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Society Announcements

Kinsey Puts Spotlight on Sexuality Field

According to David Fleming, Executive Director of SSSS, "We have handled dozens of press calls and emails regarding the Kinsey film. Many articles and broadcasts have been done or are in the works and many of our members have contributed their opinions on the current state of sexuality research compared to Kinsey' time. It has been a marvelous opportunity to help shape the public discourse about the film (and Kinsey's legacy) and more broadly the field of sexuality research."

Award Winners Announced at Annual Conference

Dr. Beverly Whipple was awarded the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS) Public Service Award on November 6, 2004. The award states "In Appreciation For Her Outstanding Achievement In Promoting Public Awareness Of Sexual Issues Throughout Her Distinguished Career As An Educator, Researcher, Practitioner and Advocate."

It was also announced that she is the first person to receive the two highest awards by SSSS. In 1998, while she was President of the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists (AASECT), she received the SSSS Distinguished Scientific Achievement Award for, as the plaque says, "In recognition of her important research concerning female sexuality, the dynamics of female sexual response, and women's health issues."

Not only has Dr. Beverly Whipple been the only person to serve as President of AASECT and SSSS (the two largest sexuality organizations), but while she was president of SSSS in 2003, she received the AASECT Professional Standard of Excellence Award. That plaque says "AASECT Bestows this prestigious Award to Beverly Whipple for advancing the field of human sexuality through scientific research and international leadership efforts. Her exemplary work meets the highest standards of professional contributions. She has given greatly to the promotion of quality of life and sexual health throughout the world."

Dr. Whipple is a Professor Emerita at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey and the Vice-president of the World Association for Sexology.

Please look for information about our other award winners in the upcoming issues of Sexual Science.

Member Forum

“Values Trump Data:” The Attack on Sexual Science

(The following was presented at the 46th Annual SSSS Meeting by John DeLamater. The President’s Column will return in the next edition of Sexual Science.)

As many SSSS members are aware, sexual science has increasingly come under attack by conservative politicians and religious groups over the past three years. First, in the summer of 2002, there was the Toomey amendment to de-fund four NIH research grants; the motion went to the floor of the House of Representatives, and lost by only 2 votes. Members of Congress also questioned a grant of \$26,000 by NIH to the Kinsey Institute to support a conference focused on sexual arousal. In September of 2002, there was the “hit list,” a list of 150+ NIH funded research projects, including investigators’ names and amount of money awarded, compiled by the Traditional Values Coalition. These projects, most involving research on sexuality, were said to be a waste of taxpayers’ money. All of these incidents are attacks on the integrity of the peer-review process used by NIH to fund research. Many respected scientific organizations, including SSSS, have expressed their concern, and have formed the Coalition to Protect Research. Thousands of scientists have signed petitions calling on President George Bush to put an end to attacks on and efforts to subvert established procedures.

How should we respond? I have several concrete suggestions:

- We need to get pro-sexual science messages to the public. The conservatives succeed in part because the general public is uninformed about the issues involved. We need to get accurate and valid information to the public. I urge each of you to identify one or two media people whom you trust and develop a relationship with them. Contact them when issues arise. A great time to start is now, with the imminent release of *Kinsey*. See the film, and then contact the media to express your views.
- We need to support early warning efforts. These attacks come up quickly, often with little advance notice. Get on the email list of the Coalition to Protect Research, SIECUS, or the American Psychological Association Office of Public Policy.
- Support our allies in Congress. There are Senators and Representatives who oppose these efforts to subvert science. Find out how your congressmen and women vote on these issues. If you have a supportive member, visit that person when he or she is in your district. Build the case for sexual science for them. Tell them specific ways in which it contributes to society, e.g., by reducing the incidence of teen pregnancy, contributing to marital stability, and fighting HIV/AIDS.
- Support those whose work is attacked on political or ideological grounds. Often when a colleague’s research or teaching or therapeutic practice is attacked, we remain neutral. Or worse, we question some aspect of the work; legitimate criticism is important, but we should be circumspect; recognize that your criticism may be pointed to as further evidence that the work is illegitimate or a waste of money.
- The best defense is a good offense! Let’s get going!

