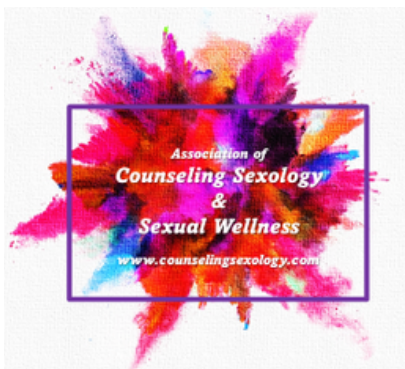


ACSSW Spring 2023 Newsletter



The ACSSW Spring 2023 Newsletter Highlights:

- Updates on ACA Conference in Toronto
- Introduction of New Trustee
- Article from Research & Scholarship
- ACSSW 2023 Elections
- Dr. Mark Pope Emerging Leaders Applications
- June BIPOC Webinar
- ACSSW Statement in Opposition to Anti-LGBTQ+ Legislation



The mission of ACSSW, an Organizational Affiliate of ACA, is to promote sexuality as a central aspect of being human that includes the intersection of intrapersonal and interpersonal influences on sexual expression and experiences.

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Letter from ACSSW President...

by Frances McClain, PhD, LCPC, NCC

Dear ACSSW Family –

It's difficult to believe that this is my last letter to you as the ACSSW President. It has been an exciting year for ACSSW as we continue our work to advocate and educate the counseling profession and wider community on the importance of sexual wellness from an inclusive and sex positive approach. This has been a tumultuous year in the U.S. related to sexual human rights on several levels, so there is much left to do. It has been an honor to lead such an amazing organization and I am excited to see what ACSSW will do in the future. I know that with Robert Zeglin at the helm ACSSW will continue to have a powerful impact on the counseling and mental professions.

For those of you who missed the ACA Conference in Toronto, ACSSW had a phenomenal showing. Some highlights included:

- **Annual Board of Directors and ACSSW Meet & Greet:**
 - Introduction and welcoming of new Trustee, Dr. Marty Jencius.
 - The ACSSW Board of Directors voted to name the Emerging Leaders Program in Dr. Mark Pope's honor becoming the Dr. Mark Pope Emerging Leaders program (see page 22 for information on 23-24 application submission and deadline).
 - Dr. Jonae Thompson, Co-Chair of the BIPOC Task Force, provided an update on the progress of the task force to date. The final report and recommendations will be provided by June 30, 2023, the targeted sunset of the task force.
 - Dr. Robert Zeglin, President-Elect, submitted the slate of nominees for the ACSSW 23-24 election and was approved by the board.
 - ACSSW Committees were recognized for their excellent work and annual reports were submitted to the board.
- **ACSSW 2023 BIPOC Task Force Report Educational Session:**
 - Dr. Frances McClain, ACSSW President, reviewed ACSSW's mission and goals/objectives established for the BIPOC Task Force.
 - Dr. Monica Boyd-Layne, member of the Competencies Working Group of the BIPOC Task Force, provided an update on their progress to date.
 - Dr. Tameika Bell, member of the Advocacy Working Group of the BIPOC Task Force, provided an update on their progress to date.

- **Ethical Nonmonogamy and Those Left Out: Older Adults and Adolescents**, Poster Presentation by ACSSW 22-23 Emerging Leader recipients: Cody Helgesen and Tanna Davis (see page 4).
- **Human Sexuality Counseling: A Sex Positive Approach**, Angela Schubert, Editor, panel presentation was facilitated by ACSSW member, Kameela George (pictures, page 4). The panel included authors from different chapters of the book. Angie make sure there was a cocktail glass there in honor of Dr. Pope, her co-editor.
- **Gathering Honoring Dr. Mark Pope**, hosted by Angela Schubert. As was previously announced, Dr. Mark Pope passed away earlier this year. Dr. Pope was a mentor to many and the first ACSSW Trustee.

We are in the process of completing the second ACSSW election and the application process for the Dr. Mark Pope Emerging Leaders for the 23-24 year. Be sure to check out the ACSSW website (www.counselingsexology.com) for new updates and information. And don't miss the June 16th, 2nd webinar in the BIPOC series, by Dr. Patricia Arredondo (page 25).

Thank you for the opportunity to serve ACSSW as president. I plan to continue in my role as editor of the ACSSW Newsletter and website updates. As a co-founder of ACSSW, I look forward to being able to be part of this amazing journey...

My Best to All of You –



Fran
ACSSW President, 2022-2023



Update on ACA Conference in Toronto

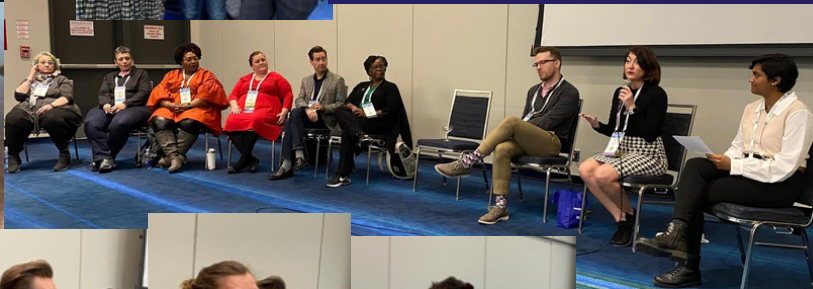
ACSSW 2023
BIPOC Task Force Report



Emerging Leaders
Poster Presentation



Handbook for
Human Sexuality Counseling :
A Sex Positive Approach
Panel Presentation



New Trustee Dr. Marty Jencius



Marty Jencius earned his Ph. D. in Counselor Education from the University of South Carolina. His sixteen years of clinical experience included working in addictions, with at-risk youth and schools, in management consultation, and at a family counseling agency. He has been a counselor educator for 25 years. He has over 120 publications in books, chapters, journal articles, and others, along with 100 podcasts related to counseling, counselor education, and faculty life. He has done seminal work in technology, introducing listservs (CESNET-L), websites, online journals, podcasts, and virtual reality to the counseling field. He has had the opportunity to teach counseling and make 20+ trips to Turkey and The Bahamas, Malaysia, Scotland, and Singapore. He is the past president of the North Central Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (NCACES), the national ACES association, and a past representative to the American Counseling Association Governing Council. He is on the International Association for Resilience and Trauma Counseling board and remains active in ACES and ASGW. He will be ACA Treasurer from 2023-2024 and was inducted in 2023 as an ACA Fellow.

Article

ACSSW Research & Scholarship Committee Presents: Research in Action Celebrating and Destigmatizing the Sexuality of Black Women

Bianca R. Augustine

Amber L. Pope

Juliana J. Lytle

Celebrating and Destigmatizing the Sexuality of Black Women

To fully understand the nuances of Black sexuality, one must also take into consideration the intersections of race and gender (Hill Collins, 2004). At the apex of sexual politics lies the intersection of gender, race, and sexuality that determines how individuals are treated and perceived by those around them. Racism has long been an intrusive element of Black sexuality and is a result of colonization. As explained by Meiu (2015), Western European colonizers imposed their standards and practices concerning sexuality and morality onto the inhabitants of the lands they colonized. This imposition laid the foundation for them to legitimize colonization as being "moral" and perpetuated the ideology that individuals expressing or experiencing sexuality in a manner different from theirs as being immoral and needing reform. For example, in the pre-colonization period in the East African kingdom of Buganda, it was common for the king and his male pages to engage in intimate relationships, as this was considered a form of "political obedience" (Meiu, 2015, p. 1). European missionaries, however, equated this with sin, thereby condemning this native practice and the natives of Buganda as "devious" and needing salvation. The condemnation of Black sexuality through religion continues, with research stating that some Black women report religion as evoking feelings of fear, shame, and/or silence as it relates to sex and sexuality (Crooks et al., 2020).

