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UPDATE FROM YOUR SSSS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The SSSS Board of Directors and staff are committed to ensuring that our members and meeting attendees feel respected, supported, and welcomed and that all SSSS events and spaces, including virtual/online spaces, are free from harassment, including sexual harassment and assault. In response to feedback from our members and in the spirit of the #metoo movement, the BOD formed an ad hoc taskforce to draft a Statement of Values and Expectations along with a Code of Conduct to be used as a guide when participating in SSSS events. An early draft of these documents was shared at the Annual Meeting in Montreal and the feedback from that Listening

Session was incorporated into a near final draft that was approved by the BOD at the Spring Meeting and has been sent to the organization's attorney for review.

Once the attorney's feedback is incorporated into a final draft and is approved by the BOD, the Statement of Values and Expectations and Code of Conduct will be made available to all members and meeting participants.

Be on the lookout for more information as we get closer to the Annual Meeting in Denver in November!

Hopefully, many of you noticed that SSSS spotlighted a different transgender researcher and their work every day during the week following the

Transgender Day of Visibility this past spring on Facebook (and Twitter). The posts are part of a larger effort by SSSS BOD to create a welcoming, supportive, and affirming environment within our organization by highlighting the diversity of researchers and their work in the field of sexuality research and education. Incidentally, we received a great deal of positive feedback on these posts and they generated the highest traffic that our social media platforms have ever had.

Be on the lookout for future posts that highlight the work of other researchers and SSSS members in the months to come!

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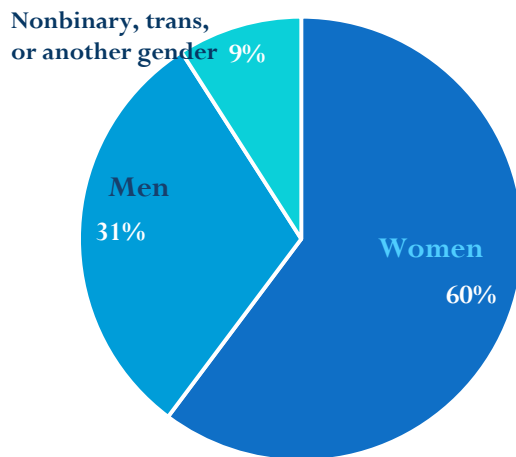
- Your Member News!
- Preliminary results from the 2018 Membership Survey!
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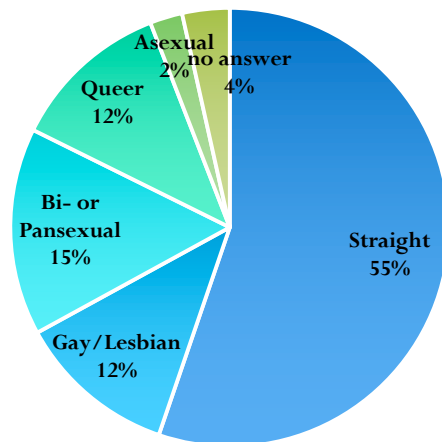
Who Are our Members? Results from the 2018 SSSS Membership Survey!

Note that these results are based on the responses of those who completed the 2018 SSSS Membership Survey, this is not an exhaustive survey of the SSSS membership. Although these statistics may not present a complete picture, they do show us some interesting trends among our members!

Gender Diversity

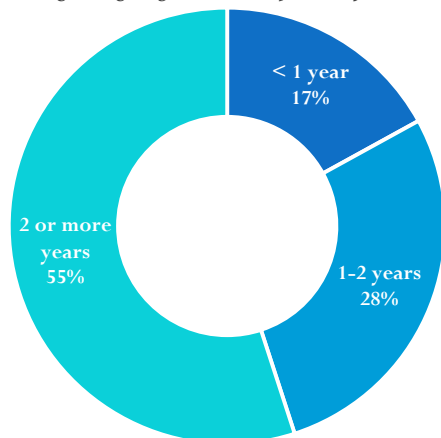


Sexual Orientation

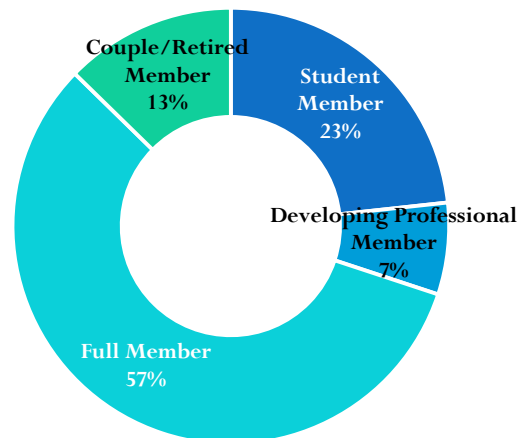


Length of Membership

Avg. Length of Membership = 12 years!



