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Konnie McCaffree, PhD, SSSS President

For many of us in the field of sexology this is an exciting time. The 2008 election for the new U.S. President motivated many of our younger generation to take an active interest in the political process and in volunteering. Even the world-wide reaction to Barak Obama's win created energy toward the possibility of change. Whether this change will be positive for sexologists and sexology has yet to be seen, but it gives us hope, excitement and energy.

At the same time the economy and various conflicts in values around the world clearly create challenges not only for government leaders but for us as well. Recession impacts us all whether or not we live in the

U.S.

Our professional organization is also facing both challenges and change. In the past year the BOD has identified areas that need change. We have a new Acting Executive Director, Janet Rosenzweig, who in concert with our Treasurer, Jean Levitan, has made many changes to the way we keep records, control spending, and implement fiscal policies.

We are developing a new website which we hope will be ready early in 2009. This new site should propel SSSS into technological advancements that will allow us to communicate with each other more readily. If you have suggestions for ways to make the website more consumer-friendly or create more connections between members and The Society, please email me with your ideas. One of our goals was to be able to renew memberships on line without having to print out the forms and send them in. Though we don't have a new website as yet we do NOW have that capability, and we hope that many of you will take advantage of this simple way to continue

with your membership and support your professional organization.

The Annual Meeting in Puerto Rico was a success on many levels. We weren't sure that our membership would travel that distance for a meeting, with the economy as it has been in the past year. You did and we thank you.

I know that some of you who attended noted that we began the cost cutting that will continue to be necessary in order for non-profit organizations like ours to keep meetings affordable. We start preparation for a meeting two years in advance and cannot predict what the economy or the 'hidden' hotel charges may be. At this meeting there were many hiddens. For example, though we contracted for food and beverage for the luncheon, when we checked during the luncheon about the beverage, we were told that it was water. If we wanted any other beverage, the cheapest would be iced tea at \$86/gallon. We ordered ten gallons (you can do the math!)

All those who are working

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closely on the annual meeting are doing their best to keep registration fees and hotel costs low. It is through registrations and the number of persons who utilize the conference hotel that allows us to bring outstanding presenters, simultaneous translation during international meetings, and social events that allow us to meet and interact with one another. As you read the Call for Papers for 2009, you will see the effort being made to reach out to more of the international community in Mexico and South America, as well as encourage those in the U.S. and other countries to continue the dialogue on

sexual literacy. As we do that, we need to remember that sexual scientists come from all walks of life, often without financial support. We will continue to encourage sponsorships for the meeting and appreciate any connections our members may have to those who can help to defray the costs of running this annual event.

My goal is to involve as many of you as are willing to join us in this special organization, whose contributions to sexual science are even more important in the chaotic world we live. There are many ways we can help each other, and The Society. We

can share information about our research and other initiatives on our list serve, we can connect with others in our regions or locales for support and enrichment, AND we can learn from each other as we traverse the challenges of being sexual beings in a world that seems to have trouble with sexual literacy.

You will hear more about our 2009 annual meeting in Mexico and I will be reporting on other initiatives that SSSS is undertaking in the next edition of *Sexual Science*. Mentoring of new members, activities conducted by our student leaders, and a membership campaign to encourage scientists in related areas to join

in our meetings are just a few of those initiatives.

I urge you to let us hear about your pursuits in the news of our members' column in this newsletter. Connecting with others who share our passions can be invigorating and create change. We need each other to face our many research and sexual science challenges, as well as our personal ones.

JOIN US in sharing your ideas of how The Society can help you! Contact me if you want to volunteer, have ideas or questions.

Konnie McCaffree

SSSS President
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Call for Presentations: Sexual Literacy: Health and Rights in a Cultural Context SSSS 50th Annual Meeting, November 5-8, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico

Proposals due electronically March 14th, 2009

http://www.sexscience.org/uploads/media/2009_ssss_call_for_presentations3.pdf

FROM THE EDITOR

Hello everyone,

I hope you enjoy this packed issue of *Sexual Science*. We have expanded our Member News section to include updates from you on all you do—from books published to promotions earned. Please pass your news on to me and I will include it in the March issue.

Also in this issue, you will find a number of postings for training opportunities in

sexual science, calls for proposals for conferences in the field, and nominations sought for awards related to research, service, and theory. Clearly there's a lot going on in the area.

To stay on top of current events, and debates ongoing in SSSS, make sure you are a member of the SSSS listserv, SSSStalk. To request membership on SSSStalk, visit the SSSS website at <http://www.sexscience.org/>

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membersonly/index.php?category_id=2032. Recent discussions have covered topics such as: what counts as science, what should be presented at SSSS meetings, and more. Have your say!

Send questions, comments, news etc. related to the newsletter to Robin Milhausen, Sexual Science Editor, at rmilhaus@uoguelph.ca.