John DeLamater
Professor of Sociology
University of Wisconsin-Madison Member Forum

Briefly Noted

Regional News

MidContinent & Eastern Regional Meeting:

Due to the consolidation of the SSSS Annual Meeting with the World Association of Sexology meeting in 2005, and its subsequent move to July, The MidContinent and Eastern Regions have agreed to hold their joint meeting in November, 2005. The meeting will be held in Atlanta, GA from November 3-6, 2005. The Call for Papers is available at:

http://www.sexscience.org/uploads/media/EMRcall_for_papers_2005_with_faculty.pdf

MidContinent's Student Awards Committee - The Student Awards Committee name has been changed to the **David Weis Student Awards Committee**, in memory of the late David Weis, MidContinent member.

Regional Officers for 2004-2005

Eastern Region officers for 2004-2005 are:

President - Jim Beers
President-Elect - Jeffrey Parsons
Secretary - Betsy Crane
Treasurer - Julie Wilgen

MidContinent officers for 2004-2005 are:

President Elect - Sharon McNeely
President - Patricia Aletky
Treasurer - Heather Hoffmann
Secretary - Sandra Schroer

Western Region officers for 2004-2005 are:

President - Olga Perez Stable-Cox
President-Elect - Suzanne Frayser
Secretary - Linda DeVillers
Treasurer - Vena Blanchard

William L. Yarber Professorship in Sexual Health

Michael Reece, PhD, Department of Applied Health Science at Indiana University, is the William L. Yarber Professor in Sexual Health. Dr. Reece, who became the Yarber Professor in 2001, conducts research in mental health issues related to HIV infection and in sexual health. He is currently conducting a federally funded study evaluating different mechanisms for engaging low-income individuals living with HIV into mental health care in urban and rural areas of the Southeastern United States. He is also director of the Sexual Health Research Working Group, a group of faculty and graduate students at Indiana University collaborating on sexual health research.

The Yarber Professorship also supports a doctoral student in sexual health. Debra Herbenick, MPH, a doctoral candidate in health behavior with a minor in human sexuality, is the current William L. Yarber Professorship Fellow. The Yarber Professorship is an inperpetuum professorship endowed by William L. Yarber, HSD, professor of applied health science, professor of gender studies, and senior research fellow at The Kinsey Institute at Indiana University. Dr. Yarber is also senior director of the Rural Center for AIDS/STD Prevention at Indiana University and is a Past President of SSSS and recipient of the SSSS Distinguished Scientific Achievement Award.

Special Offer to SSSS Members!

The Haworth Press is pleased to announce the publication of the [American Journal of Sexuality Education](#), edited by Bill Taverner and Elizabeth Schroeder. Haworth Press is offering SSSS members the opportunity to subscribe to the charter volume of the journal at the reduced rate of \$12.

To take advantage of this offer, please contact Mandy Peters at the SSSS office. Orders can be made via telephone, fax, email or mail. If members are mailing them, please address to:

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Sexuality in the News

(excerpted from www.guttmacher.org)

Pharmacists refuse to fill prescriptions on 'moral grounds'

A recent wave of lawsuits and legislative initiatives has turned the spotlight on pharmacists who refuse to fill prescriptions for contraceptives.

Some pharmacists have refused to stock supplies or to fill prescriptions for emergency contraception and other contraceptives based on their personal views. In certain cases,

pharmacists have refused to refer clients or transfer prescriptions to colleagues, thus denying women access to contraceptive supplies.

Almost half of the more than three million unintended pregnancies in the United States each year occur among women not using contraceptives.

So far this year, seven states have introduced legislation allowing health care providers to refuse to provide contraceptive services on religious or ethical grounds. Mississippi enacted a law allowing healthcare providers-including pharmacists-to refuse to provide medical services, including counseling and referral; similar legislation is pending in Michigan. Mississippi joined two other states- Arkansas and South Dakota-that have laws explicitly protecting pharmacists who refuse to dispense contraception.

