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## FROM THE PRESIDENT: ON THE SHOULDERS OF A GIANT—ALBERT ELLIS



SSSS was built on the shoulders of giants, and one of them, Albert Ellis passed away on July 24<sup>th</sup>. Ellis formulated the name, the Society for the Scientific Study of Sex, in 1950 and went about organizing the leading sexologists of the time into such a group. Some 47 professionals were willing to become charter members. (Now Ira Reiss is the only living charter member). Albert Ellis became the first president in 1958 and the rest is history. We are the oldest on-going sexuality organization in the U.S. We certainly owe a great debt of gratitude to the pioneering vision and perseverance of our founder.

Al was unabashedly dedicated to learning and communicating about sexuality. Regarding his own sexuality, he wrote: "When I went to school, I found that climbing ropes in gym could also lead to genital joy. So, though I generally hated gym, I became quite a rope climber" (Bullough et al, 1997, p. 131). He quickly learned, however, that most people did not share his enthusiasm about

sexual learning. For example, the 1000 page, single-spaced tome that he wrote in the 1940s titled "The Case for Promiscuity" was regarded as too liberal for its time and was not published until 1965. The original dissertation that he had written for his Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Teachers College on "The Love Emotions of College-Level Women" was scrutinized at a special seminar to which the 13 members of the clinical psych department and the provost of the college attended. While 12 of the attendees voted in favor of acceptance of his research, two others were so opposed to his topic, they vowed to block any research on love, sex, or any related topic. Thus, Al persevered in obtaining his Ph.D. by conducting research on "A Comparison of the Use of Direct and Indirect Phrasing in Personality Questionnaires." But he got the last laugh when his first dissertation spawned seven pioneering articles and his many books, including *Sex Without Guilt* (1958) and *The Art and Science of Love* (1963) sold millions of copies. This should give hope to young sexologists who may be facing similar struggles with their

choice of research emphasis.

Considered the Father of Rational Emotive Behavioral Therapy (REBT), Al applied it to his own life as a sexologist. He remarked that I "taught myself that it is great to be loved and approved by other people, including members of one's own profession, but that it is far from necessary...Without following it [REBT] myself, I might well have given up being a sexologist and merely have stayed with the safer aspects of psychotherapy and counseling" (Ibid, p. 136). Naomi McCormick, also a past president of SSSS and a student of Ellis, shares a personal exchange that she had with him: "I will never forget his guidance when I was distressed because I thought one of my patients would attempt suicide following a therapeutic intervention. He said that any effective therapy was like surgery; if it could help a great deal, there was also a significant risk. He asked if I wanted to live my life doing things that might make a difference but held risk or be cautious and unlikely to be effective." Naomi lauds Ellis as being "a leader by taking risks to make a difference in human lives, instead of standing back

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and being swallowed by the status-quo.”

When asked if he had his life to live over again, would

he still choose the field of sexology as one of his major pursuits, he answered an emphatic “Definitely!” Each

and every one of us should be proud to stand on the shoulders of Albert Ellis in continuing to take risks as

sex researchers, counselors, therapists, and educators to improve the human condition.

**Patricia Barthalow Koch, Ph.D.**

## DON'T MISS OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING IN NOVEMBER!

To celebrate its upcoming one-half century anniversary, SSSS returns to the Midwest, home of some major historical and current centers of sex research, including The Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender, and Reproduction. The upcoming annual meeting, *50th Anniversary: Honoring Our Past and Envisioning Our Future*, to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, November 7-11, 2007, promises to be an extraordinary event that SSSS members will not want to miss. We have received a record number of submissions for this conference and are pleased to be able to provide 15 concurrent sessions with 6 papers in each as well as two poster sessions. In addition,

there will be 19 continuing education sessions, 5 are pre-conference workshops, 7 symposia, and a plethora of exciting plenary presentations.

In keeping with our theme of celebrating the past and envisioning the future, in addition to some noted SSSS speakers (John DeLamater, Bill Fisher, Julia Heiman, Pat Koch) and a world-renowned sexual historian (Gail Hawkes from Australia), we have invited a couple of researchers relatively early in their careers who are doing research in unique, cutting-edge areas to give plenary presentations (Emily Oster, Christine Robinson). Stephanie Sanders has been invited to speak in recognition of her

SSSS Distinguished Scientific Achievement Award, and Jim Kohl will be discussing the research for which he has received the FSSS Ira and Harriet Reiss Theory Award.

