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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



Suzanne Frayser, PhD, SSSS President

Aloha, everyone! Since the last newsletter, there's been a lot of intense "housework" to continue the process of ensuring that SSSS is in compliance with recent, more rigorous 501c3 IRS standards for nonprofits. Other work has focused on aligning the SSSS constitution with the policies and procedures manual so that they reflect the actual or desired operation of the Society. These are the nuts and bolts that help to structure the Society and facilitate our work. I'll start with some news about the "business" side of things.

Priority was given to revision of fiduciary policies and procedures, since they are most relevant to 501c3

regulations. Treasurer Jean Levitan, Past-President Pat Koch, President-Elect Konnie McCaffree, and I worked with Past-Treasurer Herb Samuels and ED Dave Fleming as well as with the regional Treasurers who compose the Finance Committee to develop the revised Fiduciary Policies. Included in this revision is a policy that gives all regions the option of either having the Society or the region hold regional funds; with both options, the Society will require sufficient financial information and regional accountability to not only satisfy IRS requirements for transparency but also to facilitate our accounting procedures. The BOD approved the revised Fiduciary Policies.

In tandem with the revision of Fiduciary Policies has been a streamlining of SSSS budgeting procedures and financial reporting. Treasurer Jean Levitan has presented the budget in an Excel format so that we can compare past, present, and proposed budgets more easily. In addition, we're clarifying which expenditures and income are included in each category so that we have

a precise idea of where our money is coming and going. The BOD approved a routine financial review of the Society in 2008-2009; it will probably occur this summer.

Other committees have worked very hard in the last few months, particularly the Personnel Committee (Mark Schoen, Betsy Crane, Linda Alperstein, Chair Robert Friar), revising the evaluation instrument and providing more precise criteria for feedback on performance. This provides the transparency in our personnel procedures that is also in line with the effective operation of nonprofits.

The Awards Committee will be streamlining some of its policies and procedures in the coming months, and the Membership Committee is developing some new initiatives to increase our membership. Membership Chair Eli Coleman would welcome members' help and innovative ideas for increasing our membership; you can e-mail him at [colem001@umn.edu](mailto:colem001@umn.edu).

Although I've been a member of SSSS for over 20 years, I didn't realize how much work goes

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT, CONTD.

into making it the organization that we love. I'm so impressed by the amount of dedication and time that our members volunteer, and I'm so grateful for their help.

Now, to the social and scientific side of what's been happening.

The Western Region had a very interesting and successful meeting in San Diego. The MR/ER meeting in Cleveland was also wonderful and included fine plenaries, delightful receptions, and an outing to the Museum of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. As I walked through the museum and watched the film clips of Hall of Fame recipients, I saw parts of my life flash before me. Thanks to the organizers of the regional conferences for their work in providing such stimulating programs

and social events for us.

ED Dave Fleming President-Elect Konnie McCaffree and I represented SSSS at the NAFSO (North American Federation of Sexuality Organizations) BOD meeting in New Orleans. The member organizations considered a variety of ways to promote NAFSO: having sexuality leadership sessions at organizational meetings; promoting WAS's Sexual Health for the Millenium initiative; and pursuing grants for seed money to finance a federation conference.

Konnie and I were fortunate to attend AASECT's entire 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting in New Orleans from June 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>; , just after the NAFSO BOD meeting. Highlights included an opening plenary on the history of AASECT, featuring a panel of AASECT Past-Presidents, including

SSSS members Carol Cassell, Sandra Cole, William Granzig, William Stayton, and Beverly Whipple; a masquerade birthday bash with an awesome band, costumes, and dancing; and other plenaries/sessions that involved SSSS members.

It was exciting to be part of the collaboration in NAFSO and to join with AASECT in celebrating so many years as an organization dedicated to sexuality education, counseling, and therapy. SSSS looks forward to many more years of working together.

Plans for the annual meeting in Puerto Rico are coming together nicely, thanks to the work of Co-Chairs Maria del C Santos Ortiz and Jeff Parsons, Sharon McNeely, Dave Fleming, and the program committee. Thanks to those of you who reviewed the over 200 submissions of presentations for the meeting. Because of the enthusiastic

participation in this meeting, it will begin earlier than usual—at 1 pm on Thursday—so that the program can accommodate an unusually large number of papers. Be sure to make your plans early and consider arriving on Weds. evening so that you can take advantage of all of the conference offerings as well as the tropical experience. The formal welcome to the conference will occur just before the opening Presidential Plenary at 4:45 pm on Thursday and will be followed by a poolside reception at sunset. This promises to be a fabulous meeting, and I'm looking forward to seeing so many of you there.