Furthermore, the bodies of Black women were hypersexualized and displayed in European "freak shows." When one African woman who was forced into participating in these exhibits died, her body was dissected and put on display in a museum (Crooks et al., 2020). This is one instance of the Black woman's body being forcibly subjugated to the white male gaze—a phenomenon Black women continue to face.

Fetishization has long been a product of this phenomenon. The Jezebel stereotype emerged during enslavement in the Americas and characterized Black women's sexuality as inappropriate and deviant. This race and gender stereotype was used to justify White male enslavers' sexual assaults on the Black women they enslaved (Nanda, 2019). Current literature describes ways in which the Jezebel stereotype of Black women as hypersexual continues to shape Black women's decision-making as evinced by how they express and participate in their own sexuality, including fashion choices and what sorts of sexual acts they engage in (Leath et al., 2021; Nanda, 2019). Others' exposure to the Jezebel stereotype also influences their treatment of Black women. For instance, Black women are at higher risk for being objectified, harassed, and victims of sexual assault (Nanda, 2019). Research asserts that the Jezebel stereotype is responsible for the justification of sexual violence against Black women.



In sum, Black women's eroticism has been devalued, vilified, and subdued, as explained by Audre Lorde (1978). Audre Lorde encourages Black women to reclaim their sexuality and eroticism, as it is their source of creative energy and empowerment. Our primary duty as counselors is to foster the wellness of our clients. This includes fostering the celebration of Black women's sexuality.

Celebrating Black Sexuality

Destigmatizing Black women's sexuality is a necessary step to deconstruct the harmful narratives that exist; however, a sex-positive framework calls counselors to not only accept and affirm, but to celebrate, liberate, and "amplify pleasure" (Thorpe et al., 2021, p. 5) regarding Black sexuality. Womanist, feminist, liberation, and emancipation theories provide counselors with guiding frameworks to celebrate Black sexuality, collaborate with clients to explore pleasure, reclaim Black sexual expressivity and autonomy, and self-define their sexual desires and experiences (Lindsey, 2013). A key element of this celebration and liberation of Black women's sexuality includes embracing the "womanish" aspect of Black women. As explained by Alice Walker (1972), womanish refers to Black women engaging in "outrageous, audacious, courageous or willful behavior. Wanting to know more and in greater depth than is considered "good" for one..." (p. 9). Black women and girls have long been encouraged to temper this element of their sexuality. We, like Alice Walker, call for the reclamation and celebration of being womanish. Below we propose strategies grounded in feminist, womanist, liberation, and emancipation theories for counselors to guide the celebration of Black women's sexualities within the therapeutic relationship.

Feminist Theory


Counselors resist the politics of silence around Black women's sexualities through (Lindsey, 2013; Thorpe, 2021):

- Integrating opportunities (e.g., using skills such as broaching or open-ended assessment questions) for Black women to discuss sexualities.
- Broaching race, gender, and other differing identities early in the counseling relationship, to invite open communication about diversity.
- Emphasize power sharing in counseling by assuming a non-expert stance on Black women's lived experiences.
- Trusting, affirming, and validating Black women's unique realities, including experiences of marginalization and oppression, as related to their sexualities through the frequent use of reflection and paraphrasing skills.
- Exploring with Black women how racial and gendered socialization influences their sexuality, including sexual identity, expression, and pleasure.
- Emphasizing clients' autonomy over their bodies and sexualities.
- Promoting opportunities for Black women to articulate and explore what is pleasurable to them.

Womanist Theory

Counselors conceptualize and celebrate the sexuality of Black women holistically through (King, 2004; Walker, 1972; Williams, 2005):

- Integrating the whole of Black women's identities (e.g. race, spirituality, socioeconomic class, sexual/affectional identity, ability status, etc.) in their exploration of how they came to know and understand their sexuality.
- Collaborating with Black women to challenge conceptualizations of Black women's sexuality rooted in sexism, racism, classism, heterosexism, cissexism, and other oppressive traditions.
- Exploring ways Black women can experience their sexuality and pleasure as acts of rebellion against historic and current oppression they experience.
- Conceptualizing Black women's sexuality as a spiritual and physical manifestation of their wholeness.

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- Partaking in the liberation of Black sexuality by affirming the labels Black women apply to their eroticism and sexuality.
 - Holding space for the fluidity of Black women's sexuality.
 - Fostering Black women's womanish exploration of their sexuality.
 - Developing women-centered support networks that foster clients' sexual, psychosocial, emotional, and spiritual wellness.
 - Fostering and exploring Black women's love for and relationships (sexually and nonsexually) with other women.
 - Identifying and exploring Black women's personal values pertaining to their sexuality.

Liberation Theory

Counselors provide space for Black women to reclaim their sexualities through (Coleman, 2021; Ezaydi, 2023; Hill Collins, 2004):

- Dismantling feminist approaches that center Whiteness and ignore intersectionality.
- Centering the lived experiences and expressed goals of Black women to guide the therapeutic process.
- Emphasizing intersectionality, including trusting Black women to define their own identities and sexualities and explicitly holding space for the various domains in which Black women interact and reside throughout their lives.
- Interrogating messages that conflict with how Black women view themselves and their sexualities.
- Exploring with Black women how they can claim, reclaim, and express their sexual agency on their own terms.
- Empowering Black women to make decisions that are in their own best interests.

Emancipation Theory

Counselors liberate Black women's sexualities from restraint, oppression, and control through (Hepworth Clarke, 2022; Thorpe et al. 2022):

- Explicitly recognizing that Black women's sexualities have their own histories separate from Western conceptualizations of sexuality.
- Using Black women's definitions of sexuality and pleasure to inform counseling and to select culturally responsive interventions.
- Understanding how Black women currently and historically experienced empowerment and freedom through pleasure, sensuality, love, and eroticism.
- Using holistic, expansive, and sex positive approaches in counseling that emphasize mental, emotional, spiritual, and physical experiences of sexual intimacy and pleasure.
- Exploring with Black women how they experience joy, sensuality, connectedness, and spirituality through their sexualities.
- Including sexual mindfulness in therapeutic modalities to enhance mind-body-soul awareness during sexual encounters.

In sum, counselors have the privilege of accompanying Black women along their journey of reclaiming and celebrating their sexuality. To do so counselors must take special care to provide sex-positive counseling. We propose that this can best be accomplished by adopting an eclectic framework with womanist, feminist, liberation, and emancipation theories at its foundation. Through such an approach, Black women can reclaim their sexuality and engage in their eroticism as "an opening up, a healing, a seeing and being seen" (Cooper, 2018, p. 22).

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ACSSW 2023 Election Ballot

As the President-Elect, I am honored to announce the second ever election for the Association of Counseling Sexology & Sexual Wellness (ACSSW), an Organizational Affiliate of the American Counseling Association (ACA). Pursuant to the ACSSW bylaws, as the President-Elect, I am charged with sending out the electoral ballots. Please vote before June 10th. Thank you for your continued participation in growing and advancing ACSSW!