We will also have some special programming for students, a salute to past SSSS Presidents, a visit by the Kinsey children, tours of the nearby Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender, and Reproduction at Indiana University, and recognition of emerging professionals. On top of all of this, there will be a Celebration Luncheon, a big 50<sup>th</sup> birthday blowout for SSSS, and a reception at the Herron School of Art and Design highlighting photographic art from The Kinsey

Institute in an exhibit entitled *Expressive Bodies*, featuring a presentation by Claude Cookman.

The meeting will be held at Hyatt Regency Indianapolis. The Preliminary Program with registration information is available on the SSSS website ([www.sexscience.org](http://www.sexscience.org)). For the first time registration can be completed online! The conference block of rooms at the Hyatt is sold out, but rooms are available at the conference rate (\$149) at the Omni Severin Hotel (1-800-843-6664). Make your reservations quickly, as there is a great deal of interest in this very special meeting.

**Terri Fisher & Bill Yarber**

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting Program Co-Chairs

## NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SSSS Members:

The Preliminary Program for our 50th Anniversary Annual Meeting- “**Honoring our Past and Envisioning our Future**” in Indianapolis, IN is now posted on our web site at <http://www.sexscience.org/uploads/media/2007-AM-Prelim-Program-22.pdf>

You should have received a

hard copy of the preliminary program in the mail.

You may download a hard copy of the registration form only if you care to mail or fax it in, or, for the first time in our history, you may register online at <https://www.sexscience.org/events/registration.php>

In other news, the SSSS Elec-

tion ballots for the Society and Regional election of officers will be mailed soon in accordance with the constitutional changes that the membership voted to adopt. Please return your ballots noting the quick turnaround time this year.

Finally, the deadline for "Budding & Blossoming Professionals" nominations has been extended to September

15th. Please call or email the SSSS office for a copy of the pamphlet or see the previous issue of Sexual Science( page 6) for the nomination criteria.

Hope to see you all In Indy!

**David L. Fleming, M.S.**

Executive Director  
The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality

## AN INTERVIEW WITH TOM MAZUR, PSYD, SSSS FELLOW

People routinely tell Tom Mazur the most personal things, things they wouldn't tell another soul. What helps them open up? Mazur's soothing Southern voice or his easy-going manner? His quiet confidence or his decades of research and practice?



Tom Mazur, PsyD, SSSS Fellow

He says the answer is far less complicated: "I'm very non-threatening and non-judgmental, so people don't find it too difficult to talk to me."

His approachability is important because Mazur works with children as a pediatric clinical psychologist at the Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo. He also is a clinical associate professor of both psychology and pediatrics at State University of New York at Buffalo School of Medicine.

Mazur focuses on three

populations: children, adolescents, and some adults with endocrine issues and genital anomalies; adults and teens with gender issues as well as children with gender identity disorder; and teens in the Program for the Management of Sexually Inappropriate Behavior, which is funded by the New York Division of Youth and Family Services.

Good communication is essential to his work, which often entails imparting potentially difficult information to patients and parents. He encourages medical students to practice the skill even in small ways, like referring to atypical genitalia as a *disorder of sexual development* (DSD) rather than as a *birth defect*.

"I enjoy imparting information about the areas I've been trained in – sexual and endocrine functioning – and helping give people information in a manner they can understand," said Mazur.

Mazur recalls the mother of a young patient diagnosed with a DSD. Explains Mazur, "She was frazzled, so I educated her over a period of time about her child's condition. Once she understood the situation, her anxiety went down, and she was then able to interact with her daughter in a more nurturing and calm manner. Eventually, she was able to educate her child about her endocrine condi-

tion in a positive way. It's good to be able to impart this information so it doesn't seem so freaky," said Mazur.

Untangling sexual histories is a big part of his work, as evidenced by the case study of an adult who sought Mazur's help. At age eight, he was involved sexually with male cousins and relatives who introduced heterosexual pornography into their sex play over the course of six years.

"This led to his sexual imagery of females but sexual activity with males. He eventually married and began to have homosexual fantasies, and when his son was still-born, he felt God was punishing him. When you can give someone like this some help, it's rewarding. With therapy, he was alleviated of some of the pain he felt," explains Mazur.

Mazur began his career in a round-about manner. As an undergrad at Saint Louis University, he considered law but was told his personality would limit him to family court. The son of a professional baseball player, Mazur dreamed of a similar career but lacked sufficient talent.

An interest in human behavior led him to enter Baylor University's Experimental Psychology program, and by 1975, he had earned a PsyD while juggling classes and military service.

