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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT: TERRY HUMPHREYS

Dear Members,

The Fall season has taken a devastating turn, as Hurricane Maria created a natural disaster and humanitarian crisis in Puerto Rico, the very country SSSS was planning to visit for our 60th Anniversary annual meeting. The Board of Directors had to make the heartbreaking decision to move our conference in the 11th hour. Luckily, we have found a new location in downtown Atlanta, GA. at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis. Our 60th Anniversary conference will go on. Same dates, same great planning, same great party!

And while this was a significant inconvenience and disappointment for us, it has been absolutely catastrophic for Puerto Rico. Our hearts are with the people of Puerto Rico as they start to rebuild their lives. SSSS is eternally grateful to Carlos Rodriges-Diaz for his work on the 2017 conference. Carlos is a member of our family and was heading our local planning committee in Puerto Rico. He spent the better part of two years helping to make our stay in his country a memorable experience. You will be happy to know that Carlos and his family are safe. SSSS will also be supporting a Puerto Rico disaster relief during our conference in Atlanta. Please donate generously! We will also, definitely, plan to return to Puerto Rico in a few years so we may support the Puerto Rican economy.

The Society's 60th Anniversary also marks a significant milestone for one of our nearest and dearest SSSS family members. Our Executive Director, Mandy Peters will be celebrating her 15th year with The Society. Mandy has grown with the organization, from administrative assistant to Executive Director! She has proven herself time and time again to be a dedicated, committed and tireless advocate for our Society. In addition, Mandy's fiscal responsibility has resulted in The Society enjoying many years of positive growth. Please take a moment during our annual meeting in Atlanta (or by email if you are not joining us) to congratulate Mandy on 15 years with SSSS. We owe her a significant debt of gratitude.

Terry Humphreys
SSSS President

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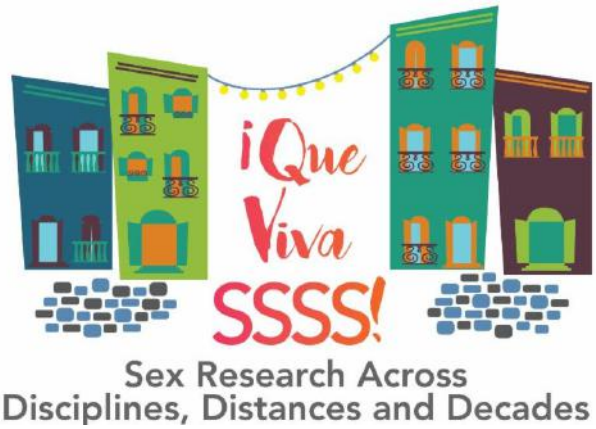
In Memoriam
Edith Windsor, Activist

Edith Windsor, the gay-rights activist whose Supreme Court win in 2013 resulted in the end of the "Defence of Marriage Act" in the US, died on Sept 12, 2017. She was 88. She is survived by her wife, Judith Kasen-Windsor.

Edith's fight was focused upon the unjust treatment of same-sex couples in terms of taxation and inheritance. When her first wife died in 2009, the way the inheritance property was taxed was ruled unjust and a breach of Ms. Windsor's 5th amendment rights. This was the first time same-sex marriage partners were granted the recognition and benefits accorded married heterosexuals and this ruling led to an avalanche of court cases that eventually led to the legalization of same sex marriage at the federal level.

You can read more about Edith Windsor here:
https://goo.gl/CvXGVD



LOOKING FORWARD TO THE ANNUAL MEETING IN ATLANTA!

Our planning committee and the SSSS Staff (Mandy and Dawn) have been working hard, and – despite the need for a last minute change in locations – our members and attendees can look forward to an excellent program!