Robert Zeglin, ACSSW President-Elect

**PLEASE
VOTE!**

President- Elect: The President-Elect shall perform the duties of the President in the absence or incapacity of the President as determined by the Board. The President-Elect shall assume the Presidency of ACSSW upon the death or resignation of the President. The President-Elect shall coordinate the nominations process for all elections except those expressly excluded by the Bylaws. The President-Elect, subject to confirmation by the Board, shall appoint members of committees and the Treasurer, in accordance with and except as otherwise specified in ACSSW Bylaws, policies and procedures. The term of office for the President-Elect is July 1st through June 30th. After which time the President-Elect will become President and serve a one-year term of July 1st through June 30th.

The following candidates are running for ACSSW President-Elect:

Robyn Flores

Position Statement: Hello! I am honored to be nominated for the position of President-Elect for ACSSW. If I am elected, I plan to serve as a voice of advocacy and leadership and as a collaborator with my colleagues and valued members. I am seeking to serve in this role to be able to lead, serve, and amplify the need for representation, equity, and advocacy within the field of counseling sexology and sexual wellness. I am a sex therapist and sexuality educator certified through the Sexual Health Alliance. I am also a doctoral candidate, in the dissertation phase, working on my Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision from the University of the Cumberlands, a CAREP-accredited program. I earned my bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University and master's degree from Texas A&M University – Commerce.



I currently co-teach two doctoral-level courses at the University of the Cumberlands, Ethics and Legal Issues in Counselor Education and Supervision as well as Neuroanatomy. I also co-teach a Counseling Adolescents masters-level course at the University of North Texas, specifically educating on sexual development and sexuality topics that come up with this age group. My research and advocacy interests revolve around exploring the perceptions of affirming counseling experiences for individuals who identify at the intersection of neurodivergence and erotic marginalization; demystifying erotic countertransference in the supervision space; and examining the effects and counselor experiences of cultural countertransference when working with erotically marginalized individuals and non-monogamous relational dynamics. I am a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, caring for clients in Texas, Colorado, and Missouri. I am also licensed as a Licensed Professional Counselor and Approved Clinical Supervisor in Colorado. Through my service as President-Elect, I plan to support ACSSW's essential committees and leadership team by addressing needs in a proactive manner. Additionally, I want to work closely with the American Counseling Association and continue to advocate for sex and sexuality to become normalized, shame-free topics in the professional helping realm for counselors, supervisors, educators, supervisees, and our clients.

Theodore Burns

Position Statement: I, Theo Burnes (he/him), am honored to be considered for the position of President-Elect of the Association for Counseling Sexology and Sexual Wellness (ACSSW). As an LPCC and an educator in the state of California, I am no stranger to the critical need for more culturally-inclusive, sex positive resources for counselors and our communities. In my work as a professor at the University of Southern California and in my small private practice in Los Angeles, I am continuously astounded about the amount of work to do to achieve sexual liberation in ourselves, our field, and in our world. Given the current sociopolitical climate of our many, diverse landscapes, the need for connectedness and resources around the various aspects of our sexual well-being continues to be at an all-time high. My background in sex education, providing services for LGBTQQINB+ youth and their families, conducting counseling research and practice with sex workers and their loved ones, and advocacy with consensually non-monogamous-identified clients has provided me with needed context and experiences to help continue to shape ACSSW to be of service to its members. My service in ACA began with work in ALGBTIC (now SAIGE) to help develop the 2010 Competences for Counseling with Transgender Clients. Through a variety of subsequent service positions dedicated to increased mental health for clients working on issues related to gender and sexuality, I am so grateful to have found my professional family. If elected, my primary goal is to continue to build and sustain needed infrastructure for ACSSW as an organization. In doing so, I hope to create anti-racist, sex-positive spaces and resources for students, practitioners, counselor educators, and advocates that are rooted in our values of social justice, strengths, and well-being that honor our many diverse identities, pleasures, and desires. As ACSSW continues in its journey of being a recognized division within ACA, I also have a goal to gather our strengths and talents, our membership's commitment to excellence, and our creativity to build upon the stupendous job of ACSSW's founders and past leadership. ACSSW needs all of us as we weather difficult and uncertain times, and your vision for a brighter, more sex-positive future is part of ACSSW! I look forward to meeting you, working with you, and reflecting your vision, experience, and voice within our organization.

Shannon Shoemaker

Position Statement: My name is Dr. Shannon Shoemaker and I am honored to be nominated for the role of president-elect. I have been with ACSSW since the early stages of its formation, working with the current EC to help define and shape the organization into what it is today- a resource and guide for counselors, counselor educators, and the general public on the promotion of sex positivity. I have been the secretary of ACSSW formally since 2019 and have worked as an editorial board member for the journal since then as well. In these roles I have helped to move ACSSW from an interest group, to an organizational affiliate, and soon (hopefully) to a full division within ACA. I also helped to co-create the newly renamed Dr. Mark Pope Emerging Leaders program which had its first round of participants in 2023. This program also provides a leadership pipeline for the organization to ensure its continuity. This completed one of the main items on the three-year strategic plan which demonstrates my commitment to ACSSW. My vision for ACSSW as president-elect would be to see it become a full division and to start collecting monies to support the funding of new research through webinars, journal articles, awards, a conference, and other resources for sex positivity awareness. The first focus would be to ensure division status within ACA, then to organize the financial aspect with ACA so that we can begin to move the mission of ACSSW forward in providing education and training. In particular, I would like to concentrate on the creation of a sexuality guidelines and a certificate program to offer an alternative to ASSECT's program which is cost-prohibitive. I believe this will help to solidify the need for sexuality to become a core competency. Additionally, through my work with CACREP I hope to continue to provide evidence to the accrediting body of the need for sexuality as a core experience of being human. The work and mission of ACSSW are central to me and my values. My private practice specializes in couples and sexual wellness. I have conducted research on sexual wellness issues and created a 1-credit and 3-credit course at my current university to provide education to counselors-in-training. I have been committed to this organization since 2017 and would like to continue to be of service through leading the organization as president-elect in conjunction with the executive committee and input from the members. I believe my experience with ACSSW as well as my clinical and research focus makes me a strong candidate for this position.

Laurie Bonjo

Position Statement: My name is Laurie Bonjo, and I am honored to have been nominated to serve as President-Elect of ACSSW. I currently serve as associate professor and program coordinator of the doctoral program in Counselor Education and Supervision at Southern Connecticut State University. For those of you who don't know me, I will share a little bit about the work I am currently doing at SCSU to support skill development in sexuality counseling among our students at SCSU. As a counselor educator, I have actively worked to promote sexuality as a central aspect of being human in all my classes. In addition to infusing my traditional courses with clinical practice around sex and sexuality, I also developed a master's level course focusing exclusively on sexuality counseling. In this course, students have opportunities to explore ways to support sexual wellness among heterosexual, cisgender clients as well as non-heterosexual and gender expansive clients across the lifespan. Students practice being in the role of the counselor when clients bring sexual thoughts, feelings, and experiences into session. In the context of sex positivity, we also discuss things like kink culture, the BDSM community, ethical nonmonogamy, applications with neurodivergent people and people with disabilities, and how to work with clients who are experiencing sexual dysfunction. This course has underscored the importance of skill development related to sexual wellness. Counselors-in-training need to learn to address client concerns that are positioned at the intersection of interpersonal and intrapersonal influences on sexual expression and identities inclusive of age, race, ethnicity, religion, sex, gender and gender expression, physical and