Mazur visited John Money's clinic at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He returned for a summer clerkship, which led to a one-year post-doctoral position followed by a four-year job.

Mazur says Money was very demanding of himself and of those who worked for him. He was not easy to work with at times, and employees had to be resilient, but the learning experience was invaluable and the atmosphere was intellectually challenging.

Other professional influences include the Jesuits at Saint Louis University, who encouraged Mazur to help others and who were willing to discuss the challenges of the Church's stance on sexuality. During his career, Mazur has had the privilege of knowing SSSS members who have influenced sexology both nationally and internationally. A few of these individuals are Julia Heiman, Richard Green, Clive Davis, Harry Benjamin, Vern Bullough, John Bancroft, Eli Coleman, Anke Ehrhardt, Sandra Leiblum, and Bill Stayton.

Reviewing his career in light of cultural shifts, Mazur is concerned about an over-reaction to sexually offending behavior resulting in many individuals, children and adolescents especially, being labeled as sexual offenders. More often than not, he says,

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the label is incorrect.

"I'm very concerned about what I'd perceive as an over-reaction by registering people. I understand the issue of protecting children, but people ask me if I'll do a sexual offender evaluation of a seven year-old," says Mazur, adding, "The general conservatism doesn't bode well. I get calls about a kid kissing

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someone, and I have to ask, 'Where's the problem?'"

"It's almost a backlash. Teens labeled as having sexual problems have to register on the adult registry. And often, what passes as treatment is really punitive, and treatment should never be punitive," Mazur says.

He cautions all sexologists and others in the helping professions to guard against becoming extensions of the

legal system when providing service to individuals with sexual problems, especially paraphilias. He says that scientists and clinicians do not share the same universe of discourse with the legal system. The language of the first two groups is non-judgmental, focused on exploration and discovery, and healing. The language of the legal system is judgmental, judicial, and punitive.

On the up-side, Mazur sees increasing numbers of patients diagnosed with a DSD speaking out about their condition and how they were treated by professionals.

"They say they weren't talked to by the medical profession or that they were lied to, which perpetuates shame and embarrassment. The more light that can be shined on it is to the good," says Mazur. Furthermore, he says, the medical profession has been reassigning the management of such conditions.

To that end, Mazur particularly enjoys training second-year medical residents about sexual disorders and paraphilias. He graciously

offers suggestions to student members of SSSS, as well:

"First, you have to be comfortable with the subject matter, which ranges from anatomy to sexual practices, gender issues, to tolerance, non-judgmentalism, and appreciation for human beings," he says.

"Second, even if you're working with sex offenders, you have to have respect for the human being while acknowledging the person has a problem. They are usually embarrassed and have a hard time discussing this stuff. You don't get anywhere by treating them as less than human," says Mazur.

"Third, you need to learn how to interview and ask questions in a way that gives the individual permission to talk about the most private aspects of his life; and fourth, you have to like what you do," he says.

Mazur was SSSS secretary during the presidential tenures of John Money and Dick Green, and he is proud of the organization and the contributions its members have made to the field of sexuality.

"We need people in this area of human existence to provide good quality scientific investigation and care. Kinsey, Money, and Masters and Johnson were looked at as strange and had to buck the system. They took on the taboos and paid a price for it, but because of what they did, we've gotten this field out of the closet," says Mazur.

Mazur believes that one of the most important things today's sexuality professionals can do is to help individuals, including children and adolescents, put sex into perspective.

"Sex becomes bigger than life when no one talks about it. Sure, it's embedded in your human existence, but it's not the be all and end all. It's a vital and profound aspect of existence that needs to find its proper home," says Mazur.

About the Author: Melanie Davis is a doctoral student in human sexuality education at Widener University. She owns Honest Exchange LLC, a sexuality consulting and resource development company in Central New Jersey. She is a columnist and wrote *Sexuality Talking Points: A Guide Toward Thoughtful Conversation Between Parents and Children*. [www.honestexchange.com](http://www.honestexchange.com)

## IDEAS FOR ANNUAL REVIEW OF SEX RESEARCH?

Is there a particular topic that you would like to see critically reviewed in the Annual Review of Sex Research?

Is there a particular author

whom you would like to review a body of literature?

The Annual Review is always seeking interesting topics for critical review by established

researchers and intellectuals in the field. If you have an idea, please share it with the editor, David Rowland, by emailing [david.rowland@valpo.edu](mailto:david.rowland@valpo.edu).