The American Pharmacists Association adopted a policy in 1998 attempting to counterbalance pharmacists' right of refusal with "the establishment of systems to ensure patient access to legally prescribed therapy." Such provisions need to be upheld to ensure that women can have their contraceptive prescriptions filled.

To learn more about "refusal clauses" or "conscience clauses" that allow pharmacists and health care providers to withhold services, visit <http://www.gutmacher.org/pubs/tgr/07/3/gr070301.html>
For an overview of related state policies, visit http://www.gutmacher.org/statecenter/spibs/spib_RPHS.pdf

Foundation for the Scientific Study of Sexuality

FSSS Florida Pool Party a Success

The FSSS Board of Directors wishes to thank all of those attending the FSSS event in Orlando for making the event a very successful fundraising event. Approximately \$4,000 was raised to support the work of the Foundation in 2005. These funds will be directed to supporting the FSSS "Grants-in-Aid" program and several priority needs of SSSS. For information about applying for a "Grant-in-Aid," contact the FSSS office at 317 Scott Ave., Syracuse, NY 13224 or e-mail Clive Davis at cmd@psych.syr.edu.

FSSS Julius H and Naomi Winer Fund for Sexual Science and Public Policy

Did you know that since 1989, the **Foundation for the Scientific Study of Sexuality** has contributed more than \$15,000 to SSSS to support major plenary addresses at the Annual Meeting. Each year, the **FSSS Julius H and Naomi Winer Fund for Sexual Science and Public Policy** underwrites the cost of a plenary by providing travel funds and an honorarium so that a distinguished scholar can be chosen to make these outstanding contributions at the Annual Meeting.

In 1988 Naomi Winer made a donation of \$10,000 to establish the **Winer Fund**, honoring her husband Julius, a pioneering member of SSSS. For many years, Dr. Julius H. Winer, a urologist, was a leader of the Western Region of SSSS, serving as president of the region and in many other capacities. Legend has it that the reason most board meetings of the Western Region were held at the Winer's home in Beverly Hills was because the Board members knew that following the meeting Naomi would provide a gourmet meal, clearly a major fringe benefit of

serving the Society. Following Jay's death, Naomi remained involved with SSSS through her support of the specialized endowment honoring her husband. Following her death, the fund was renamed to recognize her important contributions to this legacy as well.

SSSS members may contribute to this dedicated endowment fund devoted to sexual science and public policy by designating that their donation to FSSS be used for this purpose. As the fund grows, additional public policy initiatives will be supported by the fund. For more information, contact the **FSSS** office at 317 Scott Ave., Syracuse, NY 13224, or send e-mail to Clive M. Davis at cmd@psych.syr.edu.

STUDENT FOCUS

Students were especially visible at the 2004 Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida. Seventy five students attended the conference. Twenty students submitted articles for the student paper competition. All the papers were outstanding and varied considerably in areas of research. D. J. Angelone (affiliated with the Portland VA Medical Center and Kent State University), received the outstanding student paper award. The paper was titled Peer Sexual Harassment: Person and Situational Influences in a Laboratory Paradigm.

Attempts to energize the student list-serve appear to be having some effect. Prior to the Orlando conference, 37 students were registered on the student list-serv. Following the conference, 49 have registered. The student list serv is a great place to post upcoming events in the field of human sexuality, funding opportunities, and job postings. We hope the students continue to use the list serv. To subscribe to the list serv, send a message to: QuadSstudents-subscribe@yahoogroups.com with the word "subscribe" in the body of the message.

Students play a critical role in the growth and maintenance of the organization. We hope that students continue to submit their research, time, and excitement to The Society.

Contributed by Tracy Cohn

Student Attendee Survey

I conducted an informal Student Survey at the 46th Annual SSSS Conference, hoping to glean the wisdom of our future members, regarding how we can best reach them, and what they expect from us. Of the 31 respondents, 19 were attending their first meeting.