mental health and abilities, and socioeconomic status. If elected to serve as President-elect of ACSSW, I will continue the work that has been established by our founding leaders to increase visibility of sexuality counseling and to support the infusion of sexuality counseling competency into counselor training. ACSSW is still a new organization that requires bold leadership with clear strategic planning directed at solidifying a voice and a presence in the broader counseling community. Like the Multicultural Competencies (MCCs) developed by the AMCD and the competencies developed by SAIGE for working with LGBTGEQIAP2S+ clients and those developed by SAIGE for working with transgender and gender-expansive clients, I envision ACSSW serving the counseling professions by generating competencies for sex-positive counseling. In addition to this effort, we will continue to centralize information and resources and provide our expertise through the efforts of the Education and Training committee. We will also continue to support the development of cutting-edge best practices through our Research and Scholarship committee. Through the efforts of our Social Justice and Advocacy Committee, we will reinforce the importance of sexology and sexual wellness in counseling and counselor education. To do all of this and also support membership and promotion, ACSSW needs leaders who are enthusiastic, magnetic, and visible. If elected to serve as president-elect of ACSSW, I will be a visible, passionate representative of our organization. I will advocate that CACREP support the inclusion of sexology curriculum in counseling programs. I will continue our ongoing work to be recognized as a division within ACA and I will engage with leaders of other divisions to increase opportunities for partnerships and collaboration. Perhaps most importantly, I will reinforce the inclusive culture of our organization so that our membership grows and increases representation and visibility of marginalized identities in our education, research, and advocacy.

Secretary: The Secretary is a voting member of the ACSSW Board of Directors. The Board meets a minimum of once per year, usually during the ACA Annual Conference. The Secretary keeps record of the proceedings of the Board. The Secretary also performs the duties customary to that office and such additional duties as directed by the Board. There term of office for the Secretary is a two-year term of July 1st through June 30th two years hence.

The following candidates are running for ACSSW Secretary:

Molly Wilson

Position Statement: I would be honored to be elected to the position of Secretary for the Association of Counseling Sexology and Sexual Wellness. For the entirety of my career, I have been focused on elevating the importance of attending to sexual wellness within the profession. In my role as a counselor, counselor educator, and supervisor I have advocated for the inclusion of comprehensive and diverse sexual education in order to best serve clients who seek counseling care. The ethical implications of counselors being undertrained and minimally educated regarding how to support counselors as it relates to sexual concerns and sexual wellness are massive. My hope is that through ACSSW education and support can increase across the board regarding sexuality as a whole. I received my MA in Mental Health Counseling from the University of Toledo in 2013 and my PhD in Counselor Education and Supervision from the University of Wyoming in 2017. I'm currently Assistant Professor of Counselor Education at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. I also maintain a small caseload of clinical clients at a private practice. I have experience serving as Secretary for the Michigan Association of Counselor Educators and Supervisors (MACES) for which I served

a two year term. Maintaining clear and concise recordkeeping is critical for any organization. Similarly, I believe that the role of the Secretary is to support the communication and overall structure of any group. My own organizational skills, detail oriented personality, and devotion to counselor excellence would be an ideal fit for this position. Additionally, I feel strongly that ACSSW is a timely and desperately needed force within the profession. The establishment and expansion of this organization has the potential to dramatically strengthen the profession at several levels. I would love the opportunity to support ACSSW in reaching more members of ACA, offering continuing education and supervision support to counselors, and establishing a more visible presence overall.

Kristin Hauswirth

Position Statement: My name is Kristin Hauswirth, and I am an Online Core Faculty member in the counselor education program at Liberty University. I am enthusiastic about the promotion of human sexuality as a core competency for counselor education and training. With over 10 years of clinical counseling experience, I have seen the need for integrating sexuality into a holistic perspective of clients, recognizing areas where I needed additional continuing education and how this lack of knowledge may even be harmful to clients. More recently as a counselor educator, I have taught a human sexuality course which allowed me to learn more about this gap in preparing counselors through conversations with students about concerns regarding integrating discussions of sexuality with their future clients. My vision for ACSSW is to promote the recognition of sexuality as another facet of identity that influences a client's lived experience, and ideally, I would love to see the topic of sexuality infused across the counselor education curriculum, like how ethics and culture are infused throughout. I have been involved in leadership positions in my doctoral program and currently in my role as a counselor educator. I have been a member of the executive leadership team in Chi Sigma Iota Rho Eta and Rho Eta Sigma Epsilon chapters in various roles for the past five years, including Chapter President and Co-Chapter Faculty Advisor. I recognize the importance of thorough, concise documentation and enjoy taking detailed notes, and my goal for this position is to complete accurate documentation in a timely manner. I look forward to the opportunity to serve ACSSW in the capacity of Secretary and appreciate your consideration to support me in this role!

Kameela George

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a two year term. Maintaining clear and concise recordkeeping is critical for any organization. Similarly, I believe that the role of the Secretary is to support the communication and overall structure of any group. My own organizational skills, detail oriented personality, and devotion to counselor excellence would be an ideal fit for this position. Additionally, I feel strongly that ACSSW is a timely and desperately needed force within the profession. The establishment and expansion of this organization has the potential to dramatically strengthen the profession at several levels. I would love the opportunity to support ACSSW in reaching more members of ACA, offering continuing education and supervision support to counselors, and establishing a more visible presence overall.

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elective!) and a directed independent study on religious trauma and sexual decision-making in the LGBTQIA+ community as part of my Mental Health Sexology Certificate. Although I am early in my career and am still finding my identity as a budding counselor, I already know that advocating for sexual health and wellness needs in the community is at the core of what I value. I would love to continue supporting ACSSW by serving in this role as it would afford me the opportunity to continue making a positive impact in the counseling sexology field.

Sheldon Aaron

Position Statement: First, thank you for the nomination as secretary for ACSSW. My motivation for seeking out this position was to become more involved in this affiliate of ACA, and to learn more about the work this organization is doing. I believe I am more than qualified to take on the role as secretary due to my previous experience on executive boards. I have been president of a CSI Graduate program chapter and President of a Counselor Education Graduate Student Organization, and in both of these roles I engaged in Roberts Rules to approve meeting minutes. In the roles, I made sure to review meeting minutes to ensure all information was accurate and clear. Furthermore, I am currently one of the Graduate Editors for JMCD, and one of my roles is to keep minutes of our Board Meetings. In terms of my work centering sexuality and sexual wellness, my clinical area of expertise is working with LGBTQIA+ individuals. I have worked with adolescents, college aged adults, and older adults who identify as LGBTQIA+. Much of my work with these clients has been centered in gender and sexuality development. Because of my clinical focus, I also engage in research on affirming treatment modalities with LGBTQIA+ individuals, specifically Black gender expansive folks. I work hard to ensure clients feel empowered as we navigate their experiences, and I work hard to advocate for clients when necessary. Additionally, I engage in community outreach and trainings on sexual health and wellness, and sexual exploration through an HIV Education, Awareness, and Research Team I am a part of at the University of Central Florida. Throughout my time with this team, we have hosted educational sessions on consensual sex education with 13-17 year olds, HIV education and prevention with 13-17 and adults of all ages, workshops on making consent sexy with adults, and workshops on exploring and normalizing sexuality and kink. One my goals in becoming a part of this organization is to continue collaborating with professionals to promote sexual health and wellness from a developmental perspective. A secondary goal is to continue work in destigmatizing kink behaviors and normalizing sexual exploration as a part of sexual development. My vision for this position, and ACSSW, is to increase our outreach so that we may provide training on sexual health, wellness, and development, especially in states where legislation is prohibiting these conversations with children and adolescents. This organization is a great resource for clinicians to gain a greater insight into human sexuality, especially in regions where courses on human sexuality are not required. I hope to aid this group in expanding our voice and being a greater service to the profession as a whole.