Membership Status



THE SSSS AMBASSADOR PROGRAM IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!

The SSSS Ambassador Program was developed to recognize future leaders and support the work of student and developing professionals. During the Annual Meeting, the Ambassador Program provides opportunities for students and developing professionals to assist with moderating sessions; welcoming new and returning attendees; give directions; provide general information; register attendees; assist with exhibits; and provide general support to meeting staff.

In exchange, ambassadors can earn partial meeting registration reimbursement, develop relationships with established and senior members, engage in networking opportunities, and receive recognition in the program.

Access the Application form here: <https://bit.ly/2GIZyYM>
Deadline: Sept 20, 2019

SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACTS FOR THE MEMBER'S ONLY LATE-BREAKING AND WORKS IN PROGRESS POSTER SESSION AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IN DENVER!

Access the submission portal here:
<https://www.indiana.edu/~ssss/>



JOIN US FOR THE SSSS ANNUAL MEETING IN DENVER COLORADO (US) THIS FALL!

This year's annual meeting will feature plenary presentations from:



Dr. Judith A. Allen, PhD.

Destabilizing Misogyny: Alfred C. Kinsey and Reading Women's Sexual Lives



Dr. José Bauermeister, MPH, PhD.

Love Matters: Dating Behaviors, Partner Typologies, and Relational Desires among Young Sexual Minority Men

and more (to be announced soon)!

Keep up to date on all the news, including Sponsorship Opportunities, the Preliminary Agenda, Continuing Education Credits, Travel Information, Registration, and Hotel Reservations by checking the website regularly:

<http://sexscience.org/ssss-event/2019-ssss-annual-meeting>



ELECTRONIC ELECTION BALLOT FOR THE SSSS BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMING SOON!

This year's ballot boasts contested elections for all nomination positions:
President-Elect,
Treasurer,
2 Members-At-Large, and
Student Involvement Co-Chair.

THE 2019 STUDENT GRANT APPLICATION IS NOW AVAILABLE!

Need a little more funding to support your thesis or dissertation work? SSSS can help with that! Apply for a SSSS student grant!

<https://bit.ly/2y5sRKR>



IN MEMORIAM: RICHARD GREEN

On April 6, 2019, Dr. Richard Green died of cancer in his home in London at the age of 82. Dr. Green was a strong ally of the gay community, publishing controversial (for the time) papers opposing the classification of homosexuality as a mental disorder. He was part of the movement that worked to convince the American Psychiatric Association to drop homosexuality from its diagnostic manual.

Dr. Green was also a trailblazing facilitator of gender confirming surgery, working with Harry Benjamin in the mid 1960s.

In 1975 Dr. Green founded the International Academy of Sex research and became the first editor of the Archives of Sexual Behavior (he would hold his position until 2002!).

Throughout his career Richard advocated for gay and transgender individuals, appearing as an expert witness in more than a dozen trials. In the 90s he took on the Boy Scouts of America by joining a case opposing the barring of openly gay scoutmasters. It's perhaps not surprising that Dr. Green also obtained a law degree from Yale when he was in his 50s, which allowed him to merge his psychiatric work on sex and gender with the law.

You can read more about Dr. Green here: <https://nyti.ms/2IunpZg> and here: <https://bit.ly/2v5DLyC>

UPDATES FROM THE JOURNAL OF SEX RESEARCH

The journal Impact Factor (IF) data was released in June, 2019. **The 2 year IF for JSR increased to 3.059 (the 5 yr. IF is 3.544).** This is the highest impact factor the journal has achieved and the first time that the IF went above 3!



