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## FROM THE PRESIDENT: THE FUTURE OF SSSS

SSSS has been my primary scientific home since the early 1990s. The society has a great history and its members are, to say the least, leaders in sexual science. It is my privilege to be a part of this very special group and to serve you as your president.

In our line of work, many of us feel alone. The field of sexuality faces many types of suspicions and detractions, and not all of us get the support we need from our other institutions. Belonging to SSSS gives us a feeling that we have a home. This network provides us many types of support and important knowledge of the latest results in sexual science. Here we can feel accepted and respected. This is a very important thing.

Around the world, many of our colleagues, especially in the developing world, are not as lucky; too many must still stand alone. They do not have a scientific and professional home like SSSS to support their work. I would like to

invite sexual scientists around the world to join us at SSSS so that we can grow and continue to support and benefit each other in more broad and international contexts.

Over two tours as a member of the Board of Directors, I have learned that SSSS is truly a well-organized society with a strong democratic spirit. I have a lot of experience with other international groups and I have to say that SSSS is the best in this respect. I am very confident of the future of SSSS.

But the future of SSSS depends on you, dear members of SSSS. We accredit your professional identity and we provide membership benefits in sexual science. We are establishing new membership benefits on our website to help promote members' scientific and professional expertise. And we are looking always for other new means to support our current and future members.

I would also like to highlight the

volunteer work that so many members contribute to our society. Without this work we could not blossom, or even survive. This includes members of BOD, members of nine acting committees, program co-chairs and the program committee, mentors, student groups, editors and reviewers of JSR, and *many* others. I use this occasion to warmly thank you all for your invaluable work. You are a great team.

There is still much work to be done. We need support and help from our members. I welcome your ideas and contributions. Please contact me and tell me how we could better meet your expectations and how you could help our society.

I thank you for your support - let us keep in touch. The future of SSSS is in our hands.

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**In Memoriam: Dr. Paul Gebhard**  
Paul Gebhard, last member of the original Kinsey research team, died on July 9, 2015, after a brief illness. He was 98 years old.

Paul joined Alfred Kinsey's research team at Indiana University in 1946. He was a co-author of the 1953 bestselling research book, *Sexual Behavior in the Human Female*, which revealed sexual experiences of women in mid-century America. A Harvard-trained anthropologist, he conducted interviews and also devised the classification scheme for the Institute's extensive collection of photographs.

During his tenure, the Kinsey Institute researchers continued ground-breaking research on homosexuality, sexual deviance, erotic art around the world, and the social structure of sexuality, among other topics.

A series of interviews with Paul from last year recalling his experiences, such as his first meeting with Alfred Kinsey, working with Masters and Johnson, and his opinion on the movie *KINSEY*, can be viewed on the Kinsey website.

*Photo by Bill Dellenback, Kinsey Institute  
Adapted from the Kinsey Institute Memorial*



## DR. EDWARD FERNANDES: SWINGING AND PARADIGM CHANGE

*\*Above photo from TLC's "Swinger Wives"*

Swingers are, by far, the largest of the consensual non-monogamy groups. In the Media, swingers are often portrayed as people whose relationships were in shambles and had resorted to swinging as an attempt to save a moribund marriage. However, the actual data doesn't support that assumption, or portrayal.

I have conducted eight studies on the Swingers and the Swinging Lifestyle in the last several years, and my findings suggest that swingers, overall, are just ordinary people with no specific characteristics or pathology.

The demographic profile of swingers suggests that, for the most part, they are Caucasians between 36 and 55 years of age. They are mostly college educated and have been married for at least 11 to 20 years. Many professions and occupations were represented

from blue-collar and white-collar workers, to individuals with advanced professional degrees.

The majority of the women in my studies identified as bi-curious, with a small minority identifying as bisexual. For the most part female bisexuality is accepted within the swinging lifestyle; however, male "bisexuality" is not usually welcomed. Only about 20% of the men in my studies identified themselves as bisexual, the rest identified as primarily heterosexual. Perhaps one of the reasons why women are attracted to swinging is the opportunity to express their bisexuality in a safe and accepting environment.