Graduate Student Representative: The Graduate Student Representative is a voting member of the ACSSW Board of Directors. The Board meets a minimum of once per year, usually during the ACA Annual Conference. The Graduate Student Representative must be a graduate student in a counseling-related field as of July 1, 2022. The Graduate Student Representative may graduate during their term without losing their title, role, rights. Their term of office for the Graduate Student Representative is a one-year term of July 1st through June 30th.

**The following candidates are running for
ACSSW Student Representative:**

Pati Fizzano

Position Statement: I am looking forward to learning more about the ACSSW and being a leader in the counseling sexology field. Presently, I attend Barry University (PhD) program in counseling specializing in marital, couple, and family counseling. In addition, I have my private practice specializing working with individuals touched with autism spectrum disorder. One of my goals for this position is to focus on research on the relationship between stigmas and dating on the autism spectrum. I have co-wrote a book, *Aspertools: The Practical Guide for Understanding and Embracing Asperger's, Autism Spectrum Disorders, and Neurodiversity*. This summer I will be running teen social groups with an emphasis on expectations of dating. My vision for the ACSSW is to raise awareness of sexuality counseling in our field.

Tara Robison

Position Statement: My motivation for seeking the ACSSW Graduate Student Representative stems from the desire to create awareness for the world, not only the counseling field, to recognize that human sexuality plays a significant role in everything from physical to psychological health. Sexuality is who we are, how we identify, where our interests fall, and what drives us to be the individuals we are. I am currently the moderator for an ACA Interest Community called SWIC (Sexual Wellness in Counseling), where I am always eager to learn something new or offer a discussion to broaden everyone's mind on a topic that most might find forbidden. Human sexuality is still one that people shy away from and shield their eyes and ears because it is unknown to them. My goals for this position are to get the word out and help other clinical mental health graduate students understand and acknowledge human sexuality will be a core part of their client's needs. Some of us currently are not offered a class surrounding human sexuality, so it is imperative to provide training and options for graduate students to learn how sexuality will be a focus with some of their clients. As counselors in training, we need to be trained, aware, and experienced in all areas, especially human sexual needs, gender identification, and issues associated with sex. ACSSW has already offered me many opportunities. This position would only enhance and assist me in advancing the organization as it continues to thrive, develop, and provide a sex-positive role for professionals and students.



Sarah Roberts

Position Statement: As a mental health professional I often ponder the question: How can I make a difference? This question holds weight to it, as there are different definitions of change. How much is enough? What does significant change look like in our communities? I believe the best way to make a difference is to start at the root of the problem. That is why the Association of Counseling Sexuality and Sexual Wellness stands out to me. Through ACSSW we have brought sexuality and sexual wellness into the mental health conversation, which can be seen through being the newest Organizational Affiliate of the ACA. This is a cause I have been passionate about for many years, since high school where sexual health and education were not a priority. Since then, I have found myself in positions to educate myself and others on the importance of this conversation. Researching and co-writing a journal chapter on competency in discussing sexuality fueled my passion for this topic. Standards for competency in sexuality must improve, and this change will only occur with passionate people to fuel the fire. Important courses such as Human Sexuality, Sexology certifications, workshops and seminars, (all of which are not currently required across the United States to be a mental health professional) are just a piece of making a difference for our clients and our society as a whole. Through the ACSSW and the combined drive of current and upcoming mental health professionals, I believe this change will happen, and we are only seeing the tip of the iceberg. It is an honor to be nominated for the Graduate Student Representative position. Through this position my goals are to make voices heard, create space to promote change, and to learn and grow as a mental health professional. My goal is to make a difference.

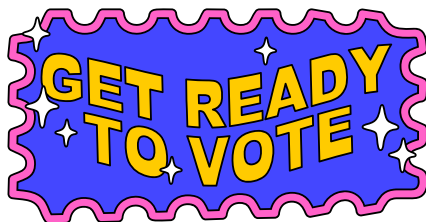
Lisa Connors

Position Statement: My motivation for seeking this position includes my commitment to marginalized and oppressed populations regarding sexual health. I desire to educate and empower individuals seeking to understand the importance of sexual health and sexuality. I feel that addressing issues about genocide and enslaved populations spill into my desire and passion for serving those who had no voice in the past and those who have no voice presently. Denying or minimizing one's sexual experiences is not always considered "unhealthy"; it can be viewed as "normal" for individuals as a way in which they cope and heal. I also want to highlight shame, which can sometimes lead to silence and avoidance of asking for help among populations that consider sex and sexuality taboo. I want to advocate for clients and serve as a spokesperson and advocate within the faith system to open the dialogue to discuss sex, sexuality, and sexual health in homes, faith communities, and society. Because I have served individuals living with HIV for over 20 years, I aim to ensure we continuously advocate for unseen and unheard populations. My vision for ACSSW and its work as an organization is to actively be a social change agent and prompt others to consider the importance of having open conversations and dialogues about hidden and sometimes silenced topics. I am a servant leader, one who is leading the call to serve others. As a black woman, I feel my sexuality is stereotyped and misunderstood. I was to dispel those myths and stereotypes, and I think serving with ACSSW will allow me to do that in a way that facilitates changes and action. My vision for ACSSW is to "talk the talk" and "walk the walk."



Brett Santo

Position Statement: Hello! My name is Brett Santo (he/him/his), and I am truly honored to have been nominated for the position of Graduate Student Representative for the Association of Counseling Sexology and Sexual Wellness (ACSSW). I am currently a graduate student in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling master's program at Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven, Connecticut. I aim to function through the lenses of cultural humility, anti-racism, decolonization, liberation, and sex-positivity. I recognize that sex is a fundamental part of being human and am fiercely passionate about normalizing discussions about sex and sexuality, especially concerning practices which fall outside the dominant hegemony. Moreover, I am very interested in the intersections of neurodivergence, sexuality, and trauma, and aspire to conduct research in the future related to such topics. Ultimately, I hope to become a Certified Sex Therapist and to complete a doctoral degree to become a counselor educator. As a developing counseling professional, I have become energized by and drawn toward positions that afford me the opportunity to positively influence change in the counseling community. This position presents a beautiful opportunity to coalesce that drive with my passion for sexuality. My attachment to the field of sexology and sexual wellness was reignited when I took a Sexuality Counseling class last summer. Since then, my desire and diligence for this field has resulted in my being asked to serve as a guest lecturer for future classes, an esteemed privilege I am most looking forward to. Moreover, I have had the honor of collaborating with a faculty member and a doctoral student on the creation of a manuscript and presentation focused on revealing the paucity of sex curriculum in CACREP-accredited counseling programs, as well as a proposal for a Sex Counseling Certificate for consideration at our University. These successful experiences within my academic program coupled with my effective leadership, representation, and advocacy at the state level, as the President-Elect for the Connecticut Mental Health Counselors Association, have prepared me for leadership roles at the national level. My research interests, future aspirations, and academic and leadership experiences make me uniquely qualified for this position. Moreover, my passions directly align with ACSSW's mission to contribute to the awareness and advocacy for all persons' rights to sexual wellness. In collaboration with fellow ACSSW leaders, my goals for this position would revolve around actively engaging with student populations to ensure that sex and sexuality remain salient aspects of their training as developing counselors by increasing student engagement, increasing awareness of and access to resources, and through advocacy for acceptance of sexuality as a core component in the field of counseling. I am extremely enthusiastic about potentially becoming a leader within this amazing association because I acknowledge the profoundly important work that you do. I would always bring my authenticity, intentionality, diligence, and energy to this position in every way, as it would be an outstanding honor to serve as the Graduate Student Representative for the Association of Counseling Sexology and Sexual Wellness.



