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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Suzanne Frayser, PhD,

SSSS President

ALOHA Everyone,

Since I wrote to you last, I've moved from the snowy, sunny Boulder mountains to Hilo, Hawaii, a lush, tropical multiethnic community on the eastern side of the Big Island. Though still in the Western Region, I'm joining some of our other members, e.g., Elaine Hatfield and Milton Diamond, in being far away from the mainland, though still connected to you all.

Connection—with each other, with our regions, with the Society, and with other

organizations—is an important aspect of SSSS. The Liaison Committee is composed of members who encourage our links with other organizations—AASECT, SIECUS, SSTAR, NAFSO, AAAS. When I've been in Richmond, Virginia, I've gone to the AASECT office in nearby Ashland, Virginia several times to become familiar with AASECT's operation and to exchange ideas with ED Steve Conley for supporting our organizations and sexual science. I will also be going to the AASECT meeting in New Orleans in June to participate in AASECT's 40th anniversary celebration and to personally offer SSSS's congratulations to AASECT. Their program and activities look wonderful. For more information, click on www.AASECT.org. While in New Orleans, Dave Fleming and I will be attending the NAFSO (North American Federation of Sexuality Organizations) board meeting and participate in planning ways to effectively

cooperate with other sexuality organizations.

ED Dave Fleming and I are working together to develop an effective website, featuring more electronic forms of communication for the Society to connect with members and for members to link with each other. Much of this work focuses on updating and redesigning our website to handle membership renewals and membership applications. We already provide for electronic submission of papers for meetings and registration for the regional and annual meetings. Later in the year, we may be changing the face of our website.

Regional meetings are coming up that provide a way for you to meet with your colleagues. The WR will be meeting in San Diego in April, and the ER/MR meeting will be in Cleveland in May. Go to our website www.sexscience.org to register. The SSSS BOD will be meeting in Cleveland. If any of you have

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agenda items that you would like the BOD to address, please send your ideas to Dave Fleming (dfleming@sexscience.org) or to sfrayser@earthlink.net so that we can address your concerns.

The annual meeting in Puerto Rico is shaping up beautifully. Jeff Parsons, Maria del C Santos Ortiz, Dave Fleming, Sharon McNeely, and I have been collaborating in putting together an exciting, festive meeting that focuses on cultural dimensions of sexuality. The number of

submissions so far is unprecedented, so it bodes well for another fantastic annual meeting.

Our development as a major, professional and scientific organization centered on sexuality continues. Part of this process is to bring our constitution, policies and procedures into alignment with our current objectives and actual practices as an organization. The Finance Committee and the Personnel Committee have made major progress in updating our policies and procedures. I want to

particularly thank Pat Koch, Konnie McCaffree, Jean Levitan, and Robert Friar for the countless hours they have devoted to this work. Because our 501c3 status as a nonprofit organization depends upon transparency and financial accountability, finance and personnel are essential aspects of our maintenance as an organization. The IRS has more stringent guidelines for filing our taxes (Form 990), and we are assuring that we are in compliance.

Finally, I want to thank all of you who have been so diligently working in your committees and in other ways to support the

Society. We need your help. Please contact Dave or me if you'd like to participate more. And, thanks to Mandy Peters for her work for us at the office and to David Fleming for his work with me and for us as our SSSS ED.

MAHALO,
Suzanne G. Frayser, Ph.D.

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FROM THE STUDENT INVOLVEMENT CHAIRS

Hey Students, We hope that your Spring Semester's are treating you well. We are both very excited to be the new student co-chairs. We are both doctoral students at Indiana University studying Health Behavior. We hope that we can provide an enjoyable experience for students attending SSSS events. Recently we have

created the SSSS Student Listserv to provide a forum for students to communicate openly with each other. Our email addresses are: rhartzel@indiana.edu and kniozkow@indiana.edu. If you have not been added to the listserv and would like to join please email us and we can add you. Feel free to use this listserv to ask any questions,

post any job opportunities, or provide any notification of events of interest to other sexuality students. If you have any suggestions for student activities at SSSS conferences please let us know and we can work toward meeting your needs. We are excited to see you at the upcoming conference in San Juan!