Most of the swingers in my sample were married or cohabiting, the great majority had been in a relationship for well over ten years, and for most this was their first marriage. Most had

been swinging anywhere between three years and 12 years, which suggests that swinging, overall, adds to the longevity of the marital relationship.

It also seems that swingers are not a politically homogenous group. Rather, swingers hold disparate political ideology, from social conservatism to liberalism and socialism with a certain percentage holding no political views at all. However, interesting to note that of all political categories, Republicans held the majority!

Most swingers primarily cite enjoying the sexual variety as their reason for continuing their swinging lifestyle; sexual enjoyment and personal fantasy were also high on the list.

Although there is still a strong societal

disapproval of swinging and a belief that swingers have unsatisfactory marriages and are unhappy with their primary relationships, there is no evidence to support such a claim. My research suggests that perhaps we are witnessing a new social paradigm regarding the dynamics of marriage and consensual extra-marital sex. It is possible that swinging is bringing about a re-definition of marriage and a change in the traditional expectation of marital monogamy. Future research on this topic is warranted and necessary to understand the changing dynamics of marital relationships.

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### In Memoriam: Dr. Howard W. Jones

Howard W. Jones Jr., MD, co-founder of the EVMS Jones Institute for Reproductive Medicine and Professor Emeritus of Obstetrics and Gynecology at EVMS, died July 31, 2015, at the age of 104.

Along with his late wife, endocrinologist Georgeanna Jones, MD, Dr. Howard Jones is responsible for the first in vitro fertilization (IVF) baby born in the US.

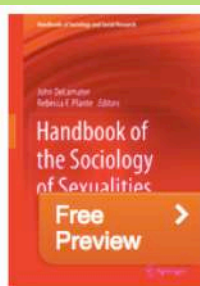
Dr. Jones held the rank of Professor Emeritus at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine where between 1967 and 1976, he served as Professor of Gynecology and Obstetrics, Acting Chairman of the OB/GYN Department, and Secretary General of the university's Program for International Education.

He is the author of 12 books, the most recent of which, *In Vitro Fertilization Comes to America: Memoir of a Medical Breakthrough*, was published in December 2014. Until he was hospitalized in July, Dr. Jones still kept regular office hours in the building that bears his name. He was a regular at scientific conferences and kept up with and contributed to the latest literature.

*Adapted from EVMS -*

*[http://www.evms.edu/evms\\_news/howard\\_jones/](http://www.evms.edu/evms_news/howard_jones/)*

## New Book Alert!



## Handbook of the Sociology of Sexualities

Editors: DeLamater, John, Plante, Rebecca F. (Eds.)

Free Preview

Provides a broad overview of the contributions of social psychologists and sociologists to the study of sexual relationships and sexual expression across the life course

Check it out here: [www.springer.com/us/book/9783319173405](http://www.springer.com/us/book/9783319173405)

## *From your Student Involvement Co-Chairs!*

Hello Students and Early Professionals! We are your Student Involvement Co-Chairs, Shayna and Tiffany. It's our job to represent your interests in The Society and to make sure that there are opportunities for you to learn, grow, and to continue to develop your career and your research interests with us at SSSS.

We're looking forward to seeing you at the upcoming meeting in Albuquerque - we've got some great events planned for you just about every single day! You can meet both of us at the orientation on Thursday, we've got fun plans for the Student and Leadership Luncheon on Friday, and on Saturday evening there's an Early Professional networking mixer! And that's just a taste - we can hardly wait to see you all at the annual SSSS meeting this November!

This fall will also bring another new opportunity for YOU. Shayna, your current Senior Co-Chair, will be transitioning out of her position and Tiffany will be taking it over. This means that we will need a new Junior Co-Chair to take Tiffany's place! Keep an eye out this October for an invitation to nominate yourself for this position - it's a great way to get involved with SSSS!



### Look for The Society on Social Media!

**Twitter:** @Sex\_Science



**Facebook:** The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS) & The SSSS Student and Early Professionals Group!