We're delighted to feature **over 50 concurrent sessions** (over 300 abstracts), **more than 100 posters**, multiple networking opportunities (special interest groups, students and young professionals, receptions, etc.), continuing education, and **5 plenaries**. The 15th Surgeon General of the United States, **Dr. M. Joycelyn Elders** will open the conference with her plenary, *Sexuality: We've Come a Long Way Baby!* **Drs. Helen Fisher and Justin Garcia** will give the Presidential Plenary on **Love, Sex, and Singles**. The Reiss Plenary will be given by **Dr. David Schmitt**, who will answer the question, *Why Do Psychological Sex Differences Vary in Size Across Cultures?* **Dr. Lorne Campbell** will deliver a plenary, *Open and Reproducible Sexual Science*, and our conference will conclude with **Dr. Kamala Kempadoo** speaking on *Sexual Labor: From the Caribbean to 'Foreign'*, during the Distinguished Scientific Achievement Plenary.

The Atlanta Marriott Marquis, host to our conference, is situated in the heart of downtown. Step inside the hotel lobby, and you'll find a spectacular atrium filled with energy! Spacious and updated guest rooms feature stunning cityscape views and state-of-the-art technology. The Atlanta Marriott Marquis boasts five unique dining destinations, as well as a fitness center, spa, and indoor/outdoor pool! We might be trading beaches for peaches, but that doesn't mean you should leave your swimsuit at home!

Did you know that Atlanta is one of the most progressive, open, and diverse cities in the United States?! Atlanta hosts the largest gay pride festival in the South, and according to the U.S. Census, Atlanta has one of the highest LGBTQ populations in the country. All City of Atlanta non-discrimination laws prohibit discrimination based upon sexual orientation and gender identity, as well as race, color, creed, religion, sex, marital status, parental status, familial status, national origin, age and disability.

Besides the conference itself, we are also looking forward to celebrating **The Society's 60th anniversary** this year! Make sure you **snap a few photos at the photo booth** and join us for a champagne toast during the **60th Anniversary welcome Reception** on Thursday Night!

Congratulations **Natalie Stratton** of Ryerson

University – she is the winner of the Spring SSSS student grant! Her work is titled: *When the "oohs" are Painful, not Pleasurable: Anodyspareunia and the Fear-Avoidance Model of Sexual Pain among Gay, Bisexual, and Queer Men.*

Natalie is a doctoral student in Clinical Psychology and an active member of the HIV Prevention Lab at Ryerson University. Broadly, Natalie's research and clinical interests are in health psychology. Her recent research projects have examined biopsychosocial correlates of sexual dysfunction among gay, bisexual, and queer men.

You can get more information about the SSSS Student Grant program here: http://www.sexscience.org/student_research_grants

UPDATES FROM THE STUDENT/EARLY PROFESSIONAL SENIOR REP.

Greetings SSSS Student and Early Professional members! Sasha and I have more exciting news to bring you all about the conference and events held during it. This year we're proud to bring you events like:

- **A workshop on CV building** where students and early professionals can bring their CV and receive direct feedback from active researchers and practitioners in the field. Some of the invited individuals included Dr. Jay Irwin, Dr. Meredith Joppa, Dr. Carlos Rodgruiez Diaz, Dr. Kelley Roads and Dr. Souhail Malavé. They are all very excited to be part of the workshop and have the opportunity to work closely with members of our organization.
- **A night out in Atlanta**! We are in the midst of working to pick the best places for us to visit. Hope to see you all there!
- Election results should be coming soon and we will find out the next student representative of this wonderful organization! Sasha will be moving into my position, I will be stepping down, and we will be introducing the new student co-chair at the SSSS meeting.

See you soon! *Tiffany Marcantonio.*

Congratulations **Dr. Megan Carpenter** of

the University of Puget Sound! Megan is the latest winner of a Foundation for the Scientific Study of Sexuality **(FSSS) Grant in Aid** for her work: "Investigation of the relationship between sexual fluidity/fixity and essentialist beliefs of other social categories."

You can get more information about the FSSS Grant in Aid program here: http://www.sexscience.org/honors/fsss_grants_in_aid_program/

In Memoriam

Kate Millett, Writer

Kate Millett, author of the book "Sexual Politics", died in Paris on September 6th, 2017. She was 82.

Dr. Millett was an American feminist writer, educator, and activist. She championed causes around the feminist, human rights, peace, civil rights, and anti-psychiatry movements. She wrote books on women's rights and mental health reform.