As expected, the students represented various majors, which break down as follows:

Majors:

Psychology 15

Health Ed 6

Social Psychology 2

Business Admin 1

Counseling 1

Health Behavior 1

Human Dev/Family Studies 1

Human Sexuality Education 1

Liberal Arts 1

School and College Health 1
Unspecified 1

Responses were as follows:

How did you learn about SSSS?

Mentor	10
Internet	2
JSR	1
Professional Contact	6
Program	7
Word of Mouth	1
Presenter	1
Internship	2
Sinclair	1

How can SSSS better reach students?

Promotion at university level	6
Talks and presentations on campus	2
Student sessions at meetings	1
Create E-list or Listserv	1
Put out a career and research-related SS issue	1
Mentoring programs	2
Lower membership fees (Student fees based on undergrad, masters, PhD) (Student fees with and without JSR)	3
Campus chapters	3
Separate student organization	1
Post info at APA and AABT	1
Establish sexuality majors and minors at universities	1
Formulate methods to recruit undergrads	1
More outdoors lunches	1
Send brochures directly to students	1
Have professors talk more about the program	1
Distribute info at Campus Health Centers	1
Keep in regular contact through email or letters	1
Yahoo student group or web-page	1
Annual student meetings	1
Ask questions, comments and recommendations from students	1
Create undergraduate scholarships or internships	1

What do you hope to get from your relationship with SSSS?

Exposure to current research	8
Knowledge	7
Networking	13
Information about grad programs	3
Mentoring	5
Education/Continuing Education	6
Experience Presenting	2
Meet other students	5

Opportunities/resources for research funding	2
Deciding if this is the field I wish to pursue	2

Opportunity Alert!

Research Funding

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the CDC Foundation announce the 2005 Price Fellowships for HIV Prevention program. The Price Fellowships program offers the opportunity to three individuals from community-based and/or non-governmental organizations (CBO/NGOs), committed to preventing HIV infection, to work closely for one month with health professionals at CDC.

Recognizing the vital contributions of CBOs/NGOs and their role as partners in a national HIV/AIDS prevention strategy, the Price Fellowship for HIV Prevention is designed to:

1. provide CDC with expertise and different perspectives about the prevention activities, organizational structure and capacity, and experiences of CBOs/NGOs;
2. provide three CBO/NGO representatives an opportunity to;
 - a) complete a self-directed project relevant to a specified area of HIV prevention
 - b) learn more about HIV prevention at the national level;
3. facilitate an exchange about important HIV/AIDS prevention issues between three CBO representatives and CDC personnel, state and local health department representatives, and other CBO leaders in the United States.

Individuals meeting the following criteria are encouraged to apply:

- Paid employee currently working for a community-based organization, a not-for-profit organization, or a non-governmental organization in the United States and its territories.
- A minimum of two years experience working in HIV prevention and an understanding of HIV/AIDS prevention at the local, state, and national level. Volunteers are not currently eligible for the Price Fellowship.
- The ability to articulate community concerns and have the confidence to voice such concerns in a constructive manner to CDC staff.

Applicants should also be interested in developing better working relationships with governmental agencies, and have the ambition and interest to pursue the Fellowship objectives as well as personal objectives related to this opportunity. If an applicant is selected for the Fellowship and should change employment before the Fellowship begins, their new employer must support their participation in the Fellowship. Persons working for an international CBO/NGO are currently not eligible to apply for this Fellowship.

The individuals selected as Price Fellows spend four weeks (August 8-September 2, 2005) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in Atlanta, working with CDC staff. Each Fellow is assigned a mentor to assist in guiding their prevention project.

To obtain a written description detailing the Price Fellowship program and an application form please contact the CDC National Prevention Information Network (NPIN) by calling 1-800-458-5231, selecting either English or Spanish, and then choosing option 1 and requesting that document number E178 be mailed to you. For the program description and application to be faxed to you via an automated fax-on-demand service, call 1-800-458-5231, select option 1 for

English, and then choose option 4 and request document number 5007. These materials are also available electronically at www.cdcfoundation.org/price.