Robin Milhausen

FROM THE STUDENT INVOLVEMENT CO-CHAIRS



Amy Muise & Kristen Jozkowski
Student Involvement Co-Chairs

Hello Students!

It was so great to see so many of you in beautiful Puerto Rico for the annual meeting! We had a record number of student attendees to the conference this year with many excellent student presentations.

We are your student

involvement co-chairs, and would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves: Kristen Jozkowski, is a PhD student in Health Behaviour at Indiana University who is returning for a second year as co-chair and Amy Muise, is PhD student in Applied Social Psychology at the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada, and is new to the position of student involvement co-chair. We are both excited about our involvement with SSSS and look forward to a great year ahead. We would like to thank Rose Hartzell for her great work as the student co-chair last year and we wish her all the best in her post-

student endeavors. We would also like to congratulate Michael E. Newcomb from the University of Illinois - Chicago for winning the student award. Great work!

In other student news, we have increased the opportunities for students to become involved with SSSS and formed a new student involvement committee. Student volunteers on this committee are working with us to develop a student mentoring program for the next annual meeting, diversify student membership, represent special student interests, and create professional

development sessions for SSSS students. We got a number of great suggestions from students at the meeting in Puerto Rico, but if you have any further ideas or would like to become more involved with SSSS, please email knjozkow@indiana.edu or amuise@uoguelph.com.

We are already looking forward to sun and sex research at the next annual meeting in Puerto Vallarta Mexico.

Happy Holidays!

Amy Muise & Kristen Jozkowski

Your Student Involvement Co-Chairs

FROM THE ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Janet F. Rosenzweig
Acting Executive Director

It has been my pleasure to work with SSSS during this exciting time of change; I thank all of you for the warm welcome I experienced at the conference. Meeting so many of you in Puerto Rico left me optimistic about The Society; there is incredible strength in our diversity and shared

commitment to this field. There are challenges ahead – the first is our need to see membership reach 1,000 in 2009.

A task force met in Puerto Rico and identified many ideas to promote membership which we hope to implement soon. I pledge to make the best possible use of the data available in the membership database Mandy maintains in the administrative office. This effort will help each state and region identify potential new members and reach out to lapsed members. We plan to use new media to expand

our services to current members and make membership attractive to new members as well.

There is a saying in non-profit management that organizations run on the 'Three T's': Time, Talent and Treasure (\$\$). Right now, SSSS can use all three from you.

Many people contributed their Three T's to the Annual Meeting in Puerto Rico making the meeting both a programmatic and financial success. Members of our finance committee, particularly treasurer Jean Levitan, have contributed

heavy doses of "Time and Talent" to work with me in developing a realistic budget to carry us through the next year. We are committed to developing and memorializing transparent business procedures to ensure that the organization's funds are managed in a manner that will withstand an external audit by the end of 2009. Like many individuals and organizations, SSSS will face a particularly challenging year in 2009 financially. As part of the recent transition, we have reduced administrative expenses to (continued on page 4)

COMMUNITY EFFORTS IN MR TO PROMOTE SEXUAL SCIENCE AND SSSS MEMBERSHIP

In October 2008, Michael Kauth, PhD, now Midcontinent Region President, met with Houston area sex researchers, scholars, and students to discuss sexual science. The purpose of the meeting was to establish a network of local researchers and scholars, look for areas of collaboration, and encourage students to pursue a career in sexology. Another purpose was to encourage membership in The Society. Michael reasoned that many people who work in sexual science tend to work in

isolation. He knew of several sex researchers in the area but had never met them. Going to conferences is an inefficient way to meet researchers and scholars in one's own backyard. What is more, local meetings would be a great way to encourage membership in SSSS.

During the summer, Michael emailed invitations to Houston area friends and acquaintances to a "Sexuality, Science, and Sandwiches" lunch meeting to discuss sex research. Recipients were encouraged

to forward the invitation widely. Hurricane Ike postponed the initial scheduled meeting. However, the rescheduled meeting in October attracted 17 faculty and students from the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Baylor College of Medicine, MD Anderson Cancer Center, and the University of Texas at Houston. Only three participants were currently SSSS members. The group was excited to get together to talk about sex research. In fact, they decided to meet quarterly for 90 minutes and

have 1-2 mini-presentations and discussion. Michael agreed to host. Senior faculty agreed to talk about how to have an academic career in sexual science, and several participants offered research opportunities to students.

At the MR Council meeting in Puerto Rico, Michael presented his sexuality meetings as a way to build membership. Several MR Council members agreed to schedule local sexual science meetings in the upcoming year.

