of rights and health in cultural context expresses the importance of this year's first meeting in Mexico; the significance of a dialogue across cultural boundaries for all of North and South America; and research and education on Latino and Latin American sexualities, North-South relations, and recent achievements in Latin America in relation to sexual citizenship and sexual rights. We encourage submissions that focus on promoting sexual health and well-being

We encourage submissions that focus on female sexuality and these or related topics, but welcome submissions on other topics as well.

The official "Call" and accompanying guidelines will be posted on our web site www.sexscience.org in November 2008.

The deadline for submissions is May 1, 2009.

Program Co-Chairs:

Gilbert Herdt, PhD (kopeck.ncs@gmail.com), and Osmar Matsui- Santana Sc.Dr.

with associate chairs: Rita Melendez, PhD,
Héctor Carrillo, DrPH, and Chris White, PhD.



DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: MAY 1, 2009

Send electronic submissions to sexscience2009@gmail.com

*Questions can be sent to the SSSS office at:
SSSS, P.O. Box 416, Allentown, PA 18105*

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSIONS

All submissions will be reviewed by the SSSS Program Committee or the Continuing Education Committee. Those who submit proposals will be notified of the committee's decision by email in Spring 2008. Submissions will be considered in the following categories:

1. **Oral Presentations:** 20-30 minute format before an audience. If there are not sufficient presentations to organize a session on a particular topic, or if the topic seems to lend itself better to discussion, the abstract will be considered for a poster session. Submissions may be in English or Spanish
 2. **Symposia:** Three or four papers organized around a central theme. Abstract required at time of submission for each presentation included in symposia. Submissions may be in English or Spanish.
 3. **Pre-Conference or Post-Conference Continuing Education Session:** 3 hours or 6 hours learning session of research-based material designed to build new knowledge or skills for people at or beyond the doctoral level. Only in English
 4. **Concurrent Continuing Education Session:** 1 or 2 hours in professional learning session format of research-based material designed to build new knowledge or skills for people at or beyond the doctoral level—included as part of the concurrent sessions scheduled throughout the meeting. Only in English
 5. **Table Top Poster Sessions:** Presentation of research on a poster board for audience members to view. Presenters who choose this format are not eligible for best student paper award. No A.V. equipment is provided. Poster sessions will be scheduled at various times throughout the meeting. Table top posters may be presented in English or Spanish. Submissions may be received in English or Spanish.
 6. **Non-Traditional Forms of Presentation:** The Program Committee is open to other forms of presentation, which could include: photography, music, dance and other cultural media. Submission must include a theoretical or methodological aspect. Submissions may be received in English or Spanish.
- ❖ **ALL PRESENTERS ARE REQUIRED TO PRE-REGISTER, and PAY FULL REGISTRATION FOR THE MEETING.**
 - ❖ A student paper will be considered for the best student paper award if the student, as first author on the paper, indicates this preference on the cover sheet.
 - ❖ An LCD projector for hookup to presenter laptop will be provided to facilitate presentations. Presenters must bring their own laptops.
 - ❖ Special audio-visual equipment (movie projector, VCR, computer, translators, etc.) must be requested and paid for by the presenter.
 - ❖ Proposals and presentations must be made in the English language.
 - ❖ Our program will be posted on our website including author names, institutional affiliation, and abstracts.
 - ❖ Author contact information will be made available to all participants at the Annual Meeting.

PROPOSALS MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

1. A completed copy of the Presenter's Submission Cover Sheet. (see next page) (signature is assumed on email)
2. One attached file of a 500-1000 word abstract that will provide adequate information for peer reviewers to evaluate the merits of the submission. Name this file as "last name of the first author" - long abstract. No names or affiliations should appear on this abstract. For **empirical reports** the author should provide a statement of the problem or hypotheses addressed by the research; subjects, procedures, and measurements employed; data analysis methods; results; and a brief discussion. For **theoretical papers**, the abstract may be less structured. For **Continuing Education**, the abstract should describe the structure of the session in detail, including steps that will be taken to protect the participants from harm or embarrassment. *For continuing education, the abstract must also be accompanied by a vita for each presenter and one specific learning objective per hour.*
3. One attached file of a brief abstract for publication in the program and on our website, single-spaced, and not more than 150 words in length. Name this file as "last name of the first author-brief abstract." You must include the paper title and author's name and affiliation.
4. In the email subject line, please type *2009 Annual Meeting Abstract #1* and your last name. If you are submitting more than one proposal, submit them in separate emails, and subsequently number the proposals accordingly.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THIS MEETING, CONTACT:

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2009 PRESENTATION SUBMISSION COVERSHEET

Complete this form and include with your submission

1. TYPE OF PRESENTATION:

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| _____ 1. Oral Presentation–20-30 minute format | _____ 4. Concurrent CE Learning Session–2 hrs |
| <u> </u> English <u> </u> Spanish | _____ 5. Table Top Poster Session |
| _____ 2. Symposium | <u> </u> English <u> </u> Spanish |
| <u> </u> English <u> </u> Spanish | _____ 6. Non-Traditional Presentation |
| _____ 3. Pre-conference or Post-conference CE Professional Learning Session | |

TITLE OF PRESENTATION _____

2. NAME OF PRINCIPAL PRESENTER/ORGANIZER: _____

Highest Degree Earned: _____ **Affiliation:** _____

3. IS THIS A STUDENT PRESENTATION? No Yes (if yes, please answer next two questions)

Are you a full-time student? No Yes

Do you wish to have your paper considered for the student award? No Yes

4. MAILING ADDRESS _____

Phone: (W) _____ **(H)** _____ **Email:** _____

5. CO-AUTHORS, SYMPOSIUM MEMBERS, ETC. (Names, Affiliations, Degrees)

6. Have you presented a similar paper at a SSSS Regional/Annual Meeting? No Yes

If yes, when and how will this presentation differ? _____

7. SSSS will provide an LCD projector for each session. You will need to provide your own laptop computer. You may request additional AV equipment (for which you will be billed) below:

Additional AV requested for which you will be billed is: _____

If you have a disability need for special AV equipment, please contact the SSSS office.

8. Acceptance of Responsibility: By submitting this proposal, you are agreeing that if it is accepted, you will present it or arrange for a qualified substitute in your place. You acknowledge that you, and all co-presenters will pay for the full conference registration fee should your presentation proposal be accepted, and that travel, hotel and other expenses you may incur related to the conference are your responsibility.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

*If submitting electronically, no signature is needed. The submission coming from your email will serve as your signature.

9. Submit this form and the appropriate abstracts and cover sheets as outlined under the attached *Guidelines for Submission* to: sexscience2009@gmail.com

****No submissions will be accepted by fax or mail! WE REQUIRE ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS!** Submissions should be sent to sexscience2009@gmail.com. You may paste the coversheet into the body of your email or download it from the web at www.sexscience.org and attach it. If you do not receive an email confirmation within one week, please resubmit.

ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2009

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