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From the President – Terry Humphreys

Happy New Year! 2017 marks the **60th Anniversary of the Society** and we are celebrating in a number of very big way! First, we are debuting a **new Summer Research Institute** catering to our members seeking more research experiences, qualitative and quantitative methodological skills, and statistical knowledge. What better way to improve the research skills of our members than to help teach these skills ourselves? This year's Institute will be held at Widener University, July 13-14. Please consider joining us and investing in yourself in 2017. Check the website for updates.

Second, we are debuting a **new SSSS website** this year. The new facelift is a complete overhaul that will make our web presence much more user friendly and inviting. Make sure to explore the new website!

Third, we are hosting **more symposia** than ever, including Western Sydney University, Australia (Feb 1-2), Morehouse, School of Medicine (April 28), and Guelph University, Canada (June 24).

We cap off our 2017 celebration year with our Annual Meeting in **Puerto Rico** (Nov 9-12). The call for presentations is posted on our website and will be open to accepting abstracts in late January. This is sure to be a banner conference and a banner year for SSSS! We are also planning a more visible presence at other sexuality conferences to help national and international relationships. Please join us, support us, and celebrate!

Unfortunately, 2017 is also shaping up to be a very unsettling year as Donald Trump assumes the Presidency of the United States. All indications suggest that he will not be a friend to the sexology (or the general scientific) community. The "reality" of the next (at least) four

years, will be troublesome to say the least, but more likely devastating for the gains made in sexual rights, education, and science. We will all need to stay ever vigilant to protect our profession, our science, and our values. I read a short poignant piece by Kevin Mintz (Stanford University) about "Sexuality in the Time of Trump" (<https://goo.gl/d47XZ0>).

Our last annual meeting in Phoenix Arizona (Nov 2016) was a very successful venture. Numerous members commented positively on the quality of our plenary speakers, the diversity of sessions, and the networking opportunities provided. We hope to continue (and outshine) our past successes for 2017 in Puerto Rico. It is sure to be a conference to remember! **Let's make our voice heard.** Visit our website for details. All the best in 2017.

Terry Humphreys
SSSS President

Don't Forget!

It's time to renew your membership – Take Advantage of the Early Bird Rates!

Membership has its advantages, like discounted rates for meetings, events, and the summer institute!

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In Memoriam: Betsy Allgeier

Dr. Elizabeth "Betsy" Rice Allgeier passed away peacefully on October 9 in Grass Valley, CA. She was 75. Betsy earned her BS from the University of Oregon, her MA from SUNY Oswego, and her PhD in Psychology from Purdue University. She taught at Eastern Michigan, SUNY Fredonia, and other schools before settling in at Bowling Green State University. A popular professor at BGSU, Betsy mentored countless graduate students, many of whom became leaders in their field, often citing her influence in their success. Betsy was awarded BGSU's Master Teacher Award (1988), then Outstanding Contributor to Graduate Education (1992), and Professor Emeritus upon retirement (2004).

Betsy was a world renowned researcher and writer in social psychology and human sexuality, editing many books and journals. She was President of the international Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (1985-1986) and Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Sex Research (1993-1997). Betsy and her husband Rick co-authored "Sexual Interactions," a bestselling human sexuality textbook used worldwide. She was a Founding Donor of the Foundation for the Scientific Study of Sexuality. Betsy considered the Society to be her professional home.

As a young woman, Betsy worked on progressive political campaigns and spoke up for the underdog while raising her four children. Later, she enjoyed family travel, reading novels, watching college sports, and gardening. In 2005, Betsy suffered a stroke, and Rick passed away a few months later. Betsy then moved to an assisted care facility in California, where her daughter Beth cared for her during her remaining 11 years. Betsy is survived by her four children and her nine grandchildren. Betsy's children were happy to gather with her just days before her passing, and they invite others to join them in celebrating Betsy's life with stories, pictures and hugs, on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at UUCM in Grass Valley, CA. Find details on Betsy's Facebook page or email betsyallgeier@gmail.com. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the American Civil Liberties Union.