Michael Kauth

UPCOMING EVENTS/CALLS FOR PAPERS

31st Annual Guelph Sexuality Conference June 15-17, 2009

Positive Approaches to Sexuality and Sexual Health

Proposal Deadline: Jan. 9th
Presentations focusing on innovative approaches to integrating gender, sexual/cultural/ethnic diversity into policy, programs, and/or curriculum are especially encouraged. Submit proposals for workshops (1.5

hr and half- and full-day workshops and research presentations online.

For more information: <http://www.open.uoguelph.ca/sexconf/>

59th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems August 7-9, 2009

Race, Ethnicity, and the Continuing Problem of the Color Line

Proposal Deadline: Jan.31st
Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division
Thematic Sessions on GLBTQ Racism and Ant-Racism, Medicalization of BDSM/Kink Sexualities, Coming Out Experiences and Non-Heterosexual Identities

For more information: <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/349/fuseaction/sspsession.publicView>

Sexual Health + Tech + Youth=Sex::Tech 2009 March 22-23, San Francisco

Proposal Deadline: Jan 12
Live interactive youth performances! Sex and Videogames! Innovations in Health! Sexual Rights and Advocacy for Youth!

For more information: <http://www.sxtechconference.org/index.html>

FROM THE ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (CONTD.)

the minimum and found less expensive ways to do certain important tasks. The entire membership can help with revenue....please renew your membership as early as possible and encourage

colleagues to join as well.

SSSS is a wonderful organization with a rich history of service to our profession. We are committed to bringing best

practices in non-profit management to support our shared commitment to the legacy of the founders of this organization.

I look forward to getting to

know you and invite you to contact me at JFRosenzweig@sexscience.org
Thank you!

Janet F. Rosenzweig
Acting Executive Director

MEMBER NEWS!



Frank Sommers deployed in Kandahar 2007

From **Frank Sommers:**
Frank Sommers, M.D., FRCPC has been awarded the 'Distinguished Fellow' designation by the American Psychiatric Association at its 161st Annual Meeting, [May 2008](#), in Washington, D.C.

From **Juline Koken:**
I successfully defended my dissertation "Working in the business of pleasure: Stigma resistance strategies utilized by independent female escorts" on December 10th, and am thrilled to be starting a postdoctoral fellowship in Behavioral Science Training at the National Development and Research Institutes (NDRI) in January. I will continue to serve as a Project Director at the Center for HIV/AIDS Educational Studies and Training (CHEST), and have been incredibly fortunate for the support and mentoring of Dr. Jeffrey Parsons during graduate school and beyond. SSSS has been an important part of my professional development while I was a student and I am looking forward to continuing participation in the organization. I am especially excited to be serving as conference co-chair, with Christian Grov, for the upcoming Eastern and

Mid-continent Region meeting this June in St. Petersburg, FL. The theme of this conference is "the business of sex", so I think it will be a blast! Hope to see everyone there!

From **Alice Kahn Ladas:**
The United States Assoc. for Body Psychotherapy has named its research award after SSSS member Alice Kahn Ladas, Ed.D. in recognition of her dedication to research in Body Psychotherapy.

From **Carol Cassell:**
In November, 2008, Healthy Teen Network, a national organization devoted to the well being of youth and families, presented Carol Cassell, Ph.D., their 2008 Outstanding Researcher Award. The award states that it is "In honor of her contribution in promoting science-based approaches to adolescent, pregnancy, parenting, and prevention." It is beautiful, made of glass shaped in the form of a flame. She is happy and humbled to have received it!



Carol Cassell receives Research Award

From **Stephen Forssell:**
I am still in the psychology department at George Washington University in Washington DC as an adjunct professor. I've been teaching the "Psychology of Sex Differences" course there for 7 years running. I'm wrapping up a study of adopted children raised in gay, lesbian and heterosexual parented families with my co-investigators at the University of Virginia. We're preparing an article for the Journal of GLBT Family Studies on the sexual behaviors of same- and opposite-sex parents. I'm also conducting independent evaluation of a Ryan White-funded program developed by The National Minority AIDS Council to increase recruitment and retention of PLWHA who are racial or ethnic minorities, diagnosed with mental illness or substance abuse, homeless, or located in rural areas. On a personal level, my partner Warren and I saw the last of our 2 kids "leave the nest", as it were. Lizi is a sophomore at Virginia Commonwealth University and Bob is working in Charlottesville and applying for colleges for the fall of 2009.



Steve Forssell



Mark Winton

From **Mark Winton:**
Mark Winton is currently conducting research on genocide. His work may be found in Aggression and Violent Behavior and The Qualitative Report. He also has developed and taught a graduate level course on genocide. He teaches for the Criminal Justice & Legal Studies Department at the University of Central Florida. Email: mwinton@mail.ucf.edu.