Her most famous book, "Sexual Politics", was written after she was fired from her teaching position at Bernard College for her role in organizing student protests in 1968. Dr. Millett then developed her arguments into a book that sold 10,000 copies in the first two weeks!

In this book Dr. Millett examined how the patriarchy had been developed and maintained by law, medicine, science and the school system, as well as the ways in which women are socialized to accept, and even defend their lower position in society.

Her work had an important influence on second-wave feminism – in her memory, consider doing a little smashing of the patriarchy today.

You can read more about Dr. Millett here: https://goo.gl/FqrUSc

In Memoriam – Kenneth D. George

Dr. Kenneth (Ken) D. George; professor, author, craftsman, and past president of SSSS; died on July 9th, 2017.

Dr. George was a professor at the University of Pennsylvania until his retirement in 1998. During this time he served as President of the Eastern region of SSSS, President of SSSS and was a SSSS Fellow.

He is remembered fondly by many of our members for his kind and welcoming demeanour. As you may be able to guess, Ken was a dedicated and long time member of The Society; he mentored many and is survived by a rich legacy of past students.

You can read more of Ken's obituary here: https://goo.gl/gRirz4

SHARE

Synthesized HIV/AIDS Research Evidence

Are you an HIV researcher? Check out SHARE – an easy to search repository of HIV-related systematic reviews that is constantly and consistently updated.

Check it out here: http://hivevidence.ca/frmSearch.aspx

SSSS for Puerto Rico Fundraiser Event

Join us - Saturday, Nov. 11th –Skyline (10th Floor) 5:30 – 7:30 PM

Ticket purchase required - $40

Includes access to the fundraiser, 1 support bracelet, 1 piña colada, appetizers, silent auction, 50/50 raffles (cash), & more! Purchase tickets at registration

Donations for the silent auction can be dropped off at the registration desk. Bidding for items will take place at the fundraiser. Bidding will close at 7:15 PM. Winners will be identified at 7:30 PM.

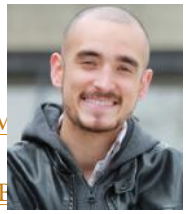
¡Que Viva SSSS! Sex Research Across Disciplines, Distances and Decades

You can purchase a ticket for the Fundraiser Event here: https://goo.gl/fpDZsu
Can't attend the event, but wish to contribute? Sponsor a student https://goo.gl/tJ1h13 or donate a silent auction item by contacting thesociety@sexscience.org or stopping by the registration desk.

MEMBER NEWS!

Amanda Gesselman has been appointed the inaugural Anita Alridch Endowed Research Scientist at the Kinsey Institute, Indiana University. Congratulations Dr. Gesselman! Her research examines dating and sexuality of single adults, with an emphasis on technology and health behaviors; the psychology, sexuality, and health of romantic couples; and the intersection of human development, stigma, and sexuality. More here: https://goo.gl/4Jfze2

Student member **Francisco Gomez Jimenez** has been awarded a National Geographic Early Career Grant to fund his doctoral work with Dr. Paul Vasey at the University of Lethbridge. Congratulations! This grant will help fund his cross-cultural work on male same-sex attraction and third gender identifying people. You can read more about his award here: https://goo.gl/GW4bM and here: https://goo.gl/3wLKhE



Stanley Krippner has just co-authored *Sex and Love in the 20th Century: An Introdction to Sexology for Young People*. Examination copies for classroom use are available from William England, Sentia Publications, info@sentiapublications.com. The book is LGBT friendly and is written for junior and senior high school and 1st and 2nd year college and university students.

Katherine Martinez has a new publication!
Martinez, K. (2017). BDSM role fluidity: A mixed-methods approach to investigating switching within dominant /submissive binaries. *Journal of Homosexuality,* 1-26.