That's all for now, folks. Tune in next newsletter for more news.

Mahalo to all,  
Suzanne

## FROM THE EDITOR

Happy Summer!

SSSS is buzzing with plans for the 2008 meeting! Both Suzanne and Dave provide some hints about what's to come in this edition of the newsletter. This, hot on the heels of a very successful MR/ER meeting. We have a lot of news to report, so read on!

First, however, I want to clarify my purpose in including one

"In the News" item in the last issue. In "Physician offers g-spot to enhance sexual function," I highlight the work of plastic surgeon David Matlock who is giving injections to enhance g-spot function in women. In no way was this entry meant to act as endorsement of this treatment, by me, or anyone at SSSS. In fact, I included it because it is a controversial practice, without supporting

empirical evidence, which appears to be growing in popularity. Reading about it online got me hot and bothered (and not in a good way!) so I decided to share it with SSSS members, thinking many of you would react similarly. And many did! I received several comments from readers who thought I (and SSSS) might be giving our approval to the method. It's great to know you are reading the newsletter and

getting engaged with the content, and I'm happy to clarify my position here now.

Keep those comments coming! Students: we need Grad Program Highlights and interview articles! Write me for more info on how to get involved.

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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK



**Dave Fleming,**  
Executive Director, SSSS

We've just completed two very successful regional conferences, one in San Diego (WR) and one in Cleveland (MR/ER). Both conferences were well attended, full of challenging and cutting edge research and clinical offerings, and offered many opportunities for sharing, networking and skill building.

Martin Weinberg received the Alfred Kinsey Award from the Midcontinent Region and Theo Sanford received the John Money Award from the Eastern Region. Representative Henry

Waxman received the Public Service Award from the Western Region.

I want to especially thank the program co-chairs for the WR Jack Morin and Janice Epp and the conference co-chairs Bill Balliet and Mary Bontorin and the program co-chairs for the MR/ER Eric Buhi and Les Fisher. It takes a lot of volunteer work to plan and run a conference and, judging from the evaluations from the over 250 participants, the conferees enjoyed both events.

Now on to San Juan Puerto Rico and the 2008 SSSS Annual Meeting to be held November 5-9, 2008 at the Condado Plaza Hotel and Casino. We invite sex researchers, educators and clinicians from around the world to join us for this Caribbean adventure where we will celebrate the theme, "The Cultural Dimensions of Sexuality".

The preliminary program will be posted on our web site soon but the hotel information is posted now at [www.sexscience.org](http://www.sexscience.org)

We received over 200 submissions- a record number, so we will have plenty of exciting educational opportunities of which conferees may avail themselves. In addition to the myriad of concurrents, workshops, pre and post cons, and a SAR, the following plenary presentations will be featured:

Lisa Bowleg, Ph.D – "Risky Sex and Beyond: The Ecological Context of Sexual Risk for Heterosexually Active Black Men and Women"

Miguel Munoz-Laboy Ph.D. – "Sexual Acculturation, Hip Hop and God: How do racialized, gendered and sexualized cultural spaces influence the sexual behavior of urban youth?"

Gil Herdt Ph.D – "Sexual Literacy in Cultural Context- What is it? How do we know? What is it good for?"

Jose Torro-Alfonso Ph.D. – "Conditioned Citizenship: Homophobia and exclusion of sexual minorities in Puerto Rico"

Suzanne Frayser, Ph.D (presidential plenary) "The Cultural Side of Sexuality: An Anthropologist's Perspective."

Doug Kirby Ph.D SSSS Distinguished Scientific Achievement Award Recipient - Title TBA.

And- we will be offering special social events including a pool side welcome party on Thursday evening, Friday night trip to the Bacardi Rum Factory for a tour and reception, and of course, our traditional Awards /Celebration luncheon on Saturday.

Please do not delay in securing your hotel and travel plans. The hotel is filling up fast and the airfare will most assuredly continue to climb. We hope you will consider arriving early or staying later to experience all that Puerto Rico has to offer.

On behalf of the program co-chairs, Jeffery Parsons and Maria del Carmen Santos-Ortiz, we invite you to join us for a truly cultural experience in San Juan.

**Dave Fleming**  
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## NEW AND RENEWAL SSSS MEMBERS WANTED!

If you are a current SSSS member and have not paid your dues for 2008- please fax or mail your renewal notice so you don't miss

future issues of our journals or any other announcements about the Annual Meeting, SSSS news or C. E opportunities.

If you are reading this and are not a member, we invite you to click on the "Join SSSS" button on our home page at [www.sexscience.org](http://www.sexscience.org)

and join the premier sexuality organization in the world.