Melanie Davis

From **Melanie Davis:**
Melanie Davis, MEd has co-founded and is Director of Education Services for the New Jersey Center for Sexual Wellness in Bedminster, NJ. Her partners are Sandra Leiblum, PhD, Director of Psychological Services, and Judith Hersh, MD, FACOG, Director of Medical Services. NJCSW provides evaluation and treatment of sexual problems, dysfunctions and concerns of women and men and offers educational consulting and programs on topics related to sexuality. For info, visit www.njsexualwellness.com

MEMBER NEWS!

From **Mark Schoen:**

Mark Schoen, PhD, is building a virtual library of sexuality films, SexSmartFilms.com. SexSmart Films serves therapists, educators, and individuals. Schoen's goal is that one day this resource will serve professionals in a manner akin to peer reviewed print sources. Currently over 100 films are available for viewing. The films cover a variety of sexual health subjects and are geared toward a range of audiences. Schoen's goals are to preserve the history of human sexuality and create innovative and accurate educational tools.

From **Maryjo Oster:**

I started a full time position with the Pennsylvania Coalition to Prevent Teen Pregnancy (PCPTP) on [October 1st](#) as the Evaluation

Coordinator on the CDC-funded "Promoting Science Based Approaches" project, and am still working on my dissertation research at Penn State University on sex education policy in Pennsylvania.

From **Vivienne Cass:**

An updated Australian edition of my book, *The Elusive Orgasm: A woman's guide to why she can't and how she can orgasm*, is to be published in February 2009 by Rockpool Publishing. Chinese and Czech editions will also be published in 2009. The North American edition is produced by Perseus Books.

From **Konnie McCaffree:**

Konnie McCaffree, returned in early November from working in Nigeria for the month of October. Her work there assists in the training of teachers and college

professionals who train teachers on the implementation of Family Life and HIV Education. She also has been training classroom teachers since 2003 and was involved in a doing a refresher training of those teachers. This is her third trip to Nigeria this year where in addition to implementing training she has been gathering data on the change in knowledge, attitudes and skills in teachers.

From **Lindsay Novak:**

As the Director and Sex Therapist for our clinic, I'm excited to introduce ourselves to members of SSSS. The Sexual Medicine and Wellness Center is part of the Methodist Physician's Clinic in Omaha, NE, which includes 22 OBGYNs and 20 mid-level clinicians specializing in Obstetrics, Gynecology,

Women's Continence and Sexual Medicine. The Sexual Medicine clinic offers a team approach to completely treat Female Sexual Dysfunction. Our clinicians include a Medical Director/Gynecologist Daniel Bohi MD, Director/Sex Therapist Lindsay Novak MA LIMHP, Nurse Practitioner Melissa Feldhaus-Dahir APRN, Pelvic-floor Physical Therapist Heather Jenny PT, nursing staff Karen Owen and complete laboratory. Also, our clinic is collaborating with the Estabrook Cancer Center to help Breast Cancer Survivors heal sexual concerns related to treatment.

From **Pepper Schwartz:**

I have an article on Public Sociology in this month's edition of *Contemporary Sociology*.

From **Cindy Meston:**

I was promoted to Full Professor, effective 2008.

The Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division 2009 Graduate Student Paper Competition

Papers may be empirical and/or theoretical, and they may be on any aspect of sexuality, including sexual behavior, sexual identity, sexual politics, sex law, political activism, or sexual communities. The winner will receive a stipend of \$100, payment of the winner's SSSP registration fee for the 2009 SSSP meeting (to help the winner attend the meeting), and a ticket to the awards banquet. The winner will be expected to present their winning paper at one of the SBPC sessions being held as part of the 2009 SSSP meeting.

To be eligible, a paper must meet the following criteria: 1) The paper must have been written between January 2008 and March 2009; 2) The paper may not have been submitted or accepted for publication (papers that have been presented at a professional meeting or that have been submitted for presentation at a professional meeting are eligible); 3) The paper must be authored by one or more students, and not co-authored with a faculty member or colleague who is not a student; 4) The paper must not exceed 35 pages including notes, references, and tables; 5) The paper must be typed using 12 point font in either Times New Roman or Courier; and 6) The paper must be accompanied by a letter from a faculty member at the student's college or university nominating the paper for the SBPC Division Student Paper Competition.

Students should send five copies of their paper, with no identifying information on any part of the paper; and a letter of nomination from a faculty member to: David Foster Steele, Ph.D., steeled@apsu.edu, Austin Peay State, University Department of Sociology, Clement 151 (P.O. Box 4566), Clarksville, TN 37044, (931) 221-7519

GRADUATE PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

Counseling, Educational Psychology and Research

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When most people think of a counseling psychology doctoral program, the first things that come to mind include topics like vocational counseling, mental illness, and assessment, not sexuality. Although I am getting great generalist training as a counseling psychologist in the **Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology, & Research**, at the **University of Memphis**, in this program, I'm also able to really delve into my main interest area: sexuality.