Congratulations **Christine Kaestle**, MPH, PhD, of Virginia Tech, she has been awarded a **grant in aid** from FSSS for her project: "Sexual minority trajectories in adolescence and young adulthood"

More information about this FSSS program:

www.sexscience.org/honors/fsss_grants_in_aid_program

SSSS Student Research Grants!!

Need some \$\$ to help fund your graduate research work? The next deadline is **Feb 1st**!

Info:

www.sexscience.org/student_research_grants



Meet the team who reviewed and selected the student award winners at our recent conference in Phoenix, AZ:

Dr. Susan Milstein, Dr. Myeshia Price, Dr. Mark Bigler (l to r sitting), Dr. Carey Roth Bayer (standing), and Dr. Pete Anderson (not pictured)

Meet Marin Beagley – Winner of the Student Poster Award at the SSSS Annual Meeting in Phoenix, AZ!



Marin Beagley is a third year clinical psychology doctoral student working with Dr. Zoë Peterson at the University of Missouri – St. Louis. She is currently writing a comprehensive examination paper related

to ways in which Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT) can be improved to better address the unique needs of male survivors of adult sexual assault suffering from PTSD. Her hope is that this line of research will extend into her dissertation so that she can better explore ways in which the CPT protocol can be adapted to successfully address men's unique concerns. Following graduation, she hopes to work with both male and female sexual assault survivors with PTSD.

Summary of Poster Presented at SSSS

Unique Sexual Attitudes Among Men Who Are Both Victims and Perpetrators of Adult Sexual Assault

Several prior studies have demonstrated that being a victim of adult sexual assault is correlated with perpetrating adult sexual assault; yet, research often focuses on the sexual attitudes and behaviors of

victims and perpetrators separately. This study examined the similarities and differences in traumatic sexual beliefs, dysfunctional sexual behaviors, sexual avoidance, sexual preoccupation, and distorted sexual self-concept among 264 men who were victims-only, perpetrators-only, both victims and perpetrators, or neither victims nor perpetrators of adult sexual assault. After controlling for history of child sexual abuse, men with both victim and perpetrator experiences endorsed more dysfunctional sexual behaviors than men who were victims-only and than men with no victimization or perpetration experience, but they endorsed similar levels of dysfunctional sexual behaviors as men who were perpetrators only, suggesting that dysfunctional sexual behaviors may be more closely related to perpetration of adult sexual assault than to victimization. Men who were both victims and perpetrators also had more distorted sexual self-concept than all other men in the sample, which implies that men's negative perceptions of their own sexual feelings and actions may uniquely contribute to and/or result from a combined history of perpetration and victimization, and thus, might be an important target for intervention with this population.

SSSS Model Magic Sculpture Contest!

Did you try your hand at modeling something neat at the 2016 Annual meeting in Phoenix? Check out some of our fave creations!



Winner



Congrats Tara Young!

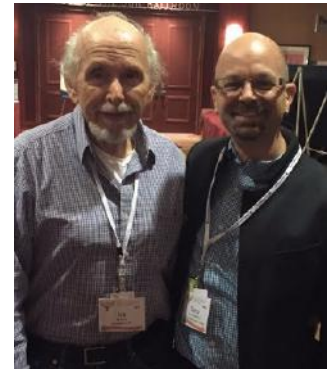
Memories from SSSS 2016 in Phoenix, AZ!



The JSR Associate Editors at dinner! Sari Van Anders, Lucia O'Sullivan, Zoe Peterson, Margaret Rosario, John Wincze, Cynthia Graham (editor), Osmo Kontula (not pictured, he's taking the photo!)



David Bimbi (with his plaque recognizing him as a new SSSS fellow)



Casual moment with a past and our current president: Ira Reiss and Terry Humphreys!



Presidential Plenary Sex Science & Media Panel Speakers: Marty Klein, Pepper Schwartz, Laurie Betito, & Zhana Vrangalova



Cynthia Graham receives her award for Distinguished Scientific Achievement from Stephanie Sanders



The SSSS 2016 Board of Directors!