## MEMBER NEWS!

**Carey Roth Bayer** (EdD, MEd, BSN, RN, CSE) is beginning her position as director of the Center of Excellence for Sexual Health this September at the Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta. Dr. Roth Bayer earned a BSc. in Nursing from Xavier University, a Master's degree in Adult Education and a Doctorate in Human Sexuality Education from Widener University. She is an AASECT Certified Sexuality Educator and has served in numerous leadership capacities with international and national organizations such as AASECT and the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality – Congratulations Carey!



**Chelsea D. Kilimnik** (M.Sc.) is starting her doctoral studies in Clinical Psychology this fall at the University of Texas at Austin. She is joining the Sexual Psychophysiology Lab, under the supervision of Dr. Cindy Meston. While there, she'll be focusing on implicit and explicit measurement of sexual self-schemas, subjective identification of nonconsensual sexual experiences, and sexual outcomes. Good Luck Chelsea!

**Raymond McKie** (M.Sc.) is starting his doctoral studies in Community Psychology this fall at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo. He will be focusing his research in the area of gay male sexual health, under the supervision of Dr. Robb Travers. Good Luck Ray!



### Need a Roommate for the Upcoming Annual Meeting in Albuquerque?

Use the SSSS Room-share Forums:

<http://ssss2014-roomshare.freeforums.net/>







## **2015 Annual Meeting is just a few weeks away!**

**We're excited to gather with our peers in Albuquerque, NM - meeting with old friends and making new connections!**

Our plenary lineup includes: **Doug VanderLaan** as the Reiss Theory Award Recipient; a **TED Talk** Plenary Panel with **Debby Herbenick**, **Stella Resnick**, and **Stephanie Sanders**; SSSS President, **Osmo Kontula**; **Mandy Carter** will give the Winer Plenary with a focus on Social Justice; Distinguished Scientific Achievement Plenary with **Robert Hatcher**; and we close with the North American Federation of Sexuality Organizations Plenary with **Walter Bockting**. Click here for plenary bios and abstracts: [http://www.sexscience.org/Events/plenary\\_speakers\\_2015/](http://www.sexscience.org/Events/plenary_speakers_2015/)

This year our CE committee is proud to offer **more CE options than EVER before**, including 4 pre-conference workshops, 6 plenary sessions, and 17 concurrent sessions. Read more about these great presentations here: [http://www.sexscience.org/Events/continuing\\_education\\_2015/](http://www.sexscience.org/Events/continuing_education_2015/)

Other features include partnering sessions with the **Center for Sex Education (CSE)** and a sexuality research summit hosted by the University of Minnesota Program in Human Sexuality. The CSE will present “**How I got into Sex...Ed**” and the **University of Minnesota Program in Human Sexuality** invites attendees to sit in during the sexuality research summit and interact with the presenters. This summit will run as concurrent sessions during the SSSS Annual Meeting!

## **We look forward to seeing you in Albuquerque!**

**And please make sure you save the date for future SSSS Annual Meetings:**

**2016 – Phoenix, AZ**

**2017 – SSSS' 60th Anniversary in San Juan, Puerto Rico**





## THE FOUNDATION FOR THE SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF SEXUALITY

The Foundation for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (FSSS) will celebrate its 30th anniversary this year. Our fundraising event will be held on November 13, 2015 at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.

This unique site is owned and operated by the 19 Indian Pueblos of New Mexico and dedicated to the preservation and perpetuation of Pueblo Indian Culture, History and Art.

The Center has an award-winning museum, featuring pottery, arts & crafts, jewelry & more from local Native American tribes. The gift store will stay open late for the FSSS guests!

Join FSSS.... For our  
30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION and  
FUNDRAISER

### PRICE INCLUDES:

SOCIAL HOUR

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FIRE PIT

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MUSEUM TOUR

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### NINETEEN PUEBLOS BUFFET

NM Green Chile Stew

Spanish Rice

Calabacitas w/Green Chile

NM Red Chile Cheese Enchiladas

Mini Red Chile Pork Tamales

Homemade Tortillas

Horno Baked Oven Bread

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TRANSPORTATION

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CASH BAR

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### Indian Pueblo Cultural Center

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**Friday, November, 13<sup>th</sup>**  
(6PM to 9:30PM)

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**Regular Price \$100** (before Nov 1<sup>st</sup>)  
(\$115 at the door)

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**Student Price \$60.00** (before Nov 1<sup>st</sup>)  
(\$70 at the door)

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If you cannot attend the Fundraiser,  
please consider donating to FSSS!



