



ACSSW Late Summer 2023 Newsletter

*Human Sexuality
is not an Elective!*

The ACSSW Late Summer 2023 Highlights:

- Letter from ACSSW New President: Shannon Shoemaker
- Introduction of New ACSSW Officers
- Announcing 23-24 Dr. Mark Pope Emerging Leaders
- President-Elect Election Ballots Out - Candidate Position Statements
- Resignation of members of Executive Council & Board of Directors
- Social Justice & Advocacy Committee Resources Report
- 3rd in BIPOC Webinar Series on September 15th

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 Shannon Shoemaker, PhD, LCPC, LMHC, NCC

Dear Membership,

The Association of Counseling Sexology and Sexual Wellness had an extremely successful year in the 2022-2023 timeframe. Dr. Frances McClain, as president of ACSSW during this time period, led the charge in continuing to work to promote ACSSW to division status, which is currently on-hold due to some restructuring withing ACA. Dr. McClain also established a BIPOC Task Force which worked tirelessly over the year accomplishing many goals, including identifying speakers for the 2023 ACSSW Webinar Series on BIPOC voices in sexuality, reviewing the current literature on BIPOC populations related to sexuality and sexual wellness, providing recommended areas of research for sexual wellness for BIPOC communities, and providing recommendations for the profession and for ACSSW on how to elevate BIPOC voices. I would like to formally recognize and thank President McClain and the following for their work on this Task Force:

Co-Chairs: **Dr. Tanisha Sapp** and **Dr. Jenae Thompson**

Task Force Members (in alphabetical order by last name): **Dr. Patricia Arredondo, Dr. Tamekia Bell, Dr. Monica Boyd-Layne, Anisa Brazier, Kameela George, Tanisha James, Dr. J. Richelle Joe, Rahshonda Kirkwood, Dr. Stacey Diane Arañez-Litam, Dr. James Wadley, and Cheryl Walker.**

We have also had some major recent transitions in ACSSW leadership during this time with a number of resignations, including Dr. Tanisha Sapp as Treasurer, Dr. Megan Speciale as Governing Council Representative, and Dr. Robert Zeglin as the incoming President. We are extremely saddened by losing such valuable and esteemed voices within the field, and wish them the best on their respective journeys.

As President-Elect, I have therefore moved to the role of President of ACSSW. While I regret needing to take the office in this way, I am appreciative of the membership and the Board of Directors for their trust in me during the evolutions of this young organization.

Change is expected and ACSSW, while still new, has worked on developing the infrastructure to withstand these changes. Kameela George has agreed to serve as Treasurer, Dr. Angela Schubert is the new Governing Council Representative, and we will hold an election to nominate and vote in a new President-Elect. We are grateful for these professionals and their willingness to serve the mission of ACSSW.

We have an exciting upcoming year planned for the organization. My vision for ACSSW as President would be to provide evidence to the accrediting body of the need for sexuality as a core experience of being human through resources for sex positivity awareness. The first focus would be to organize secure 501c3 status in order to begin establishing finances 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 support the counseling profession being better prepared. I believe this will help to solidify the need for sexuality to become a core competency. With the support of the Board of Directors, we are committed to moving ACSSW forward in these various goals. Thank you for your continued engagement!

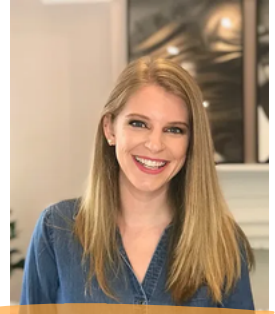
Best,
Shannon Shoemaker, Ph.D., LCPC, (MD), MD Board Approved Supervisor,
LMHC (MA), NCC
ACSSW President



2023-2024 ACSSW Elected Officers

Dr. Shannon Shoemaker is a licensed clinical professional counselor (LCPC) and a board approved supervisor, in Maryland and an LMHC Massachusetts. She is also a Nationally Certified Counselor (NCC).