Cody Helgesen

Position Statement: Graduate students in counseling are expected to develop a certain number of competencies throughout their programs. Part of these competencies entail learning about the ADDRESSING model, diagnosis and treatment, counseling skills, curriculum development, ethics, human development, and multicultural competence. We are taught that as counselors we are collaborating with those we serve, to address challenges in their life and work towards their goals. These ideas of counseling seemingly go out the window however when it comes to the topics of sexuality and the multitudes of ways it is part of the human experience. My experience when it came to sexuality was in my multicultural class as a master level student and it was not about sexuality in the sense of behaviors or the act of sex itself, it was about sexual/affectional orientations. The actual first class I took on human sexuality was in my undergraduate Human Development and Family Sciences coursework where we explored many of the common and uncommon issues that exist in sexuality. Even that however was indicating that there must be issues in someone's sexuality to discuss it or talk about it. My own personal motivation for this position is to raise awareness in graduate students that human sexuality is an ongoing dialogue and topic that is a core part of the human experience and that although sometimes there is connection, conversations around human sexuality are more than discussions around orientations. I envision an opportunity for ACSSW to provide resources and education for counseling programs and their students to expand their conceptualizations of sexuality and be able to comfortably lean into their discomfort. One of the reasons I am qualified for the role as a graduate student representative, is that my own experience co-teaching the first course in human sexuality alongside Dr. Laurie Bonjo at Southern Connecticut State University allowed me to see how many graduate students benefitted from the education the course provided. These students were able to take initiative and explore parts of the human experiences that are not commonly discussed in other classes. As a graduate assistant for both my entire masters and now my doctoral program, I have been allowed a unique position to experience both what it is like to be taught counseling as a master's student but also instruct other counselors-in-training on various topics and engage in conversations surrounding needs and wants. This ability to be so closely connected to the duality of both a practitioner and educator is one that I believe will allow me to fulfil the full spectrum of responsibilities and tasks to be the graduate student representative. I aim to create space for other graduate students to self-empower and have the ability to advocate, educate, and express not just what they as graduate students can do for ACSSW but what ACSSW can do for them.

Kyoko Robertson

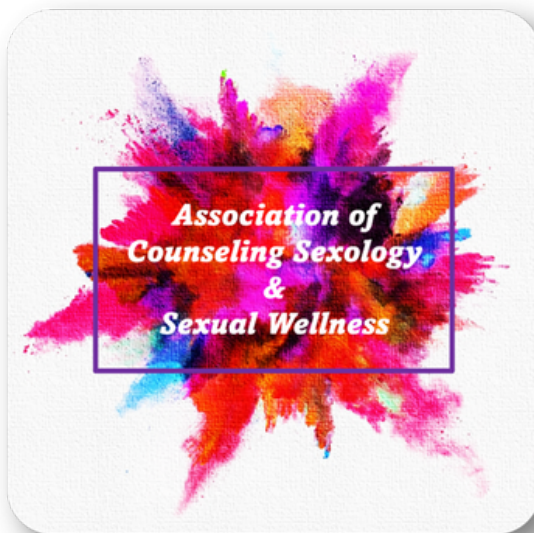
Position Statement: My name is Kyoko Robertson and I am a second year Master's of Clinical Mental Health Counseling student at Antioch University. It is my goal to become a certified sex therapist through Antioch's sex therapy program in Seattle after completion of the Master's program. As an aspiring sex therapist, I am committed to address pleasure disparities for those often excluded from conversations and resources surrounding sexual expression and sexuality (i.e. sex workers, people who are disabled, BIPOC, LGBTQIA2S+, drug users, etc.) in the Seattle area in-person and virtually to all of Washington state. This underrepresentation is what I hope to rectify with my career. It is also my aim to interact with clients using cultural humility and competency and trauma-informed techniques. I plan on obtaining a Certificate in Trauma Counseling during the course of my Master's program. This certificate would allow me to better serve survivors of sexual violence. Given that BIPOC and LGBTQIA2S+ populations are overrepresented amongst survivors of sexual abuse, I am passionate about pursuing this certificate in addition to the rest of my curriculum. It is my hope to be a therapist that treats clients with profound care and consideration while facilitating an open, non-judgmental therapeutic relationship. I have extensive experience with the communities I wish to counsel.

Through the Seattle Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.'s Delta GEMS program, I have health education and mentorship experience with Black youth. I led health talks and gave presentations to high school aged girls regarding personal hygiene and sexual wellness and safety. While working as Patient Care Team Lead at Planned Parenthood, I provided clinical care for almost every single population I am dedicated to serving as a sex therapist. Patient education and counseling was just as important as clinical care in this role. From helping people initiate their medical transitions to providing family planning to undocumented people to helping BIPOC patients access funding for their healthcare, I interacted with people from many minority identities. My work and volunteer history show that I have been committed to these target populations for several years.

You should have received an email from Robert Zeglin, President-Elect with a link to your individualized ballot.

If you did not receive your ballot please send an email to acssw@counselingsexology.com requesting the link to your voting ballot.

You must vote before Saturday, June 10th, 2023



Dr. Mark Pope

Emerging Leaders Program



ACSSW is excited to announce the Dr. Mark Pope Emerging Leaders Program for 2023-2024

This program has been named in honor of Dr. Pope, one of the first ACSSW Trustees, and early supporters of the mission and vision of ACSSW. In keeping with Dr. Pope's model of guiding emerging leaders, the ACSSW emerging leaders are provided with mentorship and opportunities within an evolving organization through the ACSSW Executive Council and committees. After their year as Emerging Leaders, our hope is that the ACSSW emerging leaders will continue to embody the mission of ACSSW within the organization as well as the broader counseling community.

Dr. Mark Pope Emerging Leaders recipients will have the opportunity to:

- *Choose an area of interest related to counseling sexology & sexual wellness and will receive mentoring from ACSSW leadership.*
- *Provide a minimum of 25 hours of service to ACSSW.*
- *Submit poster presentation proposal for the 2024 ACA Conference in New Orleans, LA.*
- *Serve on one of the 4 ACSSW committees.*

To be eligible to apply for the Dr. Pope Emerging Leader Program you must:

- 1. Be a member of both ACSSW and ACA at the time of application.***
- 2. Either a Master level or Doctoral level student at the time of enrollment and continue to be enrolled as a student throughout the July 2023 - June 2024 year.***

To prepare for the application, applications should combine the following materials in one PDF document to upload to the electronic application:

1. Your Resume (Master's Students) or Your curriculum vitae (Doctoral Students)
2. Two letters of support that describe your leadership skills and experiences, along with your value and interests with sexuality and/or sexual wellness in counseling.

