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The SSSS Program Committee has Been Hard At Work...

We at the Program Committee are excited to see the year of planning for the 2016 Annual Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona come to fruition. Thanks to our members and their high quality submissions, we have an exciting scientific program this year! We start off with some excellent pre-conference continuing education workshops including a Sexual Attitude Reassessment (SAR) on the Wednesday and Thursday before the start of the conference. Several Thursday pre-conference CE workshops cover Media Training, Clinical Practice Training, Intersectionality in Research and Practice, and Latent Variable Analyses. We encourage everyone to check these out and register early, as space is limited.

We are especially excited for the outstanding set of plenaries

scheduled throughout the conference: the stellar lineup includes: Laura Betito, Marty Klein, Pepper Schwartz, Zhana Vrangalova, Tony Bogaert, J. Mase III, Nicole Prause, David Malebranche, and Cynthia Graham. In between these great plenaries, there are a plethora of amazing scientific research sessions (many with CE) covering the gamut of revolutionary and emerging voices in sexual science. And as always, some amazing social events and numerous opportunities to network and catch up with old friends are planned. Be sure to check out the on-site Foundation event, which will be sure to stimulate and please.

Please have a look at the 2016 Preliminary Program available on the SSSS website (sexscience.org) for all the details. The program will also be

pushed to the SSSS App (available for free from GooglePlay and Apple App Stores). If you already have the app from a previous year, it will be automatically updated in the near future with program details for the upcoming meeting. If you are new to the app, be on the lookout for your personal invitation to download the app and start planning your 2016 Annual Meeting experience. And of course, if you haven't yet, go online and register today!

We look forward to seeing you for an exciting annual meeting in Phoenix!

Your Program Co-Chairs,



Christopher M. Fisher, Robin Milhausen, & Carlos Rodriguez-Diaz



Still looking for someone to split your room with at the annual meeting in Phoenix this year?
Check out the **SSSS Room-Share Forums!**

<http://ssssroomshare.freeforums.net/>



In Memoriam: Joani Blank

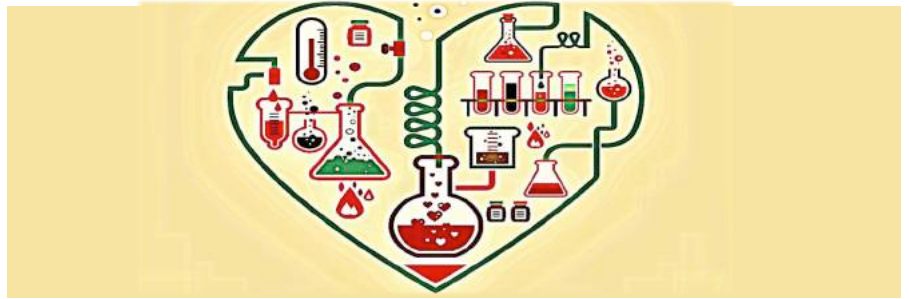
Joani Blank died August 6, 2016 surrounded by family in her Oakland home, opting to take advantage of California's recently enacted aid-in-dying law to orchestrate the timing of her death. She was 79.

Honest communication and interpersonal connection were the cornerstones of Joani's life. She founded Good Vibrations in San Francisco's Mission District in 1977, hoping to appeal to women who would otherwise shy away from adult shops by creating a no-nonsense, clean environment for sex toys and sex education. She also invented the butterfly vibrator.

Blank also founded *Down There Press* in 1975; a publisher focused on feminist and sex-positive works. Joani also wrote numerous books (including a "Playbook for Women About Sex") and served as a volunteer for San Francisco Sexual Information — staffing the phones and answering questions for those who called in.

Joani Blank sold Good Vibrations in 1992 but remained actively involved with the company until her death. She is survived by her daughter and three grandchildren.

More info: <https://goo.gl/70LZr7>



Special Skill-Building Sessions at the SSSS Annual Meeting in Phoenix!

Based on feedback from the SSSS membership, the

Advancing Sexual Science Committee of SSSS is delighted to announce several **new, research-focused and skill-based sessions** at the SSSS Annual Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona (November 17-20)!