Completed applications must be received by April 22, 2005 (No Faxed or E-mailed applications will be accepted). Specific questions about the application process and the Fellowship program may be directed to:

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
NCHSTP, DHAP-IRS, CBB
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POSTDOCTORAL CLINICAL/RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

The Program in Human Sexuality at the University of Minnesota Medical School is seeking applicants to join a vibrant team of faculty and postdoctoral fellows for a two-year fellowship program. The fellow will provide individual, family, couple and group psychotherapy for a wide range of sexual dysfunctions and problems including: sexual offending, relationship and sexual problems, gender identity disorders, sexual orientation concerns, compulsive sexual behavior, paraphilias, and HIV counseling. The clinic serves a diverse group of patients (an average of 1,000 patient visits a month).

The training helps fellows to become more well-rounded as therapists and more comfortable and skilled in addressing sexual issues in any clinical setting. In addition to sex therapy, treatment addresses a wide variety of Axis I and Axis II disorders. This kind of diversity makes for an exciting and stimulating fellowship! Fellows complete a research project that is tailored to their own interests. Applicants must have their Ph.D., Psy.D. or M.D. The fellowship helps individuals gain licensure. The starting date can be flexible.

The fellowship includes a competitive salary, excellent benefits, and a professional travel stipend. Send letter stating clinical, research and teaching interest, a curriculum vitae and three references to:

Eli Coleman, Ph.D.
Professor and Director, Program in Human Sexuality
1300 South 2nd Street, Ste. 180
Minneapolis, MN 55454
The University of Minnesota is an equal opportunity employer.

Upcoming Events, Meetings, etc.

National Meetings:

SSTAR 2005: 30th Annual Meeting

The 30th Annual Meeting of the Society for Sex Therapy and Research will be held on April 7-10,

2005, at the Hyatt Regency Cambridge in Cambridge, MA. Information is available at <http://www.sstarnet.org/upcomingMeetings.cfm>.

Western Region Conference

May 5-8 2005, Hyatt Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco

As we learned from the Kinsey team, we can understand sexuality best by studying the entire continuum of sexual behavior. Many atypical sexual practices remain unstudied or understudied, yet sexual communities focusing on these activities are flourishing. The 2005 Western Region conference will focus on the entire erotic continuum and sexual minority communities in the hope of expanding our scientific understanding of the broad range of human sexuality and providing more effective clinical services. The conference will offer Continuing Education workshops before and during the conference. Conference attendees will enjoy films, an awards banquet, excursions and other social events that only San Francisco (or as it's affectionately known by some, "Babylon by the Bay,") can offer! Plenary speakers include Joan Roughgarden, Judith Levine, Martin Weinberg, Colin Williams, Vern Bullough, Jack Morin, Dossie Easton and William Henkin.

So, what could be better? CE's AND San Francisco, all wrapped up in the pretty package of the Hyatt Fisherman's Wharf. You won't want to miss this important sexology conference at a spectacular location. May is one of our warmest months, so come and enjoy the City before the tourists get here! When making hotel reservations (800-233-1234 or <http://hyatt.com>), mention SSSS and receive our discounted room rate.

Call for Papers

The Eastern and MidContinent Region Conference has issued a call for papers for their annual conference, to be held November 3-6, 2005 in Atlanta, Georgia. The conference is entitled, "Child, Adolescent and Elder Sexual Expression." the deadline for submissions is May 1st.

Information is available at

http://www.sexscience.org/uploads/media/EMRcall_for_papers_2005_with_faculty_pdf

37th Annual AASECT Conference

The 37th Annual AASECT Conference will be held on May 11-15, 2005, at the Portland Downtown Marriott in Portland, OR. CE's available. Information is available at

<http://www.aasect.org/annualcon.cfm>.

ARHP Annual Conference

The ARHP annual meeting will be held on September 7-10, 2005 in Tampa/St. Petersburg. The meeting will be sponsored with the Society of Family Planning and Planned Parenthood Federation of America. Additional information about the meeting is posted at

www.arhp.org/conferences. If you have any questions, call ARHP staff at (202) 466-3825 or send e-mail to conferences@arhp.org.