The journal was ranked **7th (out of 104 journals) in the Social Sciences, Interdisciplinary category** and **27th (out of 130) in the Clinical Psychology category.**

THE SSSS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM IS BACK!



Are you looking to get more out of your SSSS membership? We are looking for both mentors and mentees who are interested in building their professional network and creating a productive working relationship with another sex science professional.

Mentors in sex research and clinical work will be matched with mentees with similar interests and training. All SSSS members, including students, early- and mid-career professionals, and senior leaders in the field, are encouraged to apply.

This is a fantastic opportunity for more junior members to connect with more senior members to support the development of new skills and enhance trainings. For mentors this is a great opportunity to become more involved in the Society and make potentially productive new connections with developing scholars.

New this year – there is flexibility in how *mentor* and *mentee* are defined. For example, graduate students are welcome to apply to provide mentorship to members who are their junior. At the same time, early and mid-career members are also welcome to apply as mentees, to receive mentorship from more senior members.

To find out more and fill out an application, go here:
<http://sexscience.org/resources/mentoring-program/>

Did you know that you can apply to SSSS for funding to host a local event!? The Society offers up to 10 **Local Event Mini Grants** (up to \$500 in value per grant) to support sexuality events hosted by SSSS members!

More info here:
<http://sexscience.org/awards-grants/grants/minigrant/>

Recently, **Yael Rosenstock**, a SSSS member, requested and received a mini grant to host an event in her local community!



SSSS NEWSLETTER UPDATE: APA DIVISION 44 CONSENSUAL NON-MONOGAMY TASK FORCE

The CNM Task Force is thrilled to share several exciting updates with SSSS. First, we are pleased to welcome Chrissy Holman, Derrell Cox II, Chris Smith, and Olivia McLeod to our communications team. This team is responsible for branding and amplifying the task force's mission of normalizing and including consensual non-monogamy across the research and mental health sectors.

We are also happy to report that the APA's Committee on Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity will review our request (<https://bit.ly/2PqoK3M>) to add searchable categories on the APA Psychologist Locator directory to improve access to therapists who specialize in consensual non-monogamy and kink. In a similar vein, the Task Force has been reaching out to Psychology Today about adding CNM-inclusive search term(s) to their therapist locator directory and are pleased to report that they have since added "Open Relationships Non-Monogamy" and "Sex Positive, Kink Allied" among other inclusive terms to their directory. Providers using Psychology Today are encouraged to update their profiles. While these terms are not searchable yet, we are collaborating with multiple organizations on a campaign requesting that Psychology Today make their new inclusive terms searchable.

Lastly, task force Special Call Campaign Co-Leads Drs. Lisa Dawn Hamilton and Ashley Thompson have teamed up with Carm De Santis to co-edit a special section for the Archives of Sexual Behavior on Consensual Non-Monogamy. Further details can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2DuipUh>

If you're interested in supporting the CNM Task Force, we invite you to join our mailing list when you sign our petition to support relationship diversity (<https://airtable.com/shrdP9C8TTR7Vdm8e>). You can also check out and share the resources we've developed on our website (<https://www.div44cnm.org/>), or follow us on Twitter (@CNMTaskForce), Facebook, and LinkedIn for updates. If you have any questions, please email us at div44cnm@gmail.com.

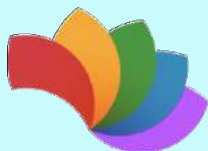
Sincerely,

Drs. Amy Moors and Heath Schechinger

Co-chairs, APA Division 44 Consensual Non-monogamy Task Force

Chrissy Holman

Communications Lead, APA Division 44 Consensual Non-monogamy Task Force



Dr. Karen Blair & Dr. Rhea Hoskin have launched a new non-profit organization, LGBTQ Psychology Canada, to help support and disseminate LGBTQ research in Canada and around the world. Stay tuned for more details in the coming months on how you can get involved!



IN MEMORIAM: JUNE DOBBS BUTTS

On May 13, 2019 June Dobbs Butts, sex researcher and therapist, died in her care facility in Georgia. She was 90.

June was the first African-American to train and practice at the Masters and Johnson institute in St. Louis. She eventually went on to establish her own practice in Maryland, improving Black Americans' access to sex therapy.