The ways in which sexuality and counseling psychology intersect are endless.

Sexuality is a natural part of being human throughout the lifespan. Sexuality may be a main concern in couples counseling, work with LGBT clients, and the treatment of sexual dysfunction, but there are many other ways that counseling psychologists may work with sexuality. Sexuality often comes up in family and parenting concerns, aging issues, adolescence and puberty, sexual harassment, sexual abuse & violence, substance use, health psychology, infertility, gender

issues, and body image among other things. Additionally, mental illness, and the medications sometimes used to treat it, often affect client's sexual lives

In terms of general counseling psychology training, there are certain requirements that all students must complete. All students are required to take courses in basic areas of psychology, research and statistics, and different types of counseling, such as multicultural, family, group, and vocational counseling. Students are also required to complete practicums at various placements in Memphis and to participate in research.

Apart from these basic requirements, students can begin to delve into sexuality by choosing to take courses such as Human Sexuality for Counselors and Psychotherapists, LGBT Counseling, Multicultural Counseling, Couples Counseling and Therapy, and Gender Issues in Counseling. Additionally, students can earn a minor in Women's Studies.

Where this program really shines is in its faculty and

research program. The Constructivist Sexuality Research Lab, led by Dr. Sara Bridges, focuses on personal constructions of sexuality and the meaning sexuality has for individuals and couples. Currently, the team is focusing on issues related to body image, gender role, masculinity and femininity, and interpersonal competence as it relates to experiences of and satisfaction with sexuality. The team also examines topics such as sexual health, attitudes, and knowledge. Dr. Sharon Horne leads the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT) Issues Research Team which focuses on improving and strengthening the lives of GLBT individuals through study of issues relevant to GLBT experience. Recent and future studies have focused on health behaviors, alcohol/substance use, the experiences of family members of GLBT individuals, and the psychological impact of anti-GLBT policies. Finally, although not directly studying sexuality, the Masculine Ideologies Research Team, led by Dr. Suzanne Lease, studies how masculinity and gender roles affect competence in intimate relationships across cultures. It has been a great experience to be involved

with these three teams.

Additionally, the faculty in this program are very flexible and willing to work with students on their projects and interest areas, as long as they are at least somewhat related to the faculty member's area of expertise. So if a student is interested in a project that isn't currently being done, it is highly possible for the student to be able to explore it with faculty support.

It is the combination of courses, faculty, practicum, research that have allowed me to gain excellent training as a counseling psychologist and to focus on sexuality at the same time. This has been a great program for me and I'm lucky to be a part of it. I know it will continue to serve students interested in sexuality for years to come.

For more information about this program, please contact Dr. Suzanne Lease, Chair of Counseling Psychology Student Admissions at slease@memphis.edu

by **Linda R. Baggett**, M.A.

Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology

Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology, & Research

University of Memphis

SSSS REMEMBERS...

These past months have seen the loss of a number of friends and members of SSSS.

Suzanne Frayser, the immediate Past President of SSSS, lost her husband, **Steve Varlese**, suddenly and unexpectedly at their home in Hawaii after Thanksgiving. All are stunned and saddened with his loss at the age of 55. Suzanne and Steve had moved from Colorado for his "dream job" in Hawaii; the couple had found their "perfect house"

and were exceedingly happy in their island paradise. A memorial tribute was planned at their home Friday, Dec. 5. Suzanne has agreed that we can share the following contact information to enable our SSSS community to reach out with comfort and support: sfrayser@earthlink.net; 1154 Hokulea Place; Hilo, HI 96720.

As well, the Western Region lost a very special member in September with the passing of **Marilyn Fithian**, a past

president of our region and someone we greatly admired. She is missed.

From Dave Fleming in September: Marilyn Fithian was a long time member of SSSS, very active in the Western Region (Past President), served on the Board of Directors of The Society and on various committees over the years. She was very supportive of the Society's mission in many ways. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to her family.

Finally, Dr. **Sol Gordon**, 85, Professor Emeritus of Syracuse University, and longtime SSSS member, passed away on December 2nd. Sol was given the Public Service Award by SSSS in 2005, and the Lifetime Achievement Award by Advocates, Planned Parenthood, AASECT, and SIECUS in 2002. Sol authored many books about sexuality, education and relationships and was a strong advocate for young people.

THE SOCIETY FOR SEX THERAPY AND RESEARCH ANNOUNCES THE 2010 SSTAR HEALTH PROFESSIONAL BOOK AWARD

Nominations are invited for the 2010 SSTAR Health Professional Book Award. *The goal of the award is to recognize the best recent book for health professionals that contributes to the understanding and resolution of sexual disorders.* The award will be announced in December of 2009 and will be presented at the 2010 Annual Meeting, Boston, April 8-11, 2010.