International Meetings:

The annual meeting of the **International Academy of Sex Research (IASR)** will be held July 6-9, 2005 in Ottawa, Ontario. Contact the Secretary/Treasurer of IASR, Lucia O'Sullivan, Ph.D., at LFO2@columbia.edu for more information. Please note that in the email address, the letter F is followed by the letter O, not by a zero.

Women and the New Sexual Politics: Profits vs. Pleasures will be held July 9-10, 2005, in Montreal, Quebec, at Le Nouvel Hotel. The keynote speaker will be Barbara Ehrenreich. The conference is sponsored by the Campaign for a New View of Women's Sexual Problems. Leonore Tiefer, Ph.D. is the conference chair. The conference committee is currently being formed. More information can be found at <http://www.fsd-alert.org>.

17th World Congress of Sexology The World Congress will be held July 10-15, 2005, at the Montreal Convention Centre. Preliminary program information is available at www.montrealsex.com

Call for Papers

The Bonnie and Vern L. Bullough Book Award: Call for Nominations

The Bonnie and Vern L. Bullough Award is given annually by the Foundation for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (FSSS) for the most distinguished book written for the professional sexological community published during the previous year. A prize of \$500 and a plaque are given to the recipient. The book must be an original work, that is, not a new edition or an anthology from multiple authors. Its primary audience must be professionals working in the field of sexology, from any disciplinary perspective.

To submit nominations, the author(s) or their publisher, or any individual acting with the author's consent must submit one copy of the work, accompanied by a cover letter indicating that the book is being submitted for consideration for the award. An administrative non-refundable fee of \$20 must be enclosed for each book nominated, with check payable to FSSS.

The book, cover letter, and fee should be sent to:

Bullough Award Committee, FSSS
c/o Martha Cornog & Timothy Perper
614 South 8th Street, Box #294
Philadelphia, PA 19147

The deadline for submitting nominations for books published in 2004 is May 1, 2005, and announcement/presentation of the award will be made at the meeting of the World Association of Sexology, July 10-15, 2005, in Montreal. The deadline for submitting nominations for books published in 2005 is January 31, 2006. The winner will be announced in July 2006, and presentation made at the Annual Meeting of SSSS, in November 2006.

For a more complete description of award criteria and the review process, contact Martha Cornog and Timothy Perper at perpcorn@dca.net, or at the address above.

Wired! Sexuality Websites of Interest

This issue's website of interest features an online research project by David Riegel, a current SSSS student.

Sexually Expressed Boyhood Relationships with Older Males

David L. "Dave" Riegel, principal investigator.

Empirical data which are as unbiased as possible should be the basis for any legitimate psychological investigation. Yet some researchers (e.g. Finkelhor, 1984, Spiegel, 2000) have established and defended positions on the issues of the effects of sexual experiences between boys and older males that are based on questionable data (Green, 2002). Even many of the studies incorporated into the Rind et al. meta-analysis (1998) were described by those authors as failing to separate the effects of these sexual experiences from such confounding factors as concurrent mental and physical abuse.

This current investigation is intended to gather extensive and detailed self-reported information from men who as boys had one or more sexual contacts with an older male. The questionnaire inquires into demographics, background, experience(s), and self-perceived short and long term effects. Every effort has been made to insure the anonymity of respondents, and to protect their confidentiality.

If you had one or more boyhood sexual experiences with a male who was at least three years older and would like to contribute to the scientific understanding of this phenomenon and its effects, please go to <http://psychrsrch.net/sebrom.etr>

If you would like to help make others aware of this research, please go to <http://psychrsrch.net/ante-sebrom.html>

References:

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Rind, B., Tromovitch, P., Bauserman, R. (1998) A meta-analytic examination of assumed properties of child sexual abuse using college samples. Psychological Bulletin, 124, 22-53.

Spiegel, D. (2000). The price of abusing children and numbers. Sexuality & Culture, 4(2), 63-66.

REMINDER!!!!!!!!!!

Deadline for submissions for the next edition is April 22, 2005. Please send all submissions to: ncoiro@yahoo.com. Please write Sexual Science in the subject heading.