Dr. Shoemaker earned her BS in Psychology and M.Ed. in Counselor Education at Bridgewater State College. She earned a doctorate in Counselor Education and Supervision from The Pennsylvania State University. She has over ten years of clinical experience in school systems, community counseling services, and working with adults, adolescents, and families. She is currently assistant professor at Hood College in the Psychology and Counseling Department. Dr. Shoemaker has presented at local, national, and international counseling conferences. She utilizes intersectionality, intercultural studies, and post-modern theories in her research, which focuses on minority groups, specifically the LGBTQ community and the Southeast Asian Indian population.



Shannon Shoemaker, LCPC, LMHC, NCC
ACSSW President

Kameela graduated with her Bachelor of Science in Psychology from the University of Central Florida and is graduating from the University of North Florida's Clinical Mental Health Counseling program in August 2023. She has been focused on sexual health and wellness, pursuing a Mental Health Sexology Certificate, and doing research in the field to expand awareness of how religious trauma can impact sexual decision making in the LGBTQIA+ population. Additionally, Kameela was a member of ACSSW's BIPOC Task Force and contributed to finding gaps in the extant literature to better inform creating educational/training competencies for mental health professionals to work effectively with BIPOC's unique expression of their sexuality and address sexual health and wellness needs in this community. As a person of color herself, advocacy and social justice is an integral part of her counselor identity, and she continuously seeks opportunities to make sure BIPOC voices are heard. Kameela is a former President of UNF's chapter of Chi Sigma Iota, an international honor society for academic and professional excellence in counseling. Upon graduation, she will be working towards her sex therapy certification at the Jacksonville Center for Sexual Health. She is looking forward to providing services in the community and gaining more experience working with individuals with unique and diverse sexualities and sexual issues.



Kameela George, BS
ACSSW Treasurer

Sheldon Aaron is a doctoral candidate with the University of Central Florida in Orlando, FL. Sheldon is also a new faculty member at William James College in Newton, MA. Sheldon graduated from Eastern Illinois University with his master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. Sheldon is a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor in Illinois, a National Certified Counselor, and holds Level-ITraining in Gottman Method Couples Therapy. In his clinical work, Sheldon specializes in working with LGBTGEQIAP+ adolescents and adults, and individuals presenting with depression, anxiety, suicide ideation, relational difficulties, and general adjustment related symptoms. Sheldon's research interests include counseling instructor and student development, advancement of cultural humility and sensitivity when working with students and clients of color and who identify as LGBTGEQIAP+ and the advancement of professional standards of care with these populations. Sheldon is an active member of ACA, ACES, AMCD, SAIGE, and CSJ. Additionally, Sheldon is an emerging leader with SAIGE, and is one of the graduate editorial assistants for JMCD.



Sheldon Aaron, LCPC, NCC
ACSSW Secretary



Kyoko Robertson, BS
ACSSW Graduate Student
Representative

Kyoko is a graduate of Santa Clara University with a Bachelor of Science in Public Health. She is pursuing a Clinical Mental Health Counseling degree from Antioch University and is expected to graduate in 2024. Though most of her experience is in physical healthcare, her work as a Clinical Team Lead at Planned Parenthood helped to stoke her interest in the intersection of sexuality and counseling. Her aim is to become a certified sex therapist following graduation. She is focused on addressing pleasure disparities on communities that are excluded from sexuality and sexual expression such as: sex workers, people living with disabilities, drug users, survivors of sexual assault and violence, LGBTQIA+ communities, and BIPOC communities (with an emphasis on Black women). She is nothing if not ambitious. It is her goal to work with clients from these populations to engage with sexuality and sexual expression in ways that are empowering and tangible for them.

2023-2024 Dr. Mark Pope Emerging Leaders

Vanessa Center is currently pursuing her doctoral degree in Counselor Education and Supervision at Oregon State University. Her dissertation will be an Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis aiming to understand counselors' experiences as they acquire professional competency and navigate mononormative bias while working with consensually non-monogamous (CNM) clients. In addition to her academic pursuits, Vanessa holds licenses as a professional counselor in both California and Oregon. She owns and operates her private practice, Centered Therapy, which she established after gaining valuable experience as a school counselor and in clinical mental health settings. Vanessa identifies as a sex-positive therapist, an LGBTQIA+ ally, and is currently training to become a certified sex therapist. Driven by a passion for destigmatizing CNM and kink-based relationships, Vanessa's interest in sexology and sexual wellness is a core part of her professional identity. Vanessa is excited to be a Dr. Mark Pope Emerging Leader for ACSSW in hopes that her participation will serve to strengthen the intersections of counselor education, supervision, and sexual well-being.