To date, the following sessions are planned:

1. **Ethical and Logistical Issues of Researching the Trans Population:** Lessons Learned from the Field and from the Community – Jay Irwin, PhD, University of Nebraska Omaha, Carlos E. Rodríguez-Díaz, PhD, & José Javier

Martínez, MPHE, University of Puerto Rico

2. **Sexual Configurations**

Theory: A Practical How-To for Your Research with Sexual and Gender/Sex Diversity– Sari van Anders, PhD, University of Michigan

3. **It takes Two to Tango:** A Primer to Dyadic Analysis – Jason W. Mitchell, PhD, University of Hawai'i

All sessions will offer continuing education credits and are free for those who register for the SSSS Annual Meeting.

For questions, please contact:

annualmeeting@sexscience.org

SSSS Pre-Con Session!

SAR - Sexual Attitude Reassessment and Restructuring

Nov 16/17

This unique "Sexual Attitude Reassessment and Restructuring" program or "SAR" is designed and led by two seasoned sexologists and long-time SSSS members, Dr. Patti Britton and Dr. Robert Dunlap, who have created a highly effective intensive to achieve a blend of traditional and contemporary SAR.

"SAR" is a highly provocative, experiential, cognitive and affective experience, which is designed to push comfort levels, elicit feelings and confront attitudes, beliefs and values about sexuality. Topics will be revealed at the course itself; the element of surprise and the psychological state of non-expectation form part of the basis for this pre-con. [No nudity or touch is ever required of participants.]

Small group process drives the understanding and impact of the elements in "SAR". It is not a clinical training in sex therapy nor is it traditional sex education; rather it enables the participant to move emotionally, intellectually, spiritually and psychologically into a zone of greater knowing,

acceptance, and tolerance of human sexuality in all of its possible dimensions. This SAR will help you to **create better self knowledge** and ability to **create a safe space in which to work with clients, students and others** while paving the way toward accepting our true sexual selves.

A participant of the SAR will earn 10 CE credits. SSSS is an approved sponsor with AASECT, APA, and NCHEC.

For more information about this SAR, email Dr. Britton at drpatti@drpattibritton.com.

Don't miss out on this life-altering and personally transformational event that is a pivotal part of becoming trained to work in sexology.

Hope you see you there,
Dr. Patti & Dr. Robert



Congratulations **Krystelle Shaughnessy**, assistant professor at the **University of Ottawa!**

Krystelle has been awarded a **grant in aid** for a project titled **"Developing a measure of motives for cybersex"** by the Foundation for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (**FSSS**).

Could your project use the support of the grants in aid program?

The Grants-in-Aid Program provides up to \$1,000 (per grant) to support scientific sexuality research in areas not likely to receive support from other sources. The money may be used for either a small project that can be completed with the help of the grant or as part of a larger study to complete the funding provided by other sources.

More Info:

http://www.sexscience.org/honors/fsss_grants_in_aid_program



You can find more Continuing Education Information at:
http://www.sexscience.org/Events/2016_continuing_ed



In Memoriam: Howard Ruppel

Dr. Howard Ruppel, PhD, died on September 9, 2016, of health related complications. He was 75.

Howard is survived by his wife of 49 years, Barbara, and two of his beloved cats, Maggie and Aurora.

Dr. Ruppel was an expert in the field of human sexuality. Over the course of his career he maintained his private sex therapy practice, the Center for Sexual Growth and Development. He taught Human Sexuality courses for 25 years as an Adjunct Professor in the School of Social Work at the University of Iowa. In 1988, Howie became the Executive Director of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sex (SSSS) and in 1996 added the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists (AASECT). In 2001, he moved to the San Francisco area to become Chancellor and Academic Dean at the Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality.

In 2008 Howard decided to partly retire in Mount Vernon. He enjoyed his interesting life and will be greatly missed.