Application packets must be sent to Shannon Shoemaker at shoemakercounseling@gmail.com by no later than Friday, June 30th at 5p (EST).

Committee Update: Social Justice & Advocacy

Debra Perez & Jeff Strozier, Co-Chairs Social Justice & Advocacy Committee



The following statement was drafted by the Social Justice & Advocacy Committee and approved by the ACSSW Board of Directors.

As of March 21, 2023, 461 anti-LGBTQIAP+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender expansive, queer, intersex, asexual, pansexual+) bills have been introduced in statehouses across the country. These bills currently exist in over 40 states and have more than tripled in number since January of this year (Human Rights Campaign, 2023). Anti-LGBTQIAP+ legislation places transgender, non-binary, and gender expansive youth amongst the most targeted by these pervasive attacks. Aimed at severely limiting access to school resources, social support systems, and medically necessary gender-affirming healthcare, these bills run counter to decades of research supported by every major U.S. medical association (Human Rights Campaign, 2023).

Regardless of legislative status, the introduction and political discourse surrounding these bills leaves lasting effects on the health and well-being of LGBTQIAP+ identities. A national survey of shows that 93% of transgender and nonbinary youth worry about being denied access to gender-affirming medical care, 91% worry about being denied bathroom access, and 83% worry about being denied the right to play sports due to state or local laws (Trevor Project, 2022). And as of January 2023, 86% of transgender and nonbinary youth experienced worsening mental health due to the current wave of anti-transgender legislation and surrounding debate.

In alignment with our organization's mission, Association of Counseling Sexology and Sexual Wellness (ACSSW) unequivocally stands in solidarity with the LGBTQIAP+ community. ACSSW remains committed to advocating and fighting alongside our friends, family, coworkers, peers, and community members affected by these divisive and harmful bills. As professional healthcare providers, we respect client autonomy as an inherent right and believe that medical decisions reside with clients, their caretakers, and their physicians. Gatekeeping access to age-appropriate, medically necessary, gender-affirming care is unethical and can increase the risk for negative mental health outcomes for gender diverse youth (ACLU, 2021).

ACSSW is devoted to providing support, resources, and education that promotes the health and wellbeing of these populations. We condemn all violence and discrimination directed at LGBTQIAP+ identities and adamantly oppose legislation threatening these communities. These bills stand in direct opposition to our core values, ethical codes, and professional responsibilities as healthcare providers. ACSSW will continue working to improve standards and delivery of care for LGBTQIAP+ populations and remains steadfast in our collective fight against oppression.

We know reading these reports of legislation targeting our communities can be difficult. If you have experienced violence or need support, please see the resources listed below.

The Trevor Project: <https://www.thetrevorproject.org/>

Trans Lifeline: <https://translifeline.org/>

GLAAD: <https://www.glaad.org/transgender/resources>

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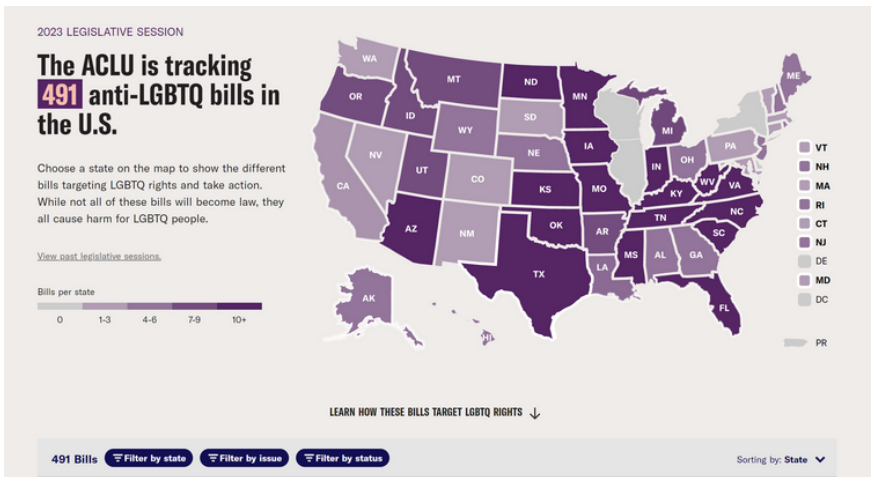
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See below for updated information.

As of the publication of the Spring Newsletter there are now **491 anti-LGBTQ bills in the U.S.**



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BIPOC Webinar Series 2023

Advancing Cultural Competence in Counseling with Latine Clients- A More Holistic Approach to Focusing on Sexuality in Latine Communities

Presented by Patricia Arredondo, EdD

June 16, 2023

8:00am-10:00am PT/ 10:00am-12:00pm CT/ 11:00am-1:00pm ET

About the Speaker:

Patricia Arredondo, EdD, President, Arredondo Advisory Group



Dr. Patricia Arredondo, President of the Arredondo Advisory Group and has dedicated her career to advancing social justice, cultural competency development, immigrant and Latinx mental health education, feminist leadership, and organizational diversity strategy. She served as President of the American Counseling Association in 2006, President of the Association of Multicultural Counseling and Development, and founding member of the Counselors for Social Justice.

About the Webinar:

The Multicultural Counseling Competencies (MCC) were written to demonstrate that counseling training and practices as taught, were not inclusive of all persons. In effect, Eurocentric counseling models viewed individuals from marginalized groups through a deficit lens, not valuing their unique intersecting identities. Now, the mental health field is challenged again, in order to operate from a culturally competent mindset clinicians must consider the entire person—their age, ethnicity, gender, and gender expression, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, educational attainment, race, , religion, , among other dimensions of identity. While sexuality is central to the human experience, there continues to be limited education and training provided in mental health programs. As with other areas of human study, the assumptions in sexuality are centered around the dominant group. In this session, the focus will be on the prevailing worldviews of sexuality in various Latine communities. Though cultural traditions and religions are often invoked as barriers to discussions about sexuality, it is necessary to examine contemporary views for more informed clinical practice.

This program, when attended in its entirety, offers 2.0 CEUs for Psychologists, 2.0 IL CEUs for Counselors and Social Workers, 2.0 BBS California CEUs for LPCCs, LPSW, and LMFTs, or 2.0 NBCC Clock Hours for Counselors

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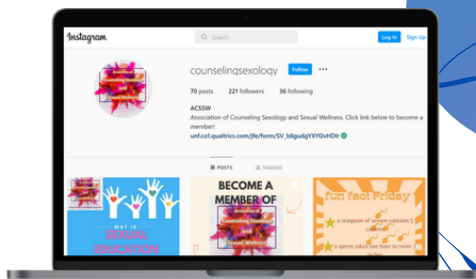
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Human Sexuality

