

CALL FOR PAPERS

# Child, Adolescent, and Elder Sexual Expression

## — Countering Myth with Scientific Fact

A Three-Day Exploration of What We Know and What We Need to Know about Sexual Expression at Both Ends of the Lifespan

### Eastern and Midcontinent Regions of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality Atlanta, Georgia — November 3–6, 2005

The J.W. Marriott Lenox Hotel  
Distinguished Faculty

- **Vern Bullough** (*Science in the Bedroom*) will be accepting the Eastern Region's John Money award and will speak about the history of attitudes toward child/adolescent sexual expression in the U.S. from colonial times.
- **Mitch Katine** (*Lawrence v. Texas*) will speak about law and child/adolescent sexual expression.
- **Patricia Koch** (*Human Sexuality*) will speak about sexuality of older women.
- **Michael W. Ross** (*HIV/AIDS and Sexuality*) is organizing a symposium about sex on the Internet.
- **Ritch C. Savin-Williams** (*Mom, Dad, I'm Gay.: How Families Negotiate Coming Out*) will speak on homoerotic development among gay/lesbian adolescents.
- **Deborah Tolman** (*Dilemmas of Desire: Teenage Girls Talk About Sexuality*) will speak on gender expectations among adolescents.
- The Midcontinent Region's honoree for its **Kinsey Award** will also present, but the awardee is yet to be announced.

Many of our cultural leaders and politicians presume that children, adolescents, and the elderly are asexual. For example, \$700 million in funding for abstinence-until-marriage “sexuality education” programs have led to these programs being taught in 58 percent of our schools nationwide. In the vast majority of social, health care, and institutional settings, sexual abstinence is also presumed and/or enforced for older citizens who are married, unmarried, widowed, straight, gay, or bisexual.

The Eastern Region of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality invites papers that will illuminate our understanding of child, adolescent, and elder sexualities and sexual expression, the effects of current myths and stereotypes, and the resulting social policies that affect these populations. We invite sexuality scientists, educators, and clinicians to join us in a presentation of papers to illustrate the ways in which human sexual expression may be beneficial or harmful to individuals at the extreme ends of the lifespan in our society. Here are some of the questions we invite you to explore with us:

- What is normative sex play among children? Among adolescents? Among the elderly?
- Are there impediments to finding out what is normative for these populations? What are they? How do we overcome them?
- In what ways are these normative behaviors healthy for these populations?
- What is sexual abuse? How much child-predation occurs online?
- What are the effects of criminalizing sexual behavior among the young?
- Do we need to protect children from online predators? How?
- How do we convey sex-positive attitudes to the media, general public, and our peers?
- Have new technologies affected our perceptions about sex?
- Are there psychosocial benefits in abstinence until marriage?
- Are there differences in the health of the sexually active and the sexually abstinent?

We look forward to receiving your submission on these and other topics concerning sexuality, and look forward to another lively, provocative, and informing Eastern Midcontinent Region SSSS conference.

**Conference Chair** — Jeffrey Parsons Ph.D., Psychology Department, Hunter College, New York, NY  
**Program Chair** — Jon Knowles, Director, Public Information, Planned Parenthood Federation of America  
**President** — Jim Beers Ph.D., John Jay College/CUNY, Private Practice, New York, NY

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**1. Type of Presentation:** Check one. If you are submitting more than one proposal, use separate forms.

\_\_\_\_\_ **BRIEF PRESENTATION:** about 30 minutes — research, examination of theory, or other findings

\_\_\_\_\_ **CONTINUING EDUCATION WORKSHOP:** three hour presentation by individuals with expertise in areas of interest to others. In addition to an abstract (see below), include a list of learning objectives, a learning evaluation, and vita.

\_\_\_\_\_ **PLENARY:** about 90 minutes — research, examination of theory, or other findings

**2. Title:**

**3. Presenter(s):** Name(s), highest degree(s) completed, affiliation(s) — will appear in the program in the order given below.

**4. Contact Person:** Name, address, phone number, and e-mail

**5. Audio-Visual Equipment Required:** \_\_\_overhead projector (other equipment —slide projector PowerPoint set up — must be self-provided)

**6. Is the Presenter a Student?** \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

**7. Declaration:** I hereby certify (a) that if this presentation is accepted, I will deliver it or arrange for its delivery should I be unable to attend and (b) that all presenters will register for the conference.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Submission by mail for anonymous review:**

- one copy of this cover sheet
- four copies of your abstract for committee evaluation — 500 to 1,500 words
- two copies of an abbreviation of the abstract to be printed in the conference program — 100 to 150 words. Include the title of the presentation and presenters' names, degrees completed, and affiliations
- two self-addressed, stamped envelopes OR your e-mail address
- mail to Jon Knowles., SSSS-ER, Program Chair, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, 434 West 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, New York, NY 10001; phone: 212-261-4653; e-mail: [jon.knowles@ppfa.org](mailto:jon.knowles@ppfa.org); fax: 212-868-4692

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**Deadline:** Proposals must be received by **May 1, 2005.**

If you do not submit a proposal, but you want to receive a preliminary program and registration materials, e-mail: [jon.knowles@ppfa.org](mailto:jon.knowles@ppfa.org)

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