Vanessa Center
Doctoral Level
Dr. Mark Pope Emerging Leader



Lyric McNeil
Master Level
Dr. Mark Pope Emerging Leader

Lyric McNeil received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Forensic Psychology from Arizona State University and is a full-time student at the Graduate School at Hood College, where she is dedicatedly working towards attaining her Master of Science degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. She is expecting to graduate in May 2024.

In the realm of academic exploration, her research pursuits are centered around several significant areas. She possesses a profound interest in the exploration of positive sexuality, aiming to shed light on this crucial aspect of human identity and its interconnectedness with mental well-being. She has a passion for supporting individuals experiencing miscarriage loss and pregnant individuals with mental health challenges, as well. Following graduation, she plans to work towards obtaining certification as a sex therapist.

As well as being a member of ACSSW, she is an active member of AASECT, ACA, SAIGE, and MCA. These affiliations serve as a testament to her commitment to staying informed, collaborating with fellow professionals, and contributing to the evolution of the mental health landscape.

Secondary Election for President-Elect

Candidate Position Statements....

Due to the resignation of Robert Zeglin, ACSSW President, and transition of Shannon Shoemaker, President-Elect, into the office of ACSSW President, a secondary election is needed to replace the President-Elect for the 2023-24 year. Ballots have already been sent out to ACSSW membership. The election will be closed on Monday, September 25th. Below are the position statements of the two candidates for the 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.



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 ethnicities 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.

Resignation of Board Memebers

Saying Good Bye to ACSSW Leaders Who Helped Lay the Foundation...



Dr. Tanisha Sapp became ACSSW Treasurer in the fall of 2020. She was the second person to hold that office in ACSSW history. During her tenure, Dr. Sapp assisted in the planning for the submission of the ACSSW application to become a division and submitted the proposed budget for the application. In 2021 she co-presented for the ACSSW webinar series titled “Deconstructing Sex Education: The Whole Truth & Nothing But The Truth.” Dr. Sapp co-chaired the BIPOC Task Force with Dr. Jenae Thompson. Dr. Sapp resigned her position as ACSSW Treasurer and Co-Chair of the BIPOC Task Force in June, 2023. ACSSW is indebted to Dr. Sapp for her contributions and we are especially grateful for her dedication to highlighting the importance of education/training and research in the area of sexuality in the BIPOC community.



Dr. Megan Speciale became the ACSSW Representative for ACA General Council in 2021. In July 2021 she co-presented at an ACSSW webinar on “Kinky Clients: Whipping Counselors into Shape.” Dr. Speciale was also the Associate Editor for the *Journal of Counseling Sexology & Sexual Wellness: Research, Practice, and Education* and editor for the 2022 Special Issue. Dr. Speciale also assisted the ACSSW Executive Council in the planning and submission of the division application. She resigned her positions as Representative for ACA General Council and Associate Editor of the journal in July 2023. ACSSW is grateful for her work in the area of sexuality and assistance in moving ACSSW toward becoming a greater presence in the counseling field.



Farewell and Thank You to One of ACSSW's Co-Founders

by Angela Schubert, ACSSW Co-Founder and ACA General Council Representative

It is with deep sadness we say goodbye to Dr. Robert (Rob) Zeglin who resigned from ACSSW in July. Dr. Zeglin has been with ACSSW since it was a seedling of an idea. From the beginning, Dr. Zeglin was a powerhouse. He demonstrated vigor and enthusiasm coupled with a firm belief that sexual health concerns ARE well within the competency realm of mental health counselors. Dr. Zeglin firmly believed that not only should counselors believe in themselves when approaching sexual issues but that it was an ethical imperative for the counseling profession to know how to approach sexual concerns in the counseling session.