Dr. Butts brought the modern and uninhibited view of sex therapy that she had learned in St. Louis to her Black patients. She also brought sex therapy outside of the clinic – appearing on radio call-in shows and writing articles for magazines like Jet and Ebony. June wrote a regular column called *Our Sexual Health* in Essence in the late 1970s too.

Dr. Butts advocated for frank discussion of topics like masturbation, bisexuality, and gender confirming surgery. Although her ideas were not always warmly received by her patients, family, and the public, she continued her work. She wrote about the need for African Americans to embrace comprehensive sex education and discuss sex with their children, the risks of HIV/AIDS, and the problems caused by the lack of clinical and scientific research on Black American sexuality (an issue that still plagues the field today).

Read more about Dr. June Dobbs Butts here: <https://bit.ly/2GgD1wP> and here: <https://nyti.ms/2L8UVFP>



IN MEMORIAM: BRIAN ZAMBONI

Dr. Brian Zamboni died suddenly on March 5th, 2019, at the age of 45.

Brian was a clinical psychologist and was recently a faculty member of the Program in Human Sexuality (PHS) at the University of Minnesota Medical School. He was a Certified Therapist, Educator, and Supervisor of Sex Therapy of the American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors and Therapists. He was also a Board Certified Sex Therapist (Diplomate) from the American Board of Sexology.

Brian was a member of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, during his time with us he served in a number of roles, including Midcontinent Region President in 2008.

Brian supervised many students and trainees and was involved in many sexuality organizations. He will be greatly missed, but his impact and contributions will ensure his memory lives on.

More here: <https://bit.ly/2y8OYQl>

Harrington Park Press, frequent co-sponsors of the SSSS Annual Conference, announces that its scholarly and academic book publications, which cover LGBTQ+ topics exclusively, have been accepted at the publisher level by: Web of Science (Clarivate Analytics) within its Book Citation Index (<https://clarivate.com/essays/selection-process-book-citation-index-web-science/>) (primarily the "Science" and "Social Science & Humanities Edition) Scopus from Elsevier, representing the largest abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature, including journals, books and conference proceedings. Scopus works with researchers, publishers, bibliometricians, librarians, and academic/institutional leaders to provide an evolving collection of metrics/evaluation tools that supplement qualitative insights.

Both indexes reached backwards to cover the 5-year back-list of Harrington Park Press (<https://harringtonparkpress.com/>) in its entirety, since 1914. An exclusion factor for both (as well as most) bibliographic services are basic textbooks. These top-tier tools supplement book coverage by selective disciplinary-focused indexes such as PsychINFO (focusing on psychological literature), or Sociological Abstracts which focuses on the social science literature.

"Harrington Park Press takes great care to ensure that its LGBTQ+ publication output is discoverable at both the book and chapter level," according to its Publisher & Editor-in-Chief, Bill Cohen, "And specifically, by indexing services which utilize citation or qualitative vetting criteria.

"Most books and monographs, including ours, are covered by Google Scholar," Mr. Cohen added. "Google Scholar is immensely important because it is free, and therefore by most measures the most widely used. However, its inclusion methodology is primarily robotic. Therefore, Google Scholar may scour for input from self-publishing individuals or entities, as well as so-called "predatory" publishers. Most of those outfits focus on the journal industry, but may also offer, an author-subsidized press for monographs. In the interdisciplinary field of LGBTQ+ studies, this can result in many free resources. Measures or assessment of their quality may range from outstanding to dicey to dubious."



CHECK OUT THE JOURNAL OF SEX RESEARCH - ANNUAL REVIEW OF SEX RESEARCH SPECIAL ISSUE - VOLUME 56 NUMBERS 4-5.

Featuring:

Alcohol and Sexual Health Behavior: "What We Know and How We Know It" by William H. George

Trust, Sexual Trust, and Sexual Health: An Interrogative Review by J. Dennis Fortenberry

Genito-Pelvic Pain Through a Dyadic Lens: Moving Toward an Interpersonal Emotion Regulation Model of Women's Sexual Dysfunction by Natalie O. Rosen and Sophie Bergeron

Agency Is Everywhere, but Agency Is Not Enough: A Conceptual Analysis of Young Women's Sexual Agency by Laina Y. Bay-Cheng

Expanding Statistical Frontiers in Sexual Science: Taxometric, Invariance, and Equivalence Testing by John Kitchener Sakaluk

Intersex or Diverse Sex Development: Critical Review of Psychosocial Health Care Research and Indications for Practice by Katrina Roen

Gender/Sex, Sexual Orientation, and Identity Are in the Body: How Did They Get There? By Anne Fausto-Sterling

Queer Intimacies: A New Paradigm for the Study of Relationship Diversity by Phillip L. Hammack, David M. Frost and Sam D. Hughes



MEMBER NEWS!