Student member **Ray McKie** and his team recently had a couple of papers published!
Loehle, B., **McKie, R. M.**, Levere, D., Bossio, J. A., Humphreys, T. P., & Travers, R. (2017). Predictors of men's genital self-image across sexual orientation and geographic region. *Canadian Journal of Human Sexuality, 26.* https://doi.org/10.3138/cjhs.262.a7

McKie, R. M., Levere, D., & Humphreys, T. P. (2016) The role of sexual sensation seeking and technology on the sexual behaviours among men of varying sexual orientations in Canada, the United States, and Western Europe. *Canadian Journal of Human Sexuality, 25.* http://dx.doi.org/10.3138/cjhs.253-A3

Two of our student members, **Lanna Petterson** and **Francisco Gomez Jimenez** were conducting field research in Juchitán, Oaxaca, Mexico this past September when the area was struck by a 8.1 magnitude earthquake. Though the area has been devastated by the quake, luckily the two were not injured – you can read more about their story here: https://goo.gl/AJJNaE
There is also news coverage here: https://goo.gl/5wK2wx

Justin Garcia was honored with Indiana University's 2017 Gordon Faculty Award through the Division of Student Affairs, IU Bloomington. The Award is the Division's top faculty award for exemplary service to students, including teaching both within and beyond the classroom. Great job Justin – well deserved!

Carol Cassell's book *Why Knocked Up? The Paradox of Sex, Magical Thinking, and Accidental Pregnancy in This Age of Contraception* was one of the Forward INDIES Book of the Year, 2016, awardees in Social Sciences (and was a finalist in Women's Studies)!

Your 2018 Membership Renewal order will be placed in your account this November!

If you renew at the 2017 Annual Meeting in Atlanta, you can receive a 10% on-site discount!

OPPORTUNITIES!

The department of Psychology at the **University of Montreal** has an opening for a **tenure-track professor** specialized in the evaluation and treatment of delinquency and various related psychological problems. More information here: https://goo.gl/3h9frd

The institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention, and Policy at the **University of Connecticut** has an opening for a **professor and director.** More information here: http://chip.uconn.edu/job-opportunity-director-inchip/

The department of gender studies and the **Kinsey Institute at Indiana University** has an opening for a **postdoctoral fellow** in sexual science. This 12-month position will include both research and teaching responsibilities in the area of gender and sexuality. More information here: https://indiana.peopleadmin.com/postings/4696

The **HIV Center for Clinical and Behavioral Studies**, Division of Gender, Sexuality, and Health in the **Columbia University** Department of Psychiatry has an opening for a **Postdoctoral Fellowship** in "Behavioral Sciences Research in HIV Infection." More information here: http://gendersexualityhealth.org/training/nrsa.html

Dr. Sophia Choukas-Bradley of the psychology department at the **University of Pittsburgh** plans two accept 1-2 **doctoral graduate students** in the developmental psychology program for **Fall 2018** (application deadline Dec 1st). Her research focuses on adolescent's sexual behaviour, gender socialization, and mental health among LGBT adolescents and young adults. More information here: http://www.sophiachoukasbradley.com/

sexual health promotion LAB

The Sexual Health Promotion Lab at **University of Kentucky** is recruiting an **MS student in Health Promotion OR a PhD student in Health Education** with a **full assistantship** to be provided. The student should have an interest in the research area of the SHP Lab, be a full time student, and be willing to teach as part of their assistantship. **Interested candidates should contact Dr. Kristen Mark**, kristen.mark@uky.edu

In Memoriam – Robert Dunlap

Dr. Robert Dunlap; filmmaker, sexuality educator, clinical sexologist, and long time member of SSSS; died on July 27, 2017 in Poland.

Dr. Dunlap is remembered for having a warm and generous spirit and for always having a hug ready for those who might need one. Robert is recognised as a seasoned media expert – he appeared in over 400 commercials and directed over 45 films over the course of his career including "Anton", "Beyond Vanilla" and "Xaviera Hollander: The Happy Hooker". He was the co-founder of Sex Coach University, Sexology University and the World Association of Sex Coaches (WASC), where he brought years of media expertise, training acumen and a keen knowledge of sexology. As the Media Director, he oversaw all media development, the media library and training of interns. He was also a clinical sexologist, with specialization in BDSM/kink and fetish populations.

You can read more about Robert here:
http://drrobertdunlap.com/about/