Eligibility criteria: 1) Content of the book must be related to problems of human sexuality (i.e., sexual dysfunctions, problematic sexual behavior, gender identity issues, or other sexual health problems); 2) The book must be in English and must have been published in the years 2007, 2008, or 2009. It may have multiple authors or be an edited work. Previously submitted books are eligible; 3) Authors or publishers will be required to send five copies of the book to SSTAR for review by the Selection Committee; 4) For further details see the information below. For questions, contact Peggy J. Kleinplatz, PhD, Chair of the Selection Committee (613) 563-0846.

How to Nominate a Book: Nominations for the Health Professional Book Award may come from any individual, organization, or publisher. The deadline for submitting nominations is July 1, 2009. Nominations should be sent to the SSTAR National Office:

Society for Sex Therapy and Research
SSTAR Health Professional Book Award
409 12th St., S.W., PO Box 96920
Washington, D.C. 20090-6920

SSTAR Society for Sex Therapy
and Research

PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

Study of Polyamorous Families with Children

This research focuses on people who identify as polyamorous and are

members of families with children (not necessarily a biological parent or even a co-resident with the child). Respondents are requested to participate in interviews in

person, via the telephone, or by email, and (ideally) volunteer to be re-interviewed roughly every three years for as long as possible. Volunteers should

contact Elisabeth Sheff at the Department of Sociology, Georgia State University, at esheff@gsu.edu or 404-413-6522.

NEWS FROM THE WESTERN REGION



Carol Ellison,
Western Region
President (photo
Cynthia Sheffer)

I am happy to report an enthusiastic response to the Call for Papers for our SSSS Western Region meeting, May 7-10, 2009. Proposals are being reviewed by the Program Committee through December. Preliminary Programs will be sent out in January to all WR members and also will be posted on the WR and Society websites.

The conference theme is Sexual Ontogeny – the development of sexuality throughout the lifespan. We are excited about the plenary speakers who already have consented to present. For example, Drs. Elaine Hatfield and Richard L. Rapson of the University of Hawaii will talk about historical and psychological considerations of passion through the lifespan. Historian Dr. Rapson will provide an overview of ways in which men and women have viewed passionate love and sexual desire from 1500 to the present, and psychologist Dr. Hatfield will report on a series of modern-day studies in which men's and women's feelings of passionate love were assessed from when they began dating, through

early marriage, to almost 60 years later.

On Friday, May 8, we will go to the Monterey Bay Aquarium to explore the exhibits and have a plenary session in the auditorium on another aspect of sexual science, tentatively with Dr. Steven Webster, retired senior marine biologist, who was one of the Aquarium's original planners and, for 16 years, its first Director of Education. The Aquarium program will be followed by a social event nearby on Cannery Row. For more info: www.montereybayaquarium.org

And, in the first official presentation of material on aging from her nationwide ISIS Survey, Gina Ogden, Ph.D., will make a case for sexual optimism as we age.

Also planning to attend is Douglas Kirby, Ph.D., recipient in Puerto Rico of the 2008 SSSS Distinguished Scientific Achievement Award. Dr. Kirby is an expert on the effectiveness of programs for adolescent sexuality education.

Asilomar is located along the Pacific Coast, minutes from Monterey, Carmel and Pebble Beach, CA. The majestic conference facilities are historic, rustic, and inspiring - nestled in one of the country's most beautiful settings of wooded

headlands, ocean beaches, and stunning cliffs, with many dining and recreational opportunities nearby. Accommodations include single, double, and triple rooms, some clustered around a common room allowing groups to organize housing based on shared interests and lifestyles. Room rates include three course, fixed-menu, home-style meals in the dining complex, where we will have a private dining room for our group. This unique conference setting provides an effortless way to share meals and housing with like-minded colleagues, enjoy invigorating conversations with new and old friends, and revel in the distinctive culture of SSSS on a private, scenic preserve. Check it out at: <http://www.VisitAsilomar.com>.

The room reservation form is posted on the SSSS website: http://www.sexscience.org/events/index.php?category_id=497

This form is returned directly to Asilomar with either a check or credit card payment for your stay. The very reasonable \$385.28 per person for a shared double room pays for the room during the 3 days of the conference and also includes meals and taxes. Asilomar does not accept phone reservations, but someone from there will call you if you

note special requirements on your reservation form. If you would like to be in the same building with classmates, friends or a special interest group, list their names when submitting your form.

If you have a book you want sold at the conference, send author, title, and ISBN number to local Conference Chair Stephen Braveman (stephen@bravemantherapy.com) ASAP. If you are shipping your own books, let him know. He lives near Asilomar and can accept shipments for you.