On Monday April 8th, **Janet S. Hyde** was presented with the Alfred C. Kinsey Distinguished Researcher Award in a ceremony at the Kinsey Institute at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN. Dr. Hyde is an SSSS Fellow, the Director of the Centre for Research on Gender and Women at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a professor of psychology and gender & women's studies. She delivered a superb lecture (to a sold out dinner audience) on "The Future of Sex and Gender in the Behavioral Science: Five Challenges to the Gender Binary."



Wendy Kinsey Corning (granddaughter of Dr. Kinsey), Janet S. Hyde, and William L. Yarber
<https://kinseyinstitute.org/news-events/news/2019-02-22-janet-hyde.php>

Dr. **Sandra Caron** recently received the 2019 Distinguished Maine Professor Award. This award is given by their alumni association and is a great honor, particular considering that the discipline of human sexuality is infrequently considered for such awards. A press release is available here:

<https://bit.ly/2xI14Qf>



Adrian Shanker co-authored a chapter, "Queer and Quitting: Addressing Smoking as an **LGBTQ Issue**" in The Routledge Handbook of LGBTQIA Administration and Policy, ed. Wallace Swan.

The book was released at the end of 2018.



Dr. **Rhea Ashley Hoskin** has been awarded the Governor General's Gold Medal for her PhD at Queen's University. She has

also received one of two Ontario Women's Health Post-Doctoral Fellowships and she is currently working on her post-doc with Dr. Sari van Anders at Queen's.

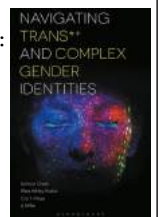
Recent Publications:

Hoskin, R. A. (2019). Femmephobia: The Role of Anti-Femininity and Gender Policing in LGBTQ+ People's Experiences of Discrimination. *Sex Roles*, 1-18.

Hoskin, R. A., & Taylor, A. (2019). Femme resistance: the fem(me)inine art of failure. *Psychology & Sexuality*, 1-20.

Book available for pre-order:
Navigating Trans*+ and Complex Gender Identities:

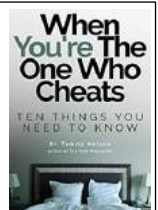
<https://bit.ly/2XCcjUQ>



Tammy Nelson recently published the book "**When You're The One Who Cheats**"

(<https://amzn.to/2GbcGAd>) and did a **TEDx talk** on Sex and The New Monogamy:

<https://bit.ly/2NSwFdc> For more information, please feel free to contact tammy@drtammynelson.com



Dr. Justin Garcia has been named acting executive director of the Kinsey Institute! Justin is an evolutionary biologist and an international leader in sex research. His program of work focuses on the evolutionary and biocultural foundations of romantic and sexual relationships across the life span. Read more here:

<https://news.iu.edu/stories/2019/06/iub/03-justin-garcia-named-acting-director-of-kinsey-institute.html>



Dr. **Shayna Skakoon-Sparling** was awarded a fellowship award from the Canadian HIV Trials Network (CTN) this spring, she will hold this award at Ryerson University, working with Dr. Trevor Hart.

Recent Publications: Intimate partner violence history and its association with condom use negotiation. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 147, 256-260. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.paid.2019.04.004>

Are we blinded by desire? Relationship motivation and sexual risk taking intentions during condom negotiation. *Journal of Sex Research*
<https://doi.org/10.1080/00224499.2019.1579888>

...MORE MEMBER NEWS!