Sincerely,
Rose and Kristen
Student Involvement Co-Chairs



Rose Hartzell & Kristen Jozkowski
Student Involvement Co-Chairs

FROM THE EDITOR

Happy Spring! Although in Ontario we're still scraping our cars every morning and shoveling, I can tell the end is near. I'm definitely looking forward to sand, sun, and reconnecting with colleagues in San Juan more than six months from now! The

location, and the theme, "The Cultural Dimensions of Sexuality," should provide an opportunity for new faces and new research to be presented at the meeting. In the mean time, connect with other SSSS members

through contributions to the newsletter. I continue to seek out Graduate Program Highlights and interviews with SSSS members. Do you have news to share regarding your work? A new article, chapter, or book? If so please forward these, as well as any other

suggestions, comments or feedback regarding the newsletter to me by May 15th.
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SEXUAL HEALTH CLINIC NAMED FOR SSSS MEMBER



Raymond Goodman opens The Goodman Clinic for Sexual Health

The Psychosexual Medicine Clinic by Salford Community Health Services, UK, has recently been renamed The Goodman Clinic for Sexual Health, after Dr. Raymond E. Goodman, longtime SSSS member. Dr.

Goodman has been associated with the Salford Primary Care Trust for over 34 years.

The clinic receives referrals from family doctors, psychiatrists, gynaecologists, psychologists, and various other specialists and deals with a range of problems

(sexual dysfunctions, gender dysphorias, sexual difficulties in patients with different sexual orientations, and in those with physical and mental handicaps). The clinic has recently been awarded the *Nursing Times Award*.

CENTER FOR SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION RECEIVES \$1 MILLION GRANT

The Patty Brisben Foundation recently provided core support for the new Center for Sexual Health Promotion at Indiana University, Bloomington, through a \$1 million research grant to Michael Reece and Debby Herbenick, SSSS members, and researchers in the School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation

(HPER). The Center has also recently entered into a three-year agreement with Church & Dwight, one of the world's leading sexual health products companies and makers of Trojan brand condoms. The collaboration will include a range of projects focusing on understanding consumer behaviors and those

designed to influence the design of products, such as condoms, that sexually active individuals need to use consistently and correctly in order to best protect their own health and the health of their partner.

These exciting partnerships enhance the Center's role on IU's campus as a leader in

sexual health research. Indiana University, Bloomington, is the home of the Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender and Reproduction, now celebrating its 60th anniversary, and the Rural Center for AIDS/STD Prevention, also housed in HPER.

JOURNAL OF SEX RESEARCH BOOK REVIEW SECTION

The *Journal of Sex Research*, under new editorial leadership, is seeking contributions to its Book Review Section. The Book Review Section offers a valuable service to the Journal's readership, and to the sexual health field as a whole.

Authors and Publishers – The Book Review Section of the Journal of Sex Research (JSR) welcomes newly published books focusing on sexuality-related issues. If you have recently published a research or theory-based text, and would like to have it considered for review in JSR, please contact, or send a copy of the text to the Book Review Editor at the address below. We welcome books from any disciplinary field.

Potential Reviewers – if you are interested in writing a book review, please contact the Book Review Editor at the address below, and indicate the areas/topics you would be most interested in reviewing.

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UNIVERSITY CONSORTIUM FOR SEXUALITY RESEARCH AND TRAINING FELLOWSHIPS

The University Consortium for Sexuality Research and Training is pleased to announce the launch of its Fellowship Program for students and researchers of color to attend the **2008 Summer Institute on Politics, Sexuality, and Education**.

The 7th Annual Summer Institute is a three-week intensive interdisciplinary education program, hosted by the National Sexuality Resource Center in San Francisco.

UCSRT will be awarding a limited number of Fellowships to members of ethnic and racial minority groups (U.S. residents only), who have been historically underrepresented in the field of human sexuality studies.