Even before the birth of ACSSW, Dr. Zeglin dedicated his life to bridge the gap in sexuality and clinical training in counseling. Yet, his solo and co-written publications challenged the mental health field at large. In his co-written chapter, *You Want to Do What? Treating Paraphilic Disorders Through a Sex Positive Framework*, he challenged the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM 5-TR) interpretation of "normal" human sexual behavior, as well as, a solo article, *Sexual Disorders in the DSM-5: Implications for Counselors*, which again attempted to bridge the gap for counselors and competency related to sexual health. In another co-written chapter on ethics and sexual concerns in session, *Nonmaleficence: A Terrible Safe Word But a Necessary Component of Counseling Ethics in Sex Positive Practice*, he challenged mental health clinicians to consider their own competency by developing the first ethical decision making model addressing sexual health issues. Although there are too many to share here, his most notable work was a co-authored article on *An Introduction to Proposed Human Sexuality Counseling Competencies*. This piece is seminal to the mental health field, as there are no current published works that effectively address mental health counseling competencies and human sexuality. Each of these manuscripts can easily be considered pioneering works for the counseling profession around sexuality and sexual wellness.

As a co-founder, Dr. Zeglin utilized his expertise in mental health, counselor education, and governance to promote ACSSW as the authoritative voice on sexual health and wellness within the counseling profession. As he wrote in the ACSSW newsletter, "To this day, with the exception of sexual identity topics, there is no authoritative body within ACA or the wider counseling field to guide counselors, inform practice and research, or respond to public sexual health related issues and events." In doing so, he successfully authored the ACSSW bylaws which ensured the ethical and programmatic health of ACSSW. Those of us co-founders with little governing experience appreciated his knowledge and expertise on the topic of governance and felt assured under his mentorship. Moreover, Dr. Zeglin's vast research expertise made him the ideal person to create the first ever journal dedicated exclusively to sexual health and counseling (not to mention his phenomenal ability to take on such an arduous task as creating a journal from scratch). As a result, the *Journal of Counseling Sexology & Sexual Wellness (JCSSW) Journal of Counseling Sexology & Sexual Wellness: Research, Practice, and Education* was born and currently has over 50,000 downloads and an impact factor of 1.13!!!!

Among the many contributions of Dr. Zeglin, he will be most missed for his pragmatism, his belief in the counseling field's ability to incorporate sexual health training, his encouragement of counseling students to take leadership roles in ACSSW, and his friendship. We wish you the best Dr. Z and we know that you will continue to bridge the gap on behalf of all mental health professionals, but especially the counseling profession.

Committee Update: Social Justice & Advocacy

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

The following list of resources was developed by the Social Justice and Advocacy Committee in response to anti-LGBTQIA+ legislation being passed in the US. The ACLU is currently tracking 496 anti-LGBTQIA+ bills across 47 states, and according to The Human Rights Campaign 22 states have passed laws limiting gender affirming care for LGBTQIA+ individuals. These bills create an environment of uncertainty and extreme concern for counselors and the LGBTQIA+ community we serve, and we acknowledge the never-ending nature and complexity of these bills can be overwhelming for the LGBTQIA+ community. The Social Justice and Advocacy Committee hopes this list provides a start to assist counselors with tracking these types of legislation and resources to further support LGBTQIA+ clients.

Legislative and policy resources:

- Bill Track Link:

<https://www.billtrack50.com/>

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fTxHLjBa86GA7WCT-V6AbEMGRFPMJndnaVGoZZX4PMw/edit#gid=0>

- National Coalition of Sexual Freedom

<https://ncsfreedom.org/>

- ACLU-Mapping Attacks on LGBTQ Rights in U.S. State Legislatures:

<https://www.aclu.org/legislative-attacks-on-lgbtq-rights>

- Trans Legislation:

<https://translegislation.com/>

<https://www.tracktranslegislation.com/>

LGBTQIA+ Resources:

- Equality Federation

<https://www.equalityfederation.org/about>

- National LGBTQ Task Force

<https://www.thetaskforce.org/>

- Trevor Project

<https://www.thetrevorproject.org/>

- Trans Equality

<https://transequality.org/documents>

Social Justice & Advocacy Committee Resource List Continued:

For Practitioners:

- **Kink Aware Professional**
<https://www.kapprofessionals.org/>
- **WPATH Standards of Care**
www.wpath.org/publications/soc
- **The National Child Traumatic Stress Network -Affirming Care for Transgender and Gender Expansive Youth**
<https://www.nctsn.org/resources/affirming-care-for-transgender-and-gender-expansive-youth>

Educational (CEU):

- **AASECT Certified Sex Therapist**
<https://www.aasect.org/aasect-certified-sex-therapist-0>
- **SAIGE Trainings**
<https://saigecounseling.org/education/>
- **National LGBTQIA+ Health Education Center**
<https://www.lgbtqihealtheducation.org/resources/type/learning-module/>
- **Howard Brown Health: Rush University**
- **LGBTQ Essentials: Foundations of Care**
<https://edhub.ama-assn.org/howard-brown-cme/interactive/18567120>

The Social Justice and Advocacy Committee would like to invite our community to provide feedback and support in sharing resources. If you encounter a broken link or if an organization no longer aligns with the mission of ACSSW please let us know. Also, if you have additional resources to share reach out to the committee, and we will make sure it is included.

Contact SJ&A Committee Co-Chair, Jeff Strozier at jstrozier@thechicagoschool.edu.

BIPOC Webinar Series 2023

BIPOC Representation Within the LGBTGEQIAP+ Community: It Matters!



Presented by Tamekia Bell, Ph.D., LCPC, ACS, NCC
Friday, September 15, 2023

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

This presentation will promote an intersectional framework (Chan et al, 2018) when working with LGBTGEQIAP+ clients from the BIPOC community. This approach acknowledges and affirms the ways in which gender identity and affectional orientation interacts with other privileged and marginalized aspects of the client's identity. A four stage framework (Astramovich & Scott, 2020) will be reviewed as a model to promote empowerment and provide a more holistic approach that addresses and affirms all of the clients identities. Additionally, the Socially Just and Culturally Responsive Counseling Leadership Model as well as other templates will be outlined that stress the responsibility of counselors and mental health professionals to proactively engage in anti-oppression, anti-racist activities. The specific action domains for advocating for BIPOC LGBTQIA + clients as described by Parker-Barnes, et al., 2022, will be reviewed.

When attended in full, this program offers 2.0 CEUs for Psychologists, 2.0 IL CEUs for Counselors and Social Workers, 2.0 CA BBS CEUs for Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage and Family Therapists, 2.0 NBCC Clock Hours

Please view the registration page here: <https://tcsppofficeofce.com/product/bipoc-representation-within-the-lgbtgeqip-community/>

All ACSSW Webinars are offered to ACSSW members at no cost!

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ACSSW FALL 2023 NEWSLETTER.**

**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS
OCTOBER 15, 2023.**



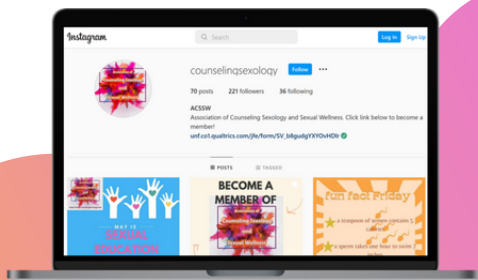
Submissions must be no more than 1500 words, grounded in peer-reviewed research/content, and may not have been previously published, nor be forthcoming in an archival journal or book (print or electronic). The ACSSW newsletter is not a peer reviewed journal, but we do have editors who review the submissions for grammatical errors and ensure the article is in keeping with ACSSW principles and guidelines. We will publish articles that promote sexual wellness, research studies, and conceptual articles. The ACSSW newsletter editorial team requires that all authors follow the most current ACA Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice. All manuscripts must conform to standards detailed in the most recent edition of the APA Publication Manual. The newsletter supports the use of gender-neutral pronouns, including the singular “they.” Manuscripts should be concise, yet with enough detail to provide clarity.

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Sexuality Resources

<https://www.zurinstitute.com/resources/human-sexuality-resources/>

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