Please Complete Section "C"  
Of The Registration Form!

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Fundraising Ticket

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Thank You!

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The Foundation for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (FSSS) is a nonprofit organization devoted exclusively to supporting scientific research related to sexuality. It is the only foundation whose sole and primary mission is to provide funding for conducting scholarly, scientific research to further our understanding of all aspects of sexuality.

# Job Openings!

## Psychology Diversity Postdoctoral Fellow

The Department of Psychology at the **University of Michigan** invites applications for a combined postdoc and tenure track faculty appointment. Pending a positive review during the second year of the post-doctoral period, the fellow will be invited to move into a tenure track assistant professor position.

The fellow may affiliate with one of the eligible areas of Psychology (i.e., Biopsychology, Clinical, Developmental, Education and Psychology, Social Psychology, Gender and Feminist Psychology). The Psychology Department is committed to providing mentoring and research resources that will support fellows in establishing independent research programs.

**More Information:** <http://www.psychologicalscience.org/index.php/post-doc-exchange/show-listing?id=1578>

## Postdoctoral Research & Teaching Fellowship Position

One National Institutes of Health (NIH)-funded postdoctoral research & teaching fellowship position is available with the department of Sociology & Anthropology/Social Work at the **University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP)**.

The research and teaching of the postdoctoral fellow will be related to Social Determinants of Health in the US-Mexico Border Region, led by Dr. Eva Moya (Social Work), and Interpersonal and Institutional Factors affecting Reproductive Health Practices on the US-Mexico Border, led by Dr. Ophra Leyser-Whalen (Sociology).

Candidates must have an earned doctorate in Sociology- or Social Work-related field by their start date (expected January 2016).

**More Information:** contact Ophra Leyser-Whalen at [oleyserwhalen@utep.edu](mailto:oleyserwhalen@utep.edu)

## Assistant Professor in Social, Personality, or Health Psychology

The Department of Psychology, **University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM)** invites applications for a tenure-stream appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor. This appointment will begin July 1, 2016.

Applicants are expected to utilize ecologically valid approaches and advanced statistical methods in a program of research that focuses on understanding health or well-being outcomes, and to have demonstrated a publication record of excellence with regards to these criteria. The successful applicant will be expected to develop and maintain an active, externally funded program of research and to contribute to the education and training of undergraduate students as well as graduate students enrolled in the tri-campus University of Toronto Psychology Graduate Program.

**More Information:** [utoronto.taleo.net/careersection/10050/moresearch.ftl?lang=en](http://utoronto.taleo.net/careersection/10050/moresearch.ftl?lang=en) and click job #1500724.

**Don't forget to Renew Your SSSS Membership!**

Membership renewals will be available for online payment end of this month

Hard copy invoices will be sent in October

# SSSS 2015

## ELECTION RESULTS!



**President-Elect:**

**Eric Buhi**

"In 1994, I attended my first SSSS annual meeting as an undergraduate, and was hooked! My goal is to bolster the science in SSSS, and embrace the vital, complementary roles of clinical/education practice. I am honored to serve as your next President-Elect!"



**Treasurer:**

**Swagata Banik**

"As a member of SSSS for over a decade, I have valued the opportunities to connect with and learn from sexual science colleagues from around the world. This additional term will allow me to implement my vision for a financially healthier SSSS."



**Member at Large:**

**Jay Irwin**

"I have participated in SSSS since 2010, after which I immediately got involved volunteering for the organization. I love the interdisciplinary nature of this society, as well as the innovative space the meetings and society provide members."



**Member at Large:**

**Kristen Mark**

"I have been a member of SSSS since 2007, when I attended my first meeting in Indianapolis. With my interdisciplinary background, SSSS was and continues to be a perfect fit for me as a scholar, and I think that is a great strength for the organization."

### *Get your news in the next edition of the Sex Science Newsletter!*

If you have any content that you'd like included in upcoming newsletters (announcements, accomplishments, job and/or post-doc openings, conference highlights, etc.) feel free to send them in by November 18th for inclusion in our next newsletter:

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