The deadline to apply for the Summer Institute and UCSRT Fellowships is May 1. Apply now!

Questions about the Summer Institute or UCSRT Fellowships? Contact Christopher White, PhD, Director of Education and Training (nsrc_si@sfsu.edu).

Visit the UCSRT website for more information: <http://nsrc.sfsu.edu:80/Index.cfm?Page=80>

UPCOMING MEETINGS

SSSS Conferences and Meetings

2008 SSSS Western Region Annual Conference. "Sexual Healing: Self and Society." San Diego, California, April 10-13, 2008.

2008 SSSS Midcontinent and Eastern Region Annual Conference. Cleveland, Ohio,

May 15-17, 2008.

2008 SSSS Annual Meeting. "The Cultural Dimensions of Sexuality." San Juan, Puerto Rico, November 5-9, 2008.

Non-SSSS Conferences and Meetings

9th Congress of the European Federation of Sexology. "Therapy,

Prevention and Promotion of Sexual Well-being." Rome, Italy, April 13-17, 2008.

19th WAS World Congress for Sexual Health. "Sexual Health and Rights: A Global Challenge." Gotenborg, Sweden, June 21-25, 2009.

AASECT 40th Annual Conference. "The Rhythm of

our Roots: 40 Years of Sexuality Education and Health Celebrated through Song, Story and Science." New Orleans, Louisiana, June 25-29, 2008.

2008 NSRC Summer Institute on Sexuality, Education, and Politics. San Francisco, California, July 7-August 1, 2008.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: THE IRA AND HARRIET REISS THEORY AWARD

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 will be 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 will be 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 will receive a plaque and a \$500 (US) award and may be invited to present a plenary address based on the winning publication at the November annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality. The first award was presented at the 2006 meeting in Las Vegas.

Nominations may be submitted to the Award

Committee following instructions below.

Nominations must be received prior to May 1, 2008.

The award winner (s) will be notified by July 1, 2008

For more information contact the committee chair: Eleanor Maticka-Tyndale (maticka@uwindsor.ca).

IN THE NEWS

Erection drug repackaged for 'spontaneous sex'

Eli Lilly and Company announced on January 8, 2008, that the US FDS had approved Cialis (tadalafil) for once daily use. When taken for once daily use, men can attempt sexual activity any time between doses. This low dose may be most appropriate for men with ED who anticipate more frequent sexual activity (e.g. twice weekly). Canadian drug stores are already stocking the drug, costing \$3.80

before dispensing fees.

<http://www.cialis.com/index.jsp>

<http://www.canada.com/topics/bodyandhealth/story.html?id=e6bcd71b-2f3e-4c78-98a1-3e8ad880320c>

Why we kiss: gender differences in college students

Over 1000 college students completed one of three questionnaires measuring kissing preferences, attitudes, styles and

behaviors. Results showed that females placed more importance on kissing as a mate assessment device and as a means of initiating, maintaining, and monitoring the current status of their relationship with a long-term partner. In contrast, men appeared to place less importance on kissing, and appeared to use kissing to increase the likelihood of having sex. Hughes, S. M., Harrison, M. A., & Gallup, G. G. (2007). Sex differences in romantic kissing among college students: An

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Physician offers 'g-shot' to enhance sexual function

Plastic surgeon David Matlock offers shots of human engineered collagen to temporarily augment the G-spot in sexually active women with normal function.