More info:

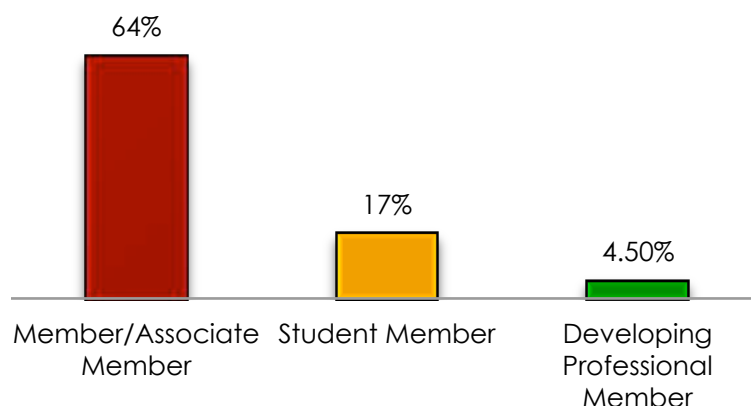
<http://www.stewartbaxter.com/obituaries/Howard-Ruppel?obld=1084497>

We Asked – You Answered!

2016 Membership Survey Results!

Note that these results are based on the feedback provided in the 143 survey responses we received.

Distribution of Member Types



55% of respondents said that they'd like to see a future SSSS meeting held in an international location – in particular there was quite a lot of interest in Canada. These members will be pleased to hear that there has already been much discussion on the current SSSS BOD about holding the annual meeting in Canada in the near future!

59% of respondents said that they had attended at least one SSSS annual meeting in the past 3 years. Of these, 30% had attended the meeting in San Diego, 31% in Omaha, and 40% went to Albuquerque last year.

57% said that cost was an important consideration for deciding to attend a meeting. With this in mind, SSSS has strived to keep costs low and benefits high!

Stay Tuned for more from the 2016 Membership Survey Results in the next Issue of Sex Science!

Recently, two long-time members and major supporters of SSSS, Howard Ruppel and Joani Blank, passed away. Several SSSS members have inquired about recognizing these individuals by making a donation to the Society.



THE FOUNDATION FOR
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The Foundation for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, the fundraising arm of the Society, has a **Memorial Program** that provides a mechanism for honoring the memory of a loved one or a deceased colleague. It can also be used to recognize a living person on a birthday, anniversary, retirement, or any other special occasion.

When you make a donation, the person you designate receives a memorial card indicating that a contribution has been made to FSSS/SSSS in honor of the identified person and, as appropriate, the occasion.

To make a contribution follow the link below. A minimum contribution of \$25 is requested. The donated funds are deposited in the FSSS general endowment unless otherwise designated.

<http://fsssonline.org/memorial-program/>

Find SSSS on Social Media!



Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/34247108547/> (student group)
<https://www.facebook.com/SocietyForTheScientificStudyofS> (main group)



Twitter: https://twitter.com/sex_science

Call for Data!

Friends, academics, colleagues, lend me your ears! Actually, keep your ears; it is your data on **self-esteem and sexuality** that I'd like. Together, with Dr. Emily Impett and James Kim (from the Relationship and Well-Being Lab at the University of Toronto Mississauga), we are working on a meta-analysis of the association between global self-esteem and sexuality variables. That's a pretty broad net, so to give you a better idea of the data we're interested in, here are some examples of sexuality variables included, thus far, in our meta-analysis:

- Safe-sex variables (e.g., attitudes, behaviours, beliefs, experiences with STIs and unintended pregnancy)
- Permissiveness variables (e.g., sexual desire, # of sexual partners for various sexual activities, sociosexual orientation)
- Sexual function variables (e.g., problem with sexual arousal/pain/orgasm, ratings of sexual satisfaction)
- Sexual communication variables (e.g., condom negotiation, communication self-efficacy)
- Consent-related variables (e.g., experiences with nonconsensual sex, sexual abuse)
- Developmental sexuality variables (e.g., age of first intercourse, first sexual partner's age)

If you have unpublished datasets—or papers that we have missed in our lit review process—containing variables like these, and global self-esteem, **please contact us: sexuality.selfesteem.meta@gmail.com**

To make things a little easier: you can view our meta-analysis's reference list [here](#). If you know you have papers with relevant data, have a look (search for your name) and if you don't see your articles listed, shoot us an email (we may have missed them, or may need more information from you to include them) and we'll be happy to include them (and cite them!!). And if you have unpublished data that seems relevant, we would be thrilled to include those too, and either cite a paper of yours hailing from the same sample, or profusely thank you in our acknowledgements (if no such other paper exists).