For those planning to go to AAECT in the Phoenix area the week after our conference, post-conference activities in the Asilomar-Monterey area will be arranged if there is interest. These would culminate in a plane connection to Phoenix. If you are interested, please contact me: carol.ellison@att.net.

For questions and suggestions, contact me or program chairs Rae Larson (Elizabeth Rae Larson - therapy@sextx.com) and Lyndall Ellingson (LEllingson@csuchico.edu). We hope you are planning to attend. It will be a memorable conference. Please invite students and others who are not yet members to join us.

Carol Ellison

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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Post-Doctoral Fellows, Center for Sexual Health Promotion, Indiana University-Bloomington Sexual Health

The Center is accepting applications for the position of post-doctoral fellow in sexual health. Qualifications include a doctoral degree in a social or behavioral science field, experience with both quantitative and qualitative methods and data analysis, and solid demonstrated writing skills. The post-doctoral fellow will work with a team of faculty from multiple entities at Indiana University on ongoing research projects and contribute to research development (i.e., grant proposals, project management, and authorship on manuscripts and presentations). The post-doctoral fellow will work specifically with faculty on projects related to women's sexual health, sexual function, sexual enhancement products, and condoms. To

apply, send: 1) letter of application that articulates research interests and extent to which personal interests are consistent with projects of the Center, 2) a current C.V., 3) at least 2 writing samples, and 4) a list of three professional references.

Biostatistics and Sexual Health

The Center is accepting applications for the position of post-doctoral fellow in biostatistics. Qualifications include a doctoral degree in biostatistics and experience or strong interest working on a research team in an area related to sexual health. The post-doctoral fellow will work with a team of faculty from multiple entities at Indiana University on ongoing research projects and contribute to research development (i.e., grant proposals, project management, and authorship on manuscripts and presentations). The post-doctoral fellow will work specifically with faculty on

projects related to women's sexual health, sexual function, sexual enhancement products, and condoms. To apply, send: 1) letter of application that articulates research interests and extent to which personal interests are consistent with projects of the Center, 2) a current C.V., 3) 2 samples of writing that demonstrate your statistical contributions, and 4) a list of three professional references.

To learn more about the research agenda of the Center for Sexual Health Promotion, visit www.sexualhealth.indiana.edu. Submit materials to: Michael Reece, Ph.D., MPH, Center for Sexual Health Promotion, 1025 East 7th Street, HPER 116, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, 47405. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until suitable candidates are found. The post-doctoral fellowships are offered for one year with opportunity for renewal.

The National Mentoring and Fellowship Program of the Center for Population Research in LGBT Health.

The Center is seeking applications from **pre-doctoral** and **advanced masters' students** interested in careers in LGBT health research. The program connects students with expert faculty mentors from the national network of faculty of the Center. Mentors are closely matched to students' research interests and will assist students who are developing or working on a research project in the study of LGBT health or same-sex families/households. An ideal candidate will have an interest in working with a mentor to better incorporate population health research methods and/or concerns in their projects. Post-doctoral training and mentoring opportunities are also available through the Center. Contact Aimee Van Wagenen (Avanwagenen@fenwayhealth.org) and visit fenwayhealth.org/populationcenter for more information. Applications for pre-doctoral mentoring are accepted on a rolling basis.

IN OTHER NEWS...

Members of the New View Campaign and other allies held a sidewalk demonstration in New York City on November 17, 2008, to protest the growing

industry of Female Genital Cosmetic Surgery (FGCS). Members performed the "guerilla theater" piece entitled "Dr. Diffa and the 2 Vulvas." For more information about the

protest and FGCS issues, visit: <http://www.newviewcampaign.org/fgcs.asp>.

Big News!

Sign up 10 new SSSS members and get your membership free!!!

Contact Mandy for details!
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BY OUR MEMBERS

Hanna, J.L. (2008). "Right to dance: Exotic dancing in the U.S.," in N. Jackson & T. Shapiro-Phim, (Eds). *Dance, human rights and social justice: Dignity in motion* (pp, 86-107). Lanham, MD:

Scarecrow Press.

Williams, DJ (2008). Contemporary vampires and (blood-red) leisure: Should we be afraid of the dark? *Leisure/Loisir*, 32, 513-539.

Prause, N., Janssen, E., & Hetrick, W. P. Attention and emotional responses to sexual stimuli and their relationship to sexual desire. *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, 37(6), 934-949.



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Ira and Harriet Reiss Theory Award - 2008

The purpose of the Ira and Harriet Reiss Theory Award is to highlight and support theoretical advances in social science theories concerning human sexuality. The award is given annually to the author(s) of the best social science article, chapter, or book published in the previous year in which theoretical explanations of human sexual attitudes and behaviors are developed. In addition to careful theoretical development, stress is placed on the use of relevant empirical evidence to examine the validity of the theoretical explanations.