<http://www.thegshot.com/>

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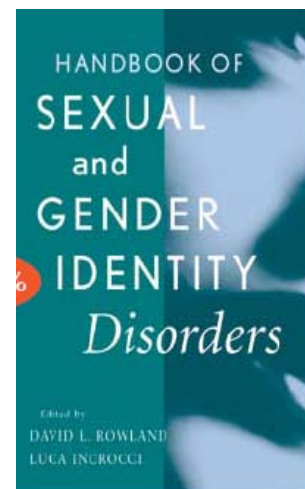
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THE JOB MARKET

FULL PROFESSOR/ RESEARCH DIRECTOR

The Dpt. of Human Sexuality Studies at San Francisco State University invites immediate applications for the position of Professor of Sexuality Studies and Director of the Center for Research on Gender and Sexuality at the rank of Full Professor or Associate

Professor, with tenure. Applications will be reviewed April 1, 2008. Telephone inquiries (kept in strict confidence) are invited by appointment through Mona Sagapolutele (415-405-3570). Professor Gilbert Herdt, Head of the Hiring Committee, may be emailed directly at gherdt@sfsu.edu.

TENURE-STREAM FACULTY POSITION

The Division of Human Development and Family Sciences (Department of Human Ecology), University of Texas at Austin, seeks a talented scholar for a 9-month, tenure stream position faculty beginning September, 2008.

Applicants at all ranks will be considered. Faculty interests include; child development, parent-child relationships, adult relationships, health and health behaviors, prevention, intervention, and policy. Send resume, preprints/reprints, and a list of five references to Dr. Elizabeth V. Vandewater (wlizvan@prc.utexas.edu).

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

GRADUATE PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

Sexuality and Health Track



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I get a variety of responses when I tell people that I am a student in the **MPH program in Sexuality and Health at the Mailman School of Public Health (Columbia University)**. “You mean you study the Kama Sutra?” asked the son of one of my mother’s friends. Some just laugh, embarrassingly hiding their grinning faces behind their hands. Others just raise their eyebrows: “How can you get a Master’s degree in sex?”

Sexuality is, of course, a lot more than just sex; and I feel like I’ve spent a lot of my two years at Mailman trying to first define sexuality for people, and then explain to them how sexuality and health are interconnected. Of course, within the program in

Sexuality and Health, students have myriad interests and choose to approach sexuality in many different ways. There are students who want to work with queer youth, go to medical school, conceptualize sexuality within a human rights framework, ensure access to healthcare for transgender people, and write sex-positive sex education programs. The classes offered in Sexuality and Health at Mailman are as diverse as the interests of the program’s students.

Student’s concentrating in Sexuality and Health have to complete Mailman’s core public health curriculum; with requirements in Epidemiology, Biostatistics,

Environmental Health, Health Policy and Management, and Sociomedical Sciences. The other basic required public health courses in program planning and research design are taught with their applications to sexuality and health in mind. Apart from these courses, however, the program in Sexuality and Health seeks to expose students to myriad specific aspects of sex, sexuality, and public health. There are required courses in the history of sexuality in New York City, human rights and sexuality, sexual health promotion, theories of sexuality and health, and current issues in the field. These classes discuss topics too numerous to name; but

which include gender identity, sex-positive approaches to sex education, female genital cutting, and factors that shape HIV risk. The students in the program have a lot of space to influence the topics that are talked about in class, and how each topic is approached and presented. My classmates, with their diverse backgrounds and interests, have gotten me to think about things that I had never even considered before beginning the Sexuality and Health program at Mailman.

And so thanks to my classes, my professors, and my classmates, when people now ask me to explain what it means (continued on page 9)

SSSS MEMBER PROFILE: ED HEROLD, PHD, SSSS FELLOW

I recently had the privilege of meeting with Dr. Ed Herold at the 50th SSSS conference in Indianapolis. I had only just heard of his work while beginning my thesis research this last year and was excited about the similarity of our thoughts. Certainly, countless people in the field of sexuality can recall an instance early in their education when they met with an individual who mirrored their thoughts and ideas regarding research and this was one of those occasions for me. Dr. Herold's enthusiasm for research and the process of learning was obvious throughout every conversation held. He spoke quickly, often gesticulating as he discussed numerous topics. His conversation centered around the main point that sexuality is one of the most influential aspects in life. The fact that so many myths, controversies and problems continue to surround sexuality attests to this statement.