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS: STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD**

**Preliminary Call for Proposals: The Kinsey Institute Student Research Grants 2008-2009**

The Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender, and Reproduction at Indiana University is pleased to announce a Preliminary Call for Proposals for The Kinsey Institute Student Research Grants 2008-2009.

This program confers sexuality research grants to emergingscholars and seeks to fund significant and innovative research, from a wide array of disciplines and

perspectives, that deals with human sexuality. The program is supported by donations from Friends of The Kinsey Institute.

The Kinsey Institute will fund up to six proposals at \$750 each, including three from graduate students at Indiana University and three from graduate students enrolled at other universities. It is an expectation that results from the funded studies will ultimately be submitted for publication in peer-reviewed scientific journals. In addition, descriptions of the research will be posted on

The Kinsey Institute's website.

Electronic submission of proposals will be accepted beginning September 1, 2008. The deadline for submission of proposal materials will be October 1, 2008. Applications for funding should include a clear and concise research description (study rationale, methods, and planned data analysis), a budget, and a letter of support from a faculty mentor/advisor. The maximum length is 3 pages for the research description and 1 page for the budget. All

applicants must be registered as full time graduate students at accredited universities in the United States.

For more information, please visit The Kinsey Institute's website at:

[http://www.kinseyinstitute.org/research/student\\_grants.html](http://www.kinseyinstitute.org/research/student_grants.html).

Questions regarding the forthcoming grant cycle may be directed to Dr. Brian Dodge at (812) 856-0792 or [bmdodge@indiana.edu](mailto:bmdodge@indiana.edu).



Make your reservations at the Condado Plaze Hotel and Casino today! Follow the link on the SSSS homepage or call 1-866-317-8934. San Juan, Puerto



**Preliminary Conference Program now posted on SSSS website!**



## JSR EDITOR RETIRING, NEW EDITOR APPOINTED



**John DeLamater**

JSR editor John DeLamater is working on his last two issues of JSR- August and November 2008. He will be

retiring from his eleven years as editor at the end of this year. Under his editorship, The Journal of Sex Research has grown in reputation, circulation and citations. We applaud his efforts and thank him for his service to this society.

Cynthia Graham will begin her editorship in January 2009. Cynthia will be the

first editor of JSR from outside the U.S. We welcome Cynthia and eagerly await her contributions to the field. Look for the new cover design of JSR beginning with the first issue of JSR in 2009. As many of you know, ARSR will become a special issue of JSR in 2009. We plan to publish six issues of JSR (ARSR to be a double issue)

in 2009. All SSSS members will receive the entire volume as a member benefit.



**Cynthia Graham**

## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR 3RD EDITION OF HANDBOOK OF SEXUALITY-RELATED MEASURES

Since the 1998 publication of the second edition of the *Handbook of Sexuality-Related Measures* (edited by Clive Davis, William Yarber, Robert Bauserman, George Scheer, and Sandra Davis), many new scales that measure aspects of human sexuality have been developed, necessitating an update of this compendium. For the third edition of the *Handbook*, to be published in 2009 by Taylor & Francis, Terri Fisher will be taking on the role of lead editor, with the continued involvement of Clive and Sandra Davis as well as Bill Yarber.

We are now beginning the process of identifying scales and soliciting manuscripts for the third edition. **If you have developed or used a sexuality-related measure that you would like to have considered for inclusion in the third edition of this extensively used resource, please contact Terri Fisher.** She will provide you with the instructions for developing a full submission, which will include a description of the measure as well as reliability and validity information. Due to space limitations, not all measures can be included in the print version of the book, but there will be an accompanying website on which additional measures and information will be provided. The final decision concerning inclusion of the full paper will be based on (a) the psychometric properties of the instrument, (b) the quality of the paper describing the instrument, and (c) the potential usefulness of the instrument to researchers.

**Your contribution to this important endeavor will represent a legitimate published paper.** Authors who provide us with an acceptable manuscript in a timely manner will be able to purchase the book at a substantial discount of 30% off the list price.

For additional information, please contact:

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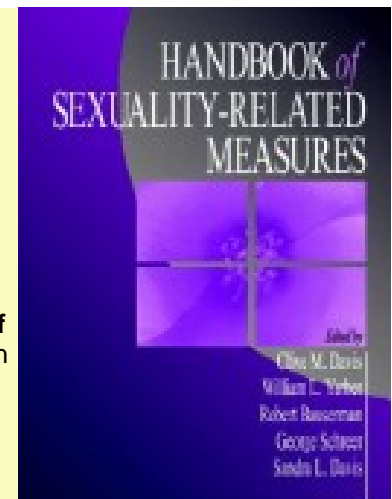
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We have back issues in stock at the SSSS office at reduced prices. Call Mandy at 610-530-2483 and ask her about prices and availability.