Sasha Cannan & Tiffany Marcantonio – Student Reps!



Heather Blunt, Jimmie Manning, and John Sakaluk enjoying the Phoenix atmosphere!



Kelly Rhoads, Mary Hunt, Kristen Jozkowski, & Tiffany Marcantonio



Taking in Sextravaganza!



Herb Samuels is recognized for his Distinguished Service to SSSS by Jean Levitan



Ray McKie, Robin Milhausen, Heath Schechinger, John Sakaluk, Shayna Sparling, Will Ryan, & Zhana Vrangalova

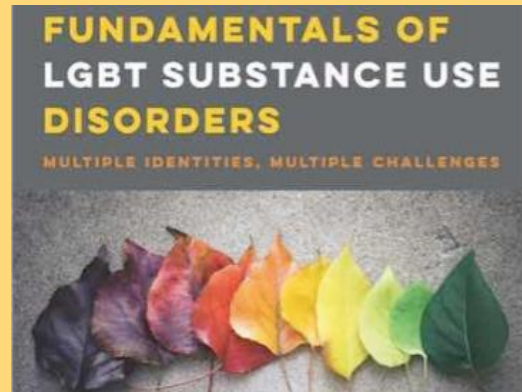


Dinners out!



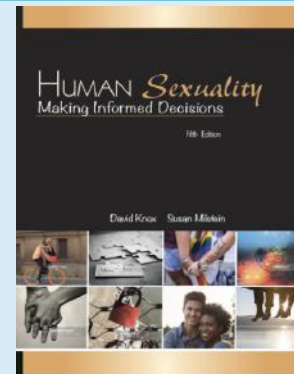
Join **Dr. Ruth Neustifter** for an **ONLINE workshop for therapists**. General therapists and sex therapists are both welcome, as are related professionals. It's **3 hours** of awesome training for **\$75 (USD)**!

In this workshop, Neustifter will teach you how to **conceptualize sexual problems from a non-medical perspective**. You'll also be able to adapt and apply exercises for **sexual desire development**, **increased sexual self-awareness**, and **sexual communication** with your clients. **More Info:** <https://goo.gl/uropkl>



Harrington Park Press has just-published a handbook, "Fundamentals of LGBT Substance Use Disorders" by Michael Shelton

<http://harringtonparkpress.com/fundamentals-lgbt-substance-use-disorders/>



David Knox and Susan Milstein (David's new co-author) are pleased to alert you to the release of the new 5th edition of *Human Sexuality: Making Informed Decisions* with over 400 new references, technology & sexuality features in every chapter and updated information on gender, women's issues, and reproductive health care/rights.

Call 800-646-7782 or email christined@bvtpublishing.com for a complementary copy.

MEMBER NEWS!



Adam Safron and **Victoria Klimaj** organized and edited a special issue of Socioaffective Neuroscience and Psychology entitled "[Orgasm: Neurophysiological, Psychological, and Evolutionary Perspectives](#)." Featured within the issue were articles by esteemed sex researchers, including former SSSS plenary speakers **James Pfaus** and **Barry Komisaruk**, as well as recent president of SSSS, **Osmo Kontula**. The issue explored theoretical models for understanding orgasm, presented new data, provided in-depth reviews of controversies, and proposed novel methods for testing hypotheses on orgasm. **Adam Safron** published a paper entitled "[What is orgasm? A model of sexual trance and climax via rhythmic entrainment](#)" in this special issue, and was interviewed about the paper on the Nov. 5th segment of CBC radio's Quirks & Quarks. Fantastic work!

Michael A. Perelman, Ph.D. just had his most recent book (a co-edited volume) published by Springer: The [Management of Sexual Dysfunction in Men and Women: An Interdisciplinary Approach](#), [Eds: Lipshultz L, Pastuszek A, Giraldo A, Goldstein A, Perelman MA. The book emphasizes a transdisciplinary approach to the etiology, diagnosis and treatment of concerns, sexual disorders and dysfunctions. Chapters are written primarily by physicians of differing specialties, accompanied by a commentary written primarily by sex therapists.