This award is jointly sponsored by the Foundation for the Scientific Study of Sexuality and by the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality. The author (s) of the winning contribution receives a plaque and a \$500 (US) award and will be expected to present a plenary address based on the winning publication at the 2010 annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality.

Nominations must be received prior to May 1, 2009. The award winner (s) will be notified by July 1, 2009

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2008 IRA AND HARRIET REISS THEORY AWARD

1. Send a copy of the article, chapter or book being nominated. Be sure the full publication information is included. **The publication must have appeared in 2008 or be in a journal volume dated as 2008.** The full nomination must be received before May 1st, 2009.
2. Include a letter with a paragraph or two explaining why this publication should be considered for this award. Indicate specifically how this publication is relevant for the award addressing the following award criteria: a) That it develops a social science theory or, in the case of a multidisciplinary theory, that social science is a significant part of the total theory. b) That it builds a theoretical explanation of human sexual attitudes and behavior. c) That the theoretical explanation is examined in light of relevant empirical evidence.

Important:

We prefer electronic submissions of both the article or chapter and letter of nomination. Send electronic submissions to: maticka@uwindsor.ca

If you are sending your submission in hard copy, mail **4 copies** of the book, article or chapter, plus 1 copy of your letter to:

Eleanor Maticka-Tyndale, PhD

Chairperson, The Ira and Harriet Reiss Theory Award

Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality

P.O. Box 416

Allentown, PA 18105

In addition: If you are submitting a book, you must also send a check for \$25 to cover mailing to committee members. This should be made out to FSSS and included with the copies of the book and nomination letter.

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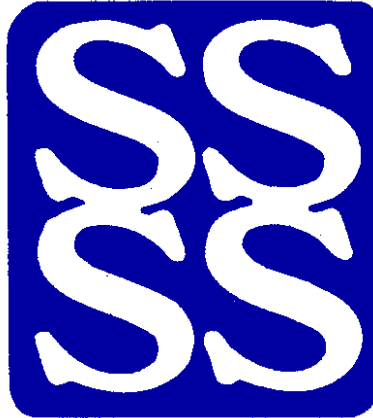
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The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS) is the oldest professional society dedicated to the advancement of knowledge about sexuality. SSSS was founded in 1957 to encourage the rigorous systematic study of sexuality. Today, nearly 800 individuals hold membership in The Society; members include anthropologists, biologists, educators, historians, nurses, physicians, psychologists, theologians, therapists, and those from many other disciplines.

Nominations Due March 1, 2009 for the Following SSSS Awards:

SSSS Fellows, Distinguished Scientific Achievement Award, Distinguished Service to SSSS

The SSSS Awards and Fellows Committee welcomes nomination materials for the following three 2009 awards from SSSS members and fellows on or before March 1, 2009: Fellow; Distinguished Scientific Achievement Award; Distinguished Service to SSSS Award.

Nominations for the Public Service Award are not open to the general membership of the Society. Only members of the Awards Committee and The Society's Board of Directors can nominate candidates for this award by addressing a letter to the Awards Committee Chair on **or before March 1, 2009**.

"The Awards Committee is committed to avoiding potential conflicts of interest. Hence, members of the Awards Committee and Executive Committee of The Society's Board of Directors are ineligible for consideration for any/ all Society awards considered by the Awards Committee during their term of service."

[Here are the award nomination guidelines, as modified by the SSSS Board of Directors in November 2008:](#)

All Society award nominations require the following materials in a single evidence file: the award candidate's current vita and two letters of support by Society members. Fellow nominations require that at least one of the letters of support be prepared by a current SSSS fellow.

The individual who assumes responsibility for nominating a particular candidate for an award (not the Awards Committee) bears responsibility for locating individuals willing to support the nomination and for submitting the complete evidence file for a candidate to the Awards Committee Chair. S/he agrees to collect all necessary information and transmit this electronically to the Chair of the Fellows/Awards Committee on or before the March 1 deadline. The Awards/ Fellow Committee Chair will not take this role.

Each nominator assumes responsibility for collecting appropriate data on an award candidate without a candidate's knowledge of the nomination to prevent disappointment and safeguard confidential discussion of qualifications. The only exception to this is if a Society member nominates him or herself for Fellow recognition.

The official deadline for complete files (all information needed for the Awards/Fellows Committee to consider a candidate for a potential award or fellow status) is March 1, 2009. The Committee will not consider incomplete files and late nominations following the March 1 date.

Please use email to address any questions and nomination materials to Naomi McCormick, Ph.D., Chair of the Awards and Fellows Committee. Naomi's email address is nmccormick@cfu.net