Friends don't let friends publish meta-analyses that have missed a big file drawer; help us combat publication bias in our meta-analysis by sharing your data today!

OPPORTUNITIES!

The Department of Psychology of **McGill University** seeks applicants for a **tenure-track position as Assistant Professor in Clinical Psychology** with an anticipated starting date of Sept. 1, 2017. Review of applications will start on October 1, 2016 and continue until the position is filled. Applicants should arrange for the following materials to be sent in electronic format to clinical-search@psych.mcgill.ca: 1. Curriculum vitae; 2. Description of current areas of research; 3. Relevant reprints or pre-prints; 4. Three confidential letters of recommendation; 5. Description of teaching competencies, interests and approaches.

Candidates will have a PhD and internship from CPA or APA accredited programs or the equivalents and will be expected to demonstrate the potential to establish a record of significant, externally-funded research.

San Francisco State University, Department of Sociology and Sexuality Studies invites applicants for a **tenure-track, Assistant Professor position** in the discipline of **Sexuality Studies**, with expertise in Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health. This position begins in August 2017. Submit letter of intent/interest, a current CV, teaching dossier, and two writing samples to the department at sxsdept@sfsu.edu. Please also arrange for three confidential letters of recommendation to arrive under separate cover.

More info: <https://sxs.sfsu.edu/content/now-hiring-tenure-track-assistant-professor>

The **HIV Center for Clinical and Behavioral Studies**, Division of Gender, Sexuality, and Health in the **Columbia University** Department of Psychiatry is offering a **Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in "Behavioral Sciences Research in HIV Infection."** This is an NIMH-funded postdoctoral training program. To begin the application process, download the application form at the following website: <http://gendersexualityhealth.org/training/nrsa.html>. Complete the application form and submit with a current Curriculum Vita by email to postdoc@nyspi.columbia.edu.

The Department of Human Development and Family Science at the **University of Missouri** invite applications for a **12-month, tenure-track position as Assistant/Associate Professor - State Extension Specialist** with an expertise and leadership in marriage, relationship education, and/or family relationships by developing a research program, developing, implementing, and evaluating Extension programs, and supporting regional Extension specialists. Apply on-line for Job ID 19913 at <http://hrs.missouri.edu/find-a-job/academic/index.php> by uploading a letter of application stating professional interests and career goals, including a curriculum vita. Upload transcript(s) as a separate attachment. Name and contact information (including email addresses) for three references are required. For more information contact Jo Britt-Rankin, Search Chair (britt-rankin@missouri.edu) or Larry Ganong (ganongl@missouri.edu).

The **George Washington University** graduate certificate program in **LGBT Health Policy & Practice** is now accepting applications for the 2017-18 program year. The certificate is a 12-credit, combined online/on-campus interdisciplinary program that trains medical and mental health professionals to better care for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. Their tuition is discounted significantly from the standard GWU tuition rate and they operate on a rolling admission basis: applications will be processed as they are submitted. The next cohort starts classes at the end of June 2016. The application final deadline is May 31.

More info: <http://lgbt.columbian.gwu.edu/how-apply>

ANNOUNCING SEARCH FOR NEW CO-AUTHOR FOR COLLEGE TEXTBOOK, *OUR SEXUALITY*

Cengage Publishing and author Karla Baur are seeking a new co-author for the college human sexuality textbook, *Our Sexuality 13th Ed.*, the best-selling book in human sexuality, published by Wadsworth Cengage Learning.

We are looking for someone who is teaching sexuality courses at the undergraduate college or university level. This author would take a similar approach in the human sexuality course as portrayed in *Our Sexuality's* content and be familiar with up-to-date research in the field.

We are looking for a professor who is:

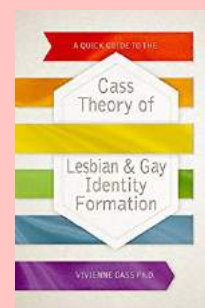
- * Actively and enthusiastically engaged with teaching the undergraduate course
- * A favorite with students
- * Teaching a diverse population of students
- * Tuned in to students' interests and concerns
- * Collaborative with colleagues
- * Interest in intersection of personal, psychological, biological, and political aspects of sexuality
- * Does not have an evolutionary psychology approach or foundation to thinking

If you are interested, please forward a letter of interest and CV to Karla Baur
karla.baur@comcast.net and star.burruto@cengage.com.

The Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, KS, is searching for a Chairperson at the rank of Full or advanced Associate Professor. The University of Kansas (KU) is located in Lawrence, Kansas, a bustling and progressive college town of around 94,000 located 40 miles west of Kansas City. Lawrence offers numerous cultural events, sports and recreational opportunities, local shops, and a wide range of great restaurants. For a complete announcement and to apply online, go to <https://employment.ku.edu/academic/7156BR>

New Book Alert!

A Quick Guide to the Cass Theory of Lesbian & Gay Identity Formation (Ebook)
 By Dr. Vivienne Cass



“The first comprehensive guide to the classic theory of lesbian and gay identity formation written by Dr. Vivienne Cass.

Although the Cass theory was presented over a number of published articles and book chapters, and provides a multifaceted theoretical framework, all too often it is the original article alone, published in 1979, which is assumed (incorrectly) to offer an understanding of the complete theory.

Dr Cass' new book offers a short and comprehensive overview of her theory that is intended to provide the full version of her theoretical framework. It will be a valuable resource for researchers, educators, health professionals and students, whether they are new to the theory or simply wish to confirm their understanding of it.

For further information, including a summary of Contents and where it can be obtained, go to www.brightfire.com.au/a-quick-guide/ “

Published by Brihtfire Press. 2015

The Interdisciplinary Sexuality Seminar (ISS) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison focuses on the scientific exploration of human sexual behavior and sexual identities. This research cluster offers an interdisciplinary environment for students, faculty and researchers interested in sex and sexuality to present their work and participate in an open dialogue about sex research. Their Fall 2016 schedule includes:

Friday, November 11th: Taylor Johnson, MSW Student, Loyola University Chicago – “Who Can We Talk To? Communication about Sexuality Later in Life”

Friday, December 2nd: Christopher “Christo” Raines, Counseling Psychology Doctoral Student – “Data Analysis of University Health Services-Sponsored Online Sexual Assault and Dating Violence Prevention Program ‘Tonight’”

For more information, contact Nona Gronert: ngronert@ssc.wisc.edu

MEMBER NEWS!

Isadora Alman's new book, a collection of essays from Psychology Today, **What People Keep Asking Me About Sex & Relationships**, is now out on E-book on Amazon.com (\$4.99 to download). It will be out in paperback in October 2016. It includes essays on “Monogomy vs. Open Relationships” and “Should Your Mate Be Your Best Friend?” among many interesting others. Reviews would be much appreciated by the author.



Tom Mazur (Psy.D) gave a presentation in Amsterdam at the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) this past June on Gender Dysphoria in the New York State department of corrections and community service.

Tom Mazur also recently submitted an updated version of his chapter (with Co-Author Majumdar) on the management of infants born with disorders/differences of sex development for the 3rd edition of *Pediatric Endocrinology: A practical clinical guide*.

SSSS Members at the New View Capstone Conference in Bloomington, IN

Oct 6th, 7th, and 8th, a contingent of our members took part in the New View Capstone conference, a meeting of feminist scholar activists on the work of the New View Campaign in their goal to challenge the medicalization of sex and interrupt the capitalist and patriarchal logics that govern women's bodies and desires. This was truly a moving, informative, and historic event!

Back Row:
Jenny Bass,
Brandon Hill,
Justin Garcia,
Bill Yarber,
Zoe Peterson,
Charlene
Muehlenhard,
Stephanie
Sanders



Front Row:
Deborah
Tolman, Robin
Milhausen,
Cynthia
Graham,
Shayna
Sparling



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**If you've never attended an FSSS event
before, don't miss this one!**

**Celebrate the amazing potential of the body
and help raise funds to support sex research!**

**Have fun mingling with Conference attendees
at a before dinner cocktail party and
fundraiser.**

Music * Cash Bar * Appetizers * Live Show

**Sheraton Grand Phoenix
Friday - November 18th | 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm**

**Can't attend the event?
Donate a ticket (or 2)!**

\$70 Ticket / \$35 Student Ticket

**Purchase online at www.sexscience.org
or call (610) 443-3100.**