One lengthy conversation, in particular, focused on the amount of progress achieved in the field. Dr. Herold commented that in 1970, when he began teaching at the University of Guelph, the choices for sexuality textbooks were limited to a small handful of options. Now the options for these

books are endless and cover a wider variety of topics. Given our meeting at the 50th celebration of SSSS, the growth of conferences was also discussed. Back in 1978, he initiated the Guelph Sexuality conference, which ended up being so popular that people had to be turned away. This year the conference will celebrate its 30th year of providing a forum for learning, discussion, and teaching sexual issues. Similarly, one could look at SSSS's 50th celebration to see the amount of growth the field has experienced.

Clearly, more is known about sexuality today than in the 1970's; however, Herold made sure to remind me that so much more is still unknown. In fact, he commented multiple times on the necessity for continued learning, and not just for students. Learning, he remarked, is essential to teaching; for how could one continue to teach if they do not take the time to learn of the new developments themselves; it is through this learning that one can renew their interest in the field.

Now retired as a Professor Emeritus, Dr. Herold continues to research new topics. Whether he is giving a presentation, writing about new ideas, or just observing sexual trends in the media, he maintains an active

interest in the field. "Some people have this perception, that when you retire, you sit around in a rocking chair." Herold uttered, in response to being retired. It would seem that if he had a rocking chair, it would surely be collecting dust.

With his wealth of experience, I took the opportunity to inquire about advice he might offer to newcomers interested in making a career out of sexuality research. In addition to the usual advice of collaboration and networking, Herold spoke of equality and passion. "Work with people who view you as an equal and not as an underling; graduate students should be viewed as colleagues. Be passionate," he firmly stated, in regards to your topic of research. After spending so much time with a project, it can grow stale in a researcher's eyes; remaining passionate about your areas of study cannot only increase the desire to conduct research, but inspire one to keep learning and observing the world around you.

Undeniably, Dr. Herold himself has remained "passionate" about his work throughout life. I asked one final question as to whether he would do anything differently. He responded "The bottom line is that it has



Ed Herold, PhD, SSSS Fellow

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been extremely rewarding for me to be in this field. If I had to start it all over again, I would make the same choice of being a university professor whose main area of teaching and research is human sexuality. I guess that's what the bottom line is."

It is quite apparent the field has been rewarded with his career choices as well, whether it was research on tourism and casual sex in the (continued on page 9)

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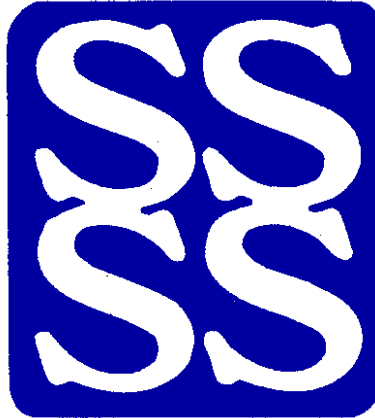
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GRADUATE PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

to study Sexuality and Health, I have many different things that I can tell them. Normally I just start by explaining all the ways that this program has taught me that sex and sexuality are inextricable

from human rights, public health, and the everyday.

For more information about the program in Sexuality and Health at the Mailman School of Public Health-Columbia University, please contact

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SSSS MEMBER PROFILE: ED HEROLD, PHD

Dominican Republic or topless sunbathing in Australia. Indeed, Dr. Herold has contributed to a greater understanding of diverse aspects of sexuality. Nevertheless, there is more growth to be experienced and hopefully, researchers, teachers, and therapists will remain passionate about their work, continue to learn,

and foster the same enthusiasm in their students.

*Dr. Ed Herold received his doctorate in Sociology from Iowa State University and taught at the University of Guelph in the Department of Family Relations and Applied Nutrition for 35 years before retiring in January 2005. He has published approximately 90 articles and book

chapters in addition to two books over the span of his career. Among his many other contributions, he also served as consulting editor for the Journal of Sex Research and was a consultant to the Discovery Channel for the televised series "The Sex Files."

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See you in Puerto Rico, November 2008!