## IN THE NEWS

### Donations to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Causes Increase

More philanthropists are making substantial bequests to help support LGBT cause. According to Funders for Lesbian and Gay Issues, charitable donations made by donors in New York to gay organizations nationwide increased from less than \$30-million in 2002 to \$65.5-million in 2006. [http://philanthropy.com/news/?id=4255&pth&utm\\_source=pt&utm\\_medium=newsletter&utm\\_content=lefttop](http://philanthropy.com/news/?id=4255&pth&utm_source=pt&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_content=lefttop)

### Canada's Consent laws take a conservative turn

Bill C-22, an Act to amend the Criminal Code, was passed by the House on May 4, 2007. The Bill changes the age at which adolescents can consent to non-exploitive sexual activity from 14 to 16 years of age. As well, this age is now entitled "The Age of Protection" rather than "The Age of Consent." There are a number of exceptions to the law (e.g., related to partners close in age, married, or common-law). However, many are

concerned the new law takes the agency for sexual decision-making out of the hands of young people and may make it more difficult for adolescents to receive sexual health services. While the purpose of the Bill is to protect youth against sexual exploitation from adult predators, critics say young people were already protected from under existing criminal law.

[http://www.parl.gc.ca/common/bills\\_ls.asp?lang=E&ls=c22&source=library\\_prb&Parl=39&Ses=1](http://www.parl.gc.ca/common/bills_ls.asp?lang=E&ls=c22&source=library_prb&Parl=39&Ses=1)

### Attending college associated with less risky sexual behavior

Published in the June issue of the Journal of Adolescent Health, the study found that college students were more likely to always use a condom and less likely to engage in casual or high-risk sex than those who did not attend a two- or four-year college. Living at home did not confer defense against risky sex among students.

[http://www.eurekalert.org/pub\\_releases/2008-06/uow-tac060508.php](http://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2008-06/uow-tac060508.php)

Save the date- November 5-8, 2009. SSSS will be holding an international Annual Meeting in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico at the Westin Resort & Spa. Gil Herdt, Ph.D and Osmar Matsui-Santana, Sc. Dr. have been appointed program co-chairs for this meeting where the theme will be,

"Sexual Literacy: Health and Rights in Cultural Context".

The "Call for Presentations" will be issued at this year's AM in San Juan.

## SSSS NEWS

### SSSS Board of Directors Announces 2008 Fellows Class

The following individuals have been accepted as SSSS Fellows and will be inducted at the Awards /Celebration Luncheon in San Juan on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Suzanne Frayser, Ph.D

Ilsa Lottes, Ph.D

Robert Friar, Ph.D.

Cynthia Graham, Ph.D.

### Distinguished Scientific Achievement Award to be presented to Doug Kirby

The Society will bestow its most prestigious award, the Distinguished Scientific Achievement Award, to Doug Kirby, Ph.D at the Awards/ Celebration Luncheon at the Annual Meeting in San Juan on November 8<sup>th</sup>. We will feature Doug and his work in an upcoming issue of Sexual Science.



### Yarber to receive "Service to SSSS Award"

William Yarber, HSD, will receive the "Service to SSSS" award in Puerto Rico for his long and distinguished

service to our society. Bill is a past president of SSSS (1993-1994), has served as program chair of three annual meetings, including the most recent one in Indianapolis, and has served in a variety of capacities on SSSS committees and task forces. He recently published a brochure on the "Correct Use of the Male Condom" for our What Sexual Scientists Know series. Bill embodies the word "service" and we have all been enriched by his dedication, loyalty and work on behalf of our society.

**WESTERN REGION SEEKS TO ENCOURAGE STUDENT PAPERS WITH NEW AWARD**

Before this academic year ends, we want to acquaint local graduate students doing research or scholarship in sexuality with an upcoming meeting in Monterey. The Western Region of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality will hold their annual conference, May 7 - 10, 2009, at Asilomar. As a part of that conference, we will hold a Best Student Presentation competition. Students do not need to be the sole author of a piece of

work; they need to be the sole presenter however.

The formal Call for Papers will go out at the end of summer and submissions will close in November. We wanted to alert your students early so that they could consider the possibilities during the summer.

The conference theme is Sexual Ontogeny: A Lifelong Work in Progress. We will examine the development of sexuality throughout the

lifespan. What do we know about the impact of biopsychosocial events in other species and in our own? When is change reversible and when is it not? How do individuals manipulate, consciously or unconsciously, their sexual state?