## THE JOB MARKET

**COMMUNITY EDUCATOR /  
OUTREACH WORKER -**

Planned Parenthood of Delaware searching for motivated self-starters to provide sexuality & reproductive health education and outreach services to underserved populations. Bachelor's deg min req. Experience doing outreach education w/ low-income African-American populations a plus. Transportation required. Strong commitment to the mission of Planned Parenthood is essential. EOE. Send resume and salary reqs to Planned Parenthood of Delaware, 625 Shipley St., Wilm, DE 19801 or fax to 302-655-1907 or [hr@ppde.org](mailto:hr@ppde.org)

**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR/  
INSTRUCTOR/LECTURER IN  
HEALTH EDUCATION**

LaGuardia Community College seeks person to teach courses in Human Sexuality, Drugs and Behavior, and AIDS in New York City. For Lecturer: MA required. For Instructor: MA required and significant progress toward the doctorate. For Assistant Professor: Ph.D. required. College teaching experience required. Experience in program development preferred. Salary: Commensurate with experience. For more information, contact: Herb Samuels, PhD, Professor of Human Sexuality, [hsamuels@lagcc.cuny.edu](mailto:hsamuels@lagcc.cuny.edu)

**FELLOWSHIP IN SEXUAL  
HEALTH**

The Center of Excellence for Sexual Health seeks applicants for its 2008-2009 Fellowship Program. Fellowship tenure runs from Sept. 2, 2008 to July 3, 2009. Fellows are expected to reside in the Atlanta area for the duration of fellowship tenure. Stipend: \$35,000 plus health care coverage. Applicants must hold at least a BA/BS or its equivalent obtained from an accredited US or foreign university at the time of the application deadline. Applications are available beginning Sept. 15, 2007, at [cesh.msm.edu](http://cesh.msm.edu).

**ADVANCED ASSOCIATE/FULL  
PROFESSOR IN GENDER  
STUDIES**

The Department of Gender Studies at Indiana University-Bloomington seeks senior scholar specializing in feminist work on gender/sexuality and race/racialization and ethnicity. Candidates working on interdisciplinary, intersectional analyses of gender/sexuality/race/ethnicity in the context of US culture and politics are especially sought. An active record of scholarship and teaching is necessary. For more information see the job posting at: <http://www.indiana.edu/~deanfac/baalist.html>

**Members: A list of current jobs and educational opportunities in sexuality is available on the SSSS website:**

[http://www.sexscience.org/resources/index.php?category\\_id=493](http://www.sexscience.org/resources/index.php?category_id=493)

## SSSS MEMBER FILM FESTIVAL AWARD WINNER!



The New York International Independent Film and Video

Festival (NYIIFVF) recently announced the winners from their summer film extravaganza that took place in New

York, July 19-26. SSSS Member and member of the SSSS Board of Directors, Mark Schoen, won the Best Direc-

tor of a Documentary (Short) for his film "XXX Marriage." Congratulations, Mark!

## WEB CHAIR REPORT

By the time you see this, you will have seen the Preliminary Program for the Annual Meeting and the online registration form, which has been developed by our Web provider team, plus David Fleming, Mandy Peters and myself. The cost of this development was paid by a grant from FSSS. A few members

joined in to beta test the forms during the last week prior to settling on the final configuration of the software. The big benefit of all this work is that now all registration, for all future meetings, including regional ones, can be done online. Payments will be processed electronically unless you choose to pay by

check. Your basic data will be stored online so when you return for another meeting the form will fill in for you. Credit card data will NOT be stored once it is processed.

I will be completing my term on the Board in November, so if you are interested in becoming the Web Chair or

Web team member, please let me and Pat Koch know. Your help will be appreciated.

**Dave Hall**  
**Air-**  
**safe1@comcast.net**  
**Web Committee Chair**



## IN THE NEWS

**Over 200 reasons to have sex, study says**

An article published in the Archives of Sexual Behavior explores "Why Humans Have Sex." Researchers Cindy Meston and David Buss collected data from almost 2000 participants (predominantly undergraduate students) regarding their reasons for having sex. Men's and women's highest rated reasons were highly similar, with "I was attracted

to the person," "I wanted to experience the physical pleasure," and "It feels good" taking the top three spots. Article available at: <http://homepage.psy.utexas.edu/homepage/group/BussLAB/pdffiles/why%20humans%20have%20sex%202007.pdf>

**Brazil to provide free sex-change operations**

Brazil's public health system will begin providing free sex-change operations in compli-

ance with a court order, the Health Minister said. Federal prosecutors had argued that sexual reassignment surgery is covered under a constitutional clause guaranteeing medical care as a basic right. It will be up to local health officials to decide who qualifies for the surgery. Patients must be at least 21 years old and diagnosed as transsexualis with no other personality disorders.