Stanley Krippner and his colleague **Jennifer Iljas** have written a text for the Laney College course on human sexuality. It is titled "Sex and Love in the Bay: An Introduction to Sexology for Young People." It is written from a multi-cultural, feminist, LGBT-friendly perspective. The book is endorsed by **Debbie Joffe Ellis** (co-author with Albert Ellis of APA's "Rational-Emotive Behavior Therapy") and Christopher Ryan (co-author of "Sex at Dawn"), among others including Oakland, California college students who give it their highest ratings. SSSS members can get details from skrippner@saybrook.edu.

Stephanie Montgomery-Graham, a doctoral student in clinical psychology at the William Fisher lab at **Western University**, just had a review article accepted for publication in Sexual Medicine Reviews that may be of interest to some SSSS members, entitled "Conceptualization and assessment of Hypersexual Disorder: A systematic review of the literature". The paper also won the Sandra Leiblum Student Research Award from the Society for Sex Therapy and Research (SSTAR).

Luca Maurer, Center for LGBT Education, Outreach & Services Program Director at Ithaca College, and **Eli R. Green**, Assistant Professor, Center for Human Sexuality Studies at **Widener University** were honored with the 2016 AASECT Book Award for their book "[The Teaching Transgender Toolkit: A Facilitator's Guide to Increasing Knowledge, Decreasing Prejudice & Building Skills](#)" at this year's annual conference. Maurer and Green also presented an invited session during the conference, "Educators as Transgender Allies: Essential Strategies for Inclusive Teaching and Learning."

Shayna Sparling (yes, your newsletter editor) successfully defended her doctoral dissertation this past December! It was titled "Motivational Highway to the Sexual Risk-Taking Danger-Zone: The Association of Motivational Factors with Sexual Health Decision Making."

She is looking forward to her upcoming post-doctoral work and writing manuscripts all winter!



More Member News!

Nathan Lachowsky and his research group have some new publications!

Lachowsky NJ, Tanner Z, Cui Z, Sereda P, Rich A, Jollimore J, Montaner JSG, Hogg RS, Moore DM, Roth EA. An Event-Level Analysis of Condom Use During Anal Intercourse Among Self-Reported Human Immunodeficiency Virus-Negative Gay and Bisexual Men in a Treatment as Prevention Environment. *Sexually Transmitted Diseases*. 2016 Dec; 43(12):765-770.

Closson K, **Lachowsky NJ**, Cui Z, Shurgold S, Sereda P, Rich A, Moore DM, Roth EA, Hogg, RS. Does Age Matter? Sexual Event-Level Analysis of Age-Disparate Sexual Partners Among Gay, Bisexual and other men who have sex with men (GBM) in Vancouver, Canada. Published online ahead of print in *Sexually Transmitted Infections (BMJ)*. 2016 Nov 16.

Stephanie Buehler's textbook "What Every Mental Health Professional Needs to Know about Sex" was released as a 2nd edition in Nov 2016 (this edition will include powerpoint slides for instructors). Also, Stephanie has been contracted by Springer to write "Counseling Couples Before, During, and After Pregnancy: Intimacy and Sexuality." It is set to be released Summer 2017.



Osmo Kontula's recent work on the Determinants of Female Sexual Orgasms has been published! You can check it out here:

<http://www.socioaffectiveneuroscipsychol.net/index.php/snp/article/view/31624>



Help Sequence the Porn Genome!