Although the conference has an overall theme, we welcome submissions outside the topic.

Please email any questions

to me (carol.ellison@att.net) and program co-chairs Lyndall Ellingson (lellingson@csuchico.edu) and Elizabeth Rae Larson (therapy@sestx.com).



**Asilomar State Beach, Monterey, CA**

**NOTES FROM THE WESTION REGION MEETING, SAN DIEGO, CA**

The April Western Region annual meeting in San Diego was an unqualified success, with over 160 registrants enjoying beautiful weather, a creative program and a wonderful resort setting.

Western Region Public Service Awards were conferred upon Deb Levine, M.A., founder of "Go Ask Alice" and ISIS.org; and Representative Henry A. Waxman (D-Calif.), Chair of

the House Oversight Committee hearings on federally funded abstinence-only programs. The Student Presentation Award was presented to Jordan Rullo, B.A., and WR President Cassell presented Chairs Bontorin and Epp with the WR Distinguished Service Award.

Under WR President Carol Cassell's leadership, Program Chairs Janice Epp

and Jack Morin, along with Conference Chairs Mary Bontorin and Bill Balliet, offered a program focused on sexual healing. Plenary speakers included:

- Carol Cassell, Ph.D.
- Elizabeth Rae Larson, D.H.S.
- Jack Morin, Ph.D.
- Marty Klein, Ph.D.
- Mark Schoen, Ph.D.
- Frank Zimring, J.D.

Suzanne Brown-McBride  
Heather Corinna  
Deb Levine, M.A.

What makes our WR meetings so successful? Simple. Location, location, location and program, program, program.

Come and see for yourself in '09 at the Asilomar Conference Center on the beach at Monterey, California.



**Program Co-Chair Janice Epp and WR President Carol Cassell**



**Conference Co-Chair Mary Bontorin and Exhibits Co-Chair Jim Frieman**



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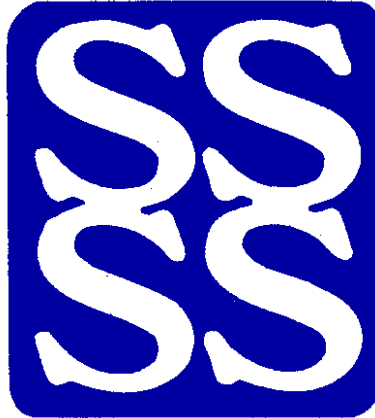
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The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS) is the oldest professional society dedicated to the advancement of knowledge about sexuality. SSSS was founded in 1957 to encourage the rigorous systematic study of sexuality. Today, nearly 1,000 individuals hold membership in The Society; members include anthropologists, biologists, educators, historians, nurses, physicians, psychologists, theologians, therapists,

**FROM THE STUDENT INVOLVEMENT CHAIRS**



**Rose Hartzell & Kristen Jozkowski**  
Student Involvement Co-Chairs

Hey students,  
We are excited for the upcoming National Conference and we hope you are too! We look forward to seeing you in Puerto Rico! We are currently in the process of creating a session aimed just toward you and we would like to plan a fun student event. Thanks for your input on the

listserv, we have taken all of your ideas into account and are trying to incorporate as much as we can in the student session. We wanted to remind you to register for the conference early and contact Mandy Peters at [mlpeters@sexscience.org](mailto:mlpeters@sexscience.org) if you are interested in room sharing or potentially

volunteering/working the conference to help offset conference fees. Also remember to book your flight as soon as possible; to help lower the cost of your conference stay. See you in San Juan!

Sincerely,  
Rose and Kristen  
Student Involvement Co-Chairs

**STUDENT RESEARCH GRANT AWARD-WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

SSSS is proud to announce the student winners of the Spring and Fall Student Research Grant, funded by the Foundation for the Scientific Study of Sexuality.

The Spring winner is Zeb Tortorici, a doctoral student at UCLA. The title of his

research is, "*Contra Natura: Sin, Crime and the Regulation of "Unnatural" Sexuality in Colonial Mexico 1600-1800*"

Siobhan Cooney is the winner of the fall 2007 student research grant award. She is a doctoral student at

Wisconsin in the Human Development and Family Studies Department. Her paper is entitled, "*The Impact of Emergency Contraception Accessibility on Willingness to Engage in Unprotected Intercourse Among Sexually Experienced Adolescents and Emerging Adult Women.*"

The award will be presented this fall at the Annual Meeting in Puerto Rico.

The deadline for applications for the competition this fall is September 1. See the SSSS website for more information: <http://www.sexscience.org/awards/index.php?>

**See you in Puerto Rico, November 2008!**