KLB Research Lab News: Students from KLB Research presented their work at the 80th Annual Convention of the Canadian Psychological Association in Halifax. Jill Northcott from Acadia won the Henry Minton Award for best student oral presentation. Her work applied a novel statistical analysis to the examination of agreement on memories of coming out between LGBTQ individuals and their parents. Odessa McKenna won an award for her presentations on the experiences of same-sex couples sharing affection in public. Breanna O'Handley presented her qualitative analysis of memories of coming out as well as her research on the sexual violence climate survey from St. Francis Xavier University. Steve Wilton gave a talk on the PDA observation study and **Dr. Blair** and **Dr. Hoskin** presented their follow-up data on the trans dating study, examining the reasons that people are unwilling to date transgender individuals as well as their research on global collective grief responses to mass shootings, with a focus on the Pulse, Pittsburgh and Christchurch shootings. Slides and videos of the lab presentations can be found

here: <https://www.drkarenblair.com/cpa19>

Undergraduate lab member Kayleigh Trenholm received the Scotia Scholar Award from the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation to spend the summer launching a new study exploring sexual satisfaction and functioning among trans women and Lauren Sobot received the Irving Research Mentorship Award to launch a cross-cultural study comparing predictors of sexual prejudice in Canada, the USA and Turkey.

Lab director, **Dr. Karen Blair**, received the Outstanding Faculty Teaching Award at St. Francis Xavier University at the Spring Convocation and was also selected as one of 25 educators across Canada to participate in the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem's Leaders of Change program which takes educators to Europe to learn techniques for teaching young people about the Holocaust.



SSSS Spring Symposium

The 2019 SSSS Symposium was co-hosted by the Kinsey Institute in Bloomington, Indiana. More than 40 people attended to take in the presentations and network with new and old friends!



Project Update: Developing Clinical Practice Guidelines for Working with Kinky Clients

Last year a team of clinicians and researchers, each who have been working with kink, fetish and BDSM clients for the past 13-30+ years, formed a working group to propose practice guidelines. The working group has taken up the task to review (1) the current state of the empirical literature on kink sexuality and on the state of the professions in addressing this population; (2) the gaps in the empirical literature about BDSM/kink sexuality, where the science is cutting edge; and (3) the clinical issues that confront therapists and counselors when working with kink-involved clients and patients.

The Kink Clinical Practice Guidelines Project is now receiving comments from stakeholders -- clinicians, community members, other professionals -- on a first draft of clinical guidelines. Please go to www.kinkguidelines.com to find out more, make comments, and find ways to connect with the project. Practice guidelines are aspirational. They are meant to articulate goals and standards that professionals can strive for, to guide their own professional development and to increase the quality of services they offer. If you are interested in the project, contact Dr. Richard Sprott at richard.sprott@csueastbay.edu

Preach 2020: An International LGBTQ Psychology Conference will take place on **July 16th and 17th, 2020 in Prague**, Czech Republic. After a successful Preach 2018 in Montreal with over 115 delegates from 23 different countries, we look forward to an even bigger and equally diverse event in Prague. The conference takes place right before the International Congress of Psychology, so we encourage people to attend both conferences, presenting their cutting-edge LGBTQ research at Preach and their educational/outreach versions of their LGBTQ research at ICP 2020. Dr. Lisa Diamond will be a keynote speaker at Preach 2020 and ICP 2020, and Dr. Karen Blair will be a keynote speaker at ICP 2020 as well as the host of Preach 2020. For more information, please visit the Preach website: <https://cpasogii.com/preach2020>



The early bird submission deadline for Preach 2020 is August 1st, 2019. People who submit by this date will receive a notice of decision by October 2019, providing plenty of time to make travel arrangements. The final submission deadline is December 15, 2019, and these submitters will hear back from us by March 2020.

For those submitting to ICP (www.ICP2020.com) the final submission deadline is December 1, 2019. For the first time ever, ICP will have a Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity stream, so we encourage people to submit their LGBTQ research to this stream.

Upcoming...



Oct 12th-15th – World Association for Sexual Health

Annual Meeting in Mexico City, Mexico

More info: <https://www.was2019.org/>



Oct 17th – 19th – Canadian Sex Research Forum

Annual Meeting in Victoria, BC

<http://www.canadiansexresearchforum.com/2019/>



**November 7th - 10th
SSSS 2019 Annual Meeting**

In Denver, Colorado!

Check Website for Updates!

<http://sexscience.org/ssss-event/2019-ssss-annual-meeting/>