**Canadian magazine speaks out against HPV vaccine**

A Maclean's magazine (Canada's only national weekly current affairs magazine) cover story suggests that mass HPV inoculation could be unnecessary and potentially dangerous, citing purported deadly side effects and a lack of adequate testing. Article available at: [http://www.macleans.ca/science/health/article.jsp?content=20070827\\_108312\\_108312](http://www.macleans.ca/science/health/article.jsp?content=20070827_108312_108312)

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## SSSS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS!

*At the June Board of Directors meeting, the following new members were approved. Welcome to SSSS everyone!*

Jason Whitesel, M.S., ABD  
 Amy L. Hequembourg, Ph.D.  
 Heather Meggers-Wright, Ph.D.  
 Derek Smolenski, MPH  
 Rose Marie Kunaszuk, MSN  
 Charles Flinton, Ph.D.  
 Andrew K, Lavin, B.S.  
 Ric Topolski, Ph.D.  
 Amy E. Stapleford, M.Ed.  
 Harvey Vuong, M.S.  
 Yoshi Kubota, M.D., Ph.D.  
 Stacy Weibley, MPA  
 Jennifer Fariello  
 Melissa Kew, M.A.  
 Rebecca Schacht, M.S.  
 Roberta Rosskam, MSW

Ada Diaconu-Muresan, M.A.  
 Desiree Sharpe  
 Brea Burger  
 Joan Israel  
 Brier Jirka, B.A.  
 Natasha Feingold, B.A.  
 Dawn Kearns  
 Julie M. Freedman, MSN  
 David A. Reeb  
 Christopher M. Fisher  
 Amy Muise  
 Szezana Vrangalova  
 Stacey Jacobs  
 Anna Pecoraro, M.A.  
 Robert Clark, B.A.  
 Kathy Kelly  
 Jody Myers  
 Nancy Elkins, B.A.  
 Lindsey Grace Frizzell  
 Marta Garbos, Psy.D.  
 Jake Zbacnik  
 Jeanette Fong  
 Sharon A. Rachel, M.A., MPH  
 William J. Richards, M.Div.  
 Shannon Lawless  
 Justin Hauxwell, M.D.  
 Jodie S. Fisher  
 Elizabeth Saewyc, Ph.D.  
 Monica Burke, M.A.  
 Virginia Ann Cylke, Ph.D.  
 Marcia Garcia, M.S.  
 Krystal S. Frieson, B.S.

Huei-Hsia Wu, Ph.D.  
 Miguel Munoz-Laboy  
 Taggert Brooks  
 Viviana Arango  
 Jennifer Cline, A.A.  
 Kathryn Bieda, B.A.  
 Beth Fischgrund  
 Lara Marsters  
 Cyé Hoffman, Ph.D.  
 Maressa J. Murray, Ph.D.  
 Stephanie Buehler  
 A. Kenneth Chiancone, Jr.  
 Art Tigranyan  
 Mila Alper  
 Lyudmila Prokhiy  
 Richard J. Novic, M.D.  
 Lea Thaler, B.A.  
 Maria Soledad Falabella, Ph.D.  
 Colleen Tracey-Fisher, MSW  
 Christine McGinn, D.O.  
 Megan Jo Andelloux, B.S.  
 Deanna Frey, M.S.  
 Geertrui M. Spaepen, M.A.  
 Siobhan M. Cooney, M.S.  
 Lara Eschler, M.A., M.Sc.  
 Tracy Schlenker  
 Margaret A. Lowe  
 Sara Nasserzadeh, M.Sc.  
 Terri Lyn Messman-Moore, Ph.D.  
 Richard de Visser, Ph.D.  
 Patti Britton, Ph.D.  
 Chad Thompson, M.S.

Lynn David Yankowski, Ph.D.  
 Marta Meana, Ph.D.  
 Sigmund Hough  
 N. Tatiana Masters  
 Lisa Smylie, M.A.  
 Thurla Moore  
 Christian Grov  
 Dawn Baunach  
 Elisabeth Sheff  
 Natalie Wood  
 Leah Kliger  
 Sayaka Adachi, M.S.  
 Hernando Chaves  
 Barb Brents, Ph.D.  
 Jennifer P. Yovanov  
 Allison Caras  
 Hilary A. Buckelew  
 Sarah Calabrese  
 Laurie Legocki, M.S.  
 Moon-Sook Son, B.A.  
 Jon A. Sefcek  
 Yolanda Turner, M.A.  
 Darrell L. Robinson II  
 Andrea Parrot, Ph.D.  
 Santiago Cedres, M.D.  
 Heather Powers, M.S.  
 Courtney Boyer, B.A.  
 Melissa Travis, M.L.S.  
 Rose Marie Ward, Ph.D.  
 Brittany M. Charlton  
 Michelle Meadows, Ph.D.  
 Michael Ian Rothernberg, Ph.D.