- [American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors, and Therapists](#) – AASECT members common interest is in promoting understanding of human sexuality and healthy sexual behavior.
- [American Sexual Health Association](#) – ASHA programs include: the ASHA Research Fund, HPV Cervical Cancer Prevention Resource Center, Cervical Cancer Prevention Project, ISALSA! (STDs, Adolescents and Latinos: Sexual Health Awareness), Herpes Resource Center, ASH-Net (Adolescent Sexual Health and the Internet), Herpes Foundation, and Viral Hepatitis Education and Training.
- [American Society of Reproductive Medicine](#) – ASRM is an organization devoted to advancing knowledge and expertise in infertility, reproductive medicine and biology.
- [Association of Reproductive Health Professionals](#) – AHRP is a multidisciplinary association of professionals who provide reproductive health services or education, conduct reproductive health research, or influence reproductive health policy.
- [Foundation for the Scientific Study of Sexuality](#) – FSSS' mission is to promote funding for conducting scholarly, scientific research related activities to further the understanding of all aspects of sexuality.
- [The Alan Guttmacher Institute](#) is focused on sexual and reproductive health research, policy analysis and public education.
- [The International Society for the Study of Women's Sexual Health](#) is an academic and scientific organization that provides opportunities for communication among scholars, researchers and practitioners about women's sexual function and experiences, and supports high standards of ethics and professionalism in research, education and clinical practice of women's sexuality.
- [Kinsey Institute](#) – The Institute's mission is to promote interdisciplinary research and scholarship in the fields of human sexuality, gender, and reproduction.
- [Sexuality Information and Education Council of the US](#) – SIECUS develops, collects, and disseminates information, and promotes comprehensive education about sexuality.
- [The Society for the Advancement of Sexual Health](#) provides information about sex addiction for lay persons as well as clinicians.
- [The Society for Sex Therapy and Research](#) is composed of a range of professionals who have clinical or research interests in human sexuality. SSTAR aims to facilitate communications among clinicians who treat problems of sexual identity, sexual function, and reproductive life.

Gender Identity

- [The World Professional Association for Transgender Health](#) – The Association is devoted to the understanding and treatment of gender identity disorders, and provides opportunities for scientific interchange among professionals through its biennial conferences and publications.
- [International Foundation for Gender Education](#) – IFGE is an advocate and educational organization for promoting the self-definition and free expression of individual gender identity.
- [Intersex Society of North America](#) – The ISNA's "Medical Treatment of Intersexuality" page includes recommendations for treatment of intersexed children.

Sexual/Affectional Orientation

- [American Academy of Family Physicians' Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Information](#) – This page contains links to sexual orientation sites for physicians and their patients.
- [Association for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Issues in Counseling](#) – The mission of the Association for Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Issues in Counseling is to educate mental health service providers about issues confronting gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) individuals.
- [Association of Gay and Lesbian Psychiatrists](#) – The AGLP provides networking and support for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered psychiatrists, and education and advocacy on GLBT mental health issues.
- [Gay and Lesbian Medical Association](#) – GLMA members include lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered physicians, medical students, and other health care professionals, as well as patients throughout North America.
- [National Association of Lesbian and Gay Addiction Professionals](#) – The Association is dedicated to the prevention and treatment of alcoholism, substance abuse, and other addictions in GLBT communities.
- [National Gay and Lesbian Task Force 2000 Census and Same-Sex Households](#) – The Census 2000 reporting statistics released by the US Census Bureau have continued to show an increase in the number of reported same-sex partner households across the United States.
- [Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Issues, Division 44, American Psychological Association](#) – Division 44's goals include: advancing the contribution of psychological research in understanding lesbian, gay, and bisexual issues; promoting the education of psychologists in matters of lesbian, gay, and bisexual concerns; and informing psychologists and the general public of relevant research, educational, and service activities. The site includes a newsletter, Guidelines for Psychotherapy with Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Clients, and a list of member's publications.
- [It Gets Better](#) – TAKE THE PLEDGE: Everyone deserves to be respected for who they are. I pledge to spread this message to my friends, family and neighbors. I'll speak up against hate and intolerance whenever I see it, at school and at work.

Sexual Abuse

- Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers – ATSA was founded to foster research, further professional education and provide for the advancement of professional standards and practices in the field of sex offender evaluation and treatment.
- Child Welfare Information Gateway – Child Sexual Abuse: Intervention and Treatment Issues – This manual is intended to address the needs of professionals who encounter child sexual abuse in the course of their work.

Sexual and Reproductive Health

- CDC's Reproductive Health Information Source – Resources cover: assisted reproductive technology reports; unintended pregnancy; women's reproductive health; men's reproductive health; surveillance and research; racial and ethnic minorities; scientific and technical assistance.
- Consortium for Improvement in Erectile Function – CIEF is a membership organization comprised of multidisciplinary healthcare practitioners who share an interest in developing and participating in a variety of educational and interactive programs designed to enhance the clinical outcomes of erectile dysfunction therapy.
- The National Vulvodynia Association (NVA) is a nonprofit organization created in 1994 to improve the lives of individuals affected by vulvodynia, a spectrum of chronic vulvar pain .

Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs)

- AIDSInfo – Links to regional training centers; cultural and gender resources; management of HIV complications; maternal-child transmission; information for exposure to HIV and how to prevent it; and treatment consultation.
- American Foundation for AIDS Research – AmfAR's mission is to prevent HIV infection and the disease and death associated with it and to protect the human rights of all people threatened by the epidemic of HIV/AIDS. amfAR has active programs in basic and clinical research, public and professional education, public policy, prevention science, and global initiatives.
- Center for AIDS Prevention Studies – CAPS conducts interdisciplinary research on methods to prevent HIV infection and its consequences. The site includes a list of current research projects, links to model prevention programs, intervention curricula, and survey instruments.
- HIV/AIDS Bureau – Health Resources and Services Administration – oversees the CARE Act, which funds primary care and support services for individuals living with HIV who lack health insurance and financial resources for their care.
- HIV InSite – Medical Issues includes information on epidemiology, diagnosis, management, transmission and prevention, treatment resources, antiretroviral management, interactions database treatment guidelines, treatment access & advocacy, patient fact sheets, conference abstracts and summaries, and links to medical newsletters for clinicians.

- NIH – Division of Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome – “Research Resources and Programs” cover AIDS-related data sets; a database for anti-HIV compounds; an HIV / OI therapeutics database; an HIV sequence database; an HIV molecular immunology database; the NIAID/NCI inter-institute program for development of AIDS-related therapeutics; the NIH AIDS research and reference reagent program; a resource guide for the development of AIDS therapies; and links to reagent programs and repositories. Click on “Resources for Patients, Physicians, and Investigators”
- STD Prevention – Centers for Disease Control provides national leadership through research, policy development, and support of services to prevent sexually transmitted diseases and their complications. The site contains information on funding, program guidelines, research, surveillance, statistics and treatment guidelines.

Journals

- Archives of Sexual Behavior
- Canadian Journal of Human Sexuality
- Contemporary Sexuality
- Culture, Health & Sexuality
- Gender & History
- Gender and Development
- Gender and Society
- Gender Issues
- Gender, Work, and Organization
- Journal of Black Sexuality and Relationships
- Journal of Counseling Sexology & Sexual Wellness
- Journal of Gay & Lesbian Psychotherapy
- Journal of Gay & Lesbian Social Services
- Journal of Homosexuality
- Journal of Sex and Marital Therapy
- Journal of Sex Education & Therapy
- Journal of Sex Research
- Journal of Women’s Health & Gender-Based Medicine
- Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health
- Psychology, Evolution & Gender
- Sexual Addiction & Compulsivity
- Sexual Science
- Sexuality & Culture
- Sexuality and Disability
- Sexually Transmitted Infections
- Studies in Gender and Sexuality
- Theology & Sexuality

Other electronic Journals

- Electronic Journal of Human Sexuality