As some of you know, I have been working over the last several years on projects that are aimed at improving the academic understanding of "pornography" as a concept. My work is taking me in a variety of directions, and one of them involves the identification of psychologically-relevant content differences in

sexual imagery. If you have ever looked at porn, you will know that sexual media are complex stimuli; although they primarily involve the depiction of nudity and sexual behavior, the manner and context in which this is done differs tremendously from stimulus to stimulus. Take the act of fellatio, for example; certainly, depictions of fellatio are considered more pornographic than depictions that lack fellatio, but depictions of fellatio can still vary considerably in content. Stop and think about how fellatio can be depicted, and you will see what I am getting at: Is it explicit or implied? Who is involved? How many people? What is the point-of-view? Is ATM/ deep throating / face-fucking / gagging or mutual oral sex involved? Is a condom used? Does it result in ejaculation? Etc. These kinds of differences (and many more) probably matter if we want to understand the impacts of pornography use.

Like biologists who began by describing the basic morphology of living organisms, the first step in improving our understanding of content-dependent effects of exposure is to systematically catalogue content differences in pornography and I have just launched an Indiegogo campaign to raise the money that I need to do just that.

<https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/porn-genome-project-app-science>

As a network of sexual scientists, this community is uniquely positioned to support this effort.

Please check out the website and if you see value in this kind of research, pass the link along to others. And of course, if you have any money that you are willing to donate, I would be very grateful.

Taylor Kohut, PhD., Department of Psychology, Western University

OPPORTUNITIES!

The **Human Sexuality** program at the **University of Minnesota Medical School** is inviting applications for **2 to 3 postdoctoral fellowships** beginning in Fall 2017. In particular there are openings in the areas of Compulsive Sexual Behavior, General Human Sexuality, and Transgender Health.

More information here: <http://z.umn.edu/phsfellowships>

The **George Washington University** graduate certificate program in LGBT Health Policy & Practice is now accepting applications. This program trains health professionals to improve their care for LGBT people and to advocate for change. This is a hybrid online/on-campus program it does not require relocations to D. C.

More info: <https://lgbt.columbian.gwu.edu/>

ETS (**E**ducation, **T**raining, and **R**esearch) is currently looking to hire a **Program Manager** to coordinate and manage multiple research projects. They are looking for someone who has expertise in the area of sexual and reproductive health. This position can be held at either their Scotts Valley or Oakland offices.

More info: www.etr.org/about-us/careers/program-manager-1/

Applications for **The Patty Brisben Foundation Grant** are now open for 2017! The Patty Brisben Foundation for Women's Sexual Health has four areas of focus: vulvovaginal pain disorders, sexual health issues related to peri-menopause and menopause, intimacy-related issues after cancer treatments, libido, and sexual desire.

Info: http://pattybrisbenfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/PBF_2017_Grant_Application.pdf

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR 4TH EDITION OF *Handbook of Sexuality-Related Measures*

The ***Handbook of Sexuality-Related Measures*** is a compendium of the best scales and instruments used in sex research. Since the 3rd edition was published in 2010 (edited by Terri Fisher, Clive Davis, William Yarber, and Sandra Davis), many new scales that measure aspects of human sexuality have been developed, necessitating an update of this compendium. We are excited to announce that a new, 4th Edition version of the ***Handbook of Sexuality-Related Measures*** will be **published in 2018 by Taylor & Francis**. In the forthcoming fourth edition, we are introducing new resources for authors and readers: online survey templates for major platforms (e.g., *Qualtrics*) and scoring and reliability analysis syntax (e.g., for *SPSS* and *R*), for each measure. This will make it easier than ever before to deploy these measures in your own research. The fourth edition of the *Handbook* will include Robin Milhausen in the role of lead editor, with the continued involvement of Terri Fisher, Clive Davis, and Bill Yarber. John Sakaluk will also be joining the editorial team.

We are now beginning the process of identifying scales and soliciting manuscripts for the fourth edition. **Submissions are due March 1, 2017.**

If you have developed a sexuality-related measure that you would like to have considered for inclusion in the fourth edition of this extensively used resource, visit <https://sexualitymeasures.wordpress.com> for instructions for developing a full submission.