## THE KINSEY INSTITUTE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Kinsey Institute is gearing up for the SSSS annual meeting in our state capital, and hope that many of you will be able to attend some of the special events we have planned.

For students, we invite you to hop on the bus before the meetings really get going for an afternoon talk and tour. The rest of you might find time to come on down for

one of our scheduled tours during the meeting.

Are you familiar with the Kinsey Institute library? If not, you might want to peruse our catalog <http://www.kinseyinstitute.org/library/kicat.html> to see if there are items that you really need for your research project. Or check out the archival collections for some ideas for a new project: <http://www.kinseyinstitute.org/library/archives.html>.

[www.kinseyinstitute.org/library/archives.html](http://www.kinseyinstitute.org/library/archives.html). There are treasures here that you may want to uncover, research and publish. If you would like to use the library while you are in Indiana, please contact Shawn Wilson in advance, [libknsy@Indiana.edu](mailto:libknsy@Indiana.edu), for information and authorization. We'd love to have you, but need to know in ad-

vance.

Then on Saturday evening, don't miss [Expressive Bodies](#) at the Herron School of Art and Design Gallery, close to the meeting site. It is spectacular, and Claude Cookman's talk on viewing photography enriches the experience.

See you in November!

**Jennifer Bass**

## NEWS FROM THE WESTERN REGION

We are on a roll for our participation in the Annual Meeting and our WR meeting in April, 2008. We expect a good turnout of Western Folk in Indianapolis, even though we are not very used to Midwest Winter Weather (MWW). Since it is a birthday party, we will bring our dancing boots, but we will also be looking forward to great

speakers and CE sessions and fun meeting the rest of the SSSS family.

Our meeting in San Diego is on the front burner, with the Call for Papers going out soon and some special speakers in discussion with Janice Epp and Jack Morin, the program team. The theme is "Sexual Healing: Self and Society" and this

gives us a wide open field for good submissions, so get ready to respond. Of course, we will not have MWW but good old San Diego Spring Weather (SDSW) courtesy of Mary Bontorin and Bill Balliet, the conference team, so be sure to bring the swim suit and other fun stuff. The dates are April 10-13, 2008, and the location is the Kona Kai.

Call 1-800-566-2524 and make your reservation now.

It has been pretty quiet out here with no meeting this spring, but people have been working hard to develop to the best meeting possible for 2008. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Dave Hall**

**WR President**

## SSSS MEMBERSHIP APPROVE CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

The proposed amendments to the SSSS Constitution by the Board of Directors were overwhelmingly adopted by the members who cast ballots back in March/April. Changes included revising the nominating process to allow for only one candidate to stand for election (no

longer requiring contested races which often discouraged good candidates). The regional board representation was also changed eliminating one board rep and replacing that position with the President-Elect from the region. This allows the regional presidents to

have more interaction with the Society Board. Finally, the option of future electronic balloting was also approved.

The complete and amended copy of the SSSS Constitution can be found on the Society's web site at

[www.sexscience.org](http://www.sexscience.org); click on "About SSSS" then Constitution.



## A GREAT RESOURCE FOR SEX EDUCATORS FROM SIECUS



The Sex Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS) has launched a new website to support sex educators. The website, [www.sexedlibrary.org](http://www.sexedlibrary.org), is host to a myriad of lesson plans

covering topics from masturbation to gender roles and puberty. Also available are current statistics and other information on condoms, pregnancy, STDs, sexual behavior and program efficacy. Organizations which

provide professional development opportunities for sex educators are also posted. To have your lecture or lesson plan included on the site, contact SIECUS at <http://www.sexedlibrary.org/contactus.html>.

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We are pleased to announce the new SSSS listserv for Members Only. Simply go to the website below to sign up. Your membership status will be checked and then you will receive a confirmation email.

[http://www.sexscience.org/membersonly/index.php?category\\_id=2032](http://www.sexscience.org/membersonly/index.php?category_id=2032)  
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Please contact the SSSS office if you have any questions.

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