Submissions will include a description of the measure, as well as reliability and validity information, and the measure's items. Due to space limitations, it is unlikely that all measures can be included. The final decision concerning inclusion of the full paper will be based on (a) the psychometric properties of the instrument; (b) the quality of the paper describing the instrument, including adherence to requested format and referencing; and (c) the potential usefulness of the instrument to researchers. **Your contribution to this important endeavour will represent a legitimate published paper.** Authors who provide us with an acceptable manuscript in a timely manner will be able to purchase the book at a substantial discount of 30% off the list price.

Data Needed!

Anna Parks at Argosy University is still collecting data for her work to validate a sexual interests scale. The survey takes about 30 minutes to complete. Check her study out here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/sexualinterestsindex>

Anna would be very grateful if you would distribute her invitation to participate to your family, friends, and/or co-workers. Contact her for more information: anna.cstars@gmail.com

Coming Up....



SSSS will be hosting its first symposium in Australia, hosted by the School of Social Sciences and Psychology at **Western Sydney University** this **Feb 1st and 2nd**! Speakers include Sam Winter, Juliet Richters, and more!

More info: http://www.sexscience.org/Events/2017_australia_symposium/

The **STAR** 2017 annual meeting is coming up – **April 20th – 23rd** in Montreal, Quebec. Registration is now open. More info: <http://sstarnet.org/meetings/>

SSSS and the Center of Excellence for Sexual Health at Morehouse School of Medicine are co-sponsoring a spring symposium: “Innovative Strategies for Addressing Sexual Health Disparities” on **Friday, April 28, 2017** at Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia. The Symposium Team is led by: Dr. Carey Roth Bayer, Dr. Angelica Geter, Dr. Natalie Hernandez, Daniel Driffin, Mandy Peters

The **International Conference on Web and Social Media** is inviting position papers and statements of interest for their workshop on “Queering Social Media Research – Engaging with Sexual, Gender, and Relational Diversity.” Their workshop will take place on **May 15, 2017, in Montreal, Canada**. Deadline for applications is **March 4, 2017**.

More info: queeringsocialmediaresearch.blogspot.ca/2016/12/workshop-queering-social-mdiaresearch.html



The World Association for Sexual Health will be holding their 23rd Congress in Prague, Czech Republic on **May 28-31st, 2017**. They are **currently accepting abstract submissions** until January 31, 2017. More information: <http://www.was2017.org/>

The **Guelph Sexuality Conference** (this year's theme is *pain*) will be holding their 39th meeting at the University of Guelph in Guelph, Canada on **June 22nd and 23rd**. They are currently accepting abstracts. More information: <http://guelphsexualityconference.ca/>

The **International Academy of Sex Research (IASR)** will be holding their annual conference in Charleston, South Carolina from **July 23rd to 26th**. They are currently accepting abstracts. More information: <http://www.iasrsite.org/upcoming-meeting/>

Join us for the SSSS 60th Anniversary!

Accepting abstracts January 31, 2017.

SSSS 60th Anniversary Meeting in Puerto Rico will host more special events than ever before!



See website for details:
www.SexScience.org

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2017 SSSS Symposium Events



February 1-2
2017
Sydney, NSW
Australia

Western Sydney University



April 28,
2017
Atlanta,
Georgia

Morehouse School of Medicine



June 24,
2017
Guelph
Ontario
Canada

Guelph University



2017 SSSS Summer Research Institute

July 13-14, 2017 | Widener University, Chester, PA



Widener University
Center for Human Sexuality Studies

Join SSSS as we turn 60 years strong for the inaugural Summer Research Institute!

The Advancing Sexual Science Committee of SSSS is organizing a phenomenal lineup of speakers who will focus on the development of research skills and methodological/statistical knowledge. This is an opportunity to enhance your research rigor in areas such as ethics, methods, qualitative and quantitative statistics, etc... specific to the field of sexuality.

Registration & speaker details will be posted February, 2017 at www.SexScience.org

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CE credits. SSSS is an approved
provider for APA, AASECT, &
CHES/MCHES credits.

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please visit www.SexScience.org

