

Canadian Sex Research Forum

Spring 2007

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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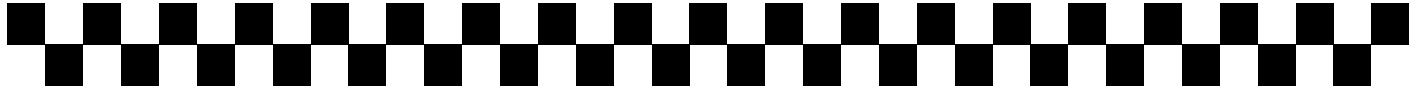
Student Representatives:
Kelly Smith, Erin Allard,
Lisa Smylie

I have been a member of CSRF since 1986. I started as a student member, when student members were scarce. Back then, we didn't have student papers or awards, and no student representatives on our board. Although the members of CSRF were always welcoming and supportive, I remember feeling somewhat like an outsider,,, "Where were all the other students studying in this area???" Well fortunately, things have changed. Today, CSRF boasts a vibrant student involvement. Year after year we get a large turn out of students at our annual meetings, we have student representatives, and we get to hear wonderful presentations from undergraduate and graduate students. As members of CSRF we should be proud of how we have evolved. We have grown as a family and we shall continue to grow.

On behalf of CSRF I want to take this opportunity to thank Sandra Byers, our immediate Past President. Sandi has done a tremendous job all around. On a personal note, I have known Sandi since I joined CSRF, and she has always been a great source of support and inspiration to me. Sandi has been instrumental in increasing our student memberships. Ever notice how many students she manages to schlep with her to our meetings?

Our next meeting will be held in October in Banff. I can't think of a more beautiful setting for our "family" get together. We have some great speakers lined up and we look forward to many submissions. I hope to see many of you there, and don't forget to bring your ski equipment.

Laurie



FEAT NOTES.....

Martin Lalumiere recently published (along with G.T. Harris, V.L. Quinsey and M.E Rice) *The causes of rape: Understanding individual differences in the male propensity for sexual aggression*. Washington: American Psychological Association

Sandra Byers is on sabbatical in the Big Apple until June 2007. NYC loves her!!

Guy Grenier's new book, *The 10 conversations you MUST have before you marry (and how to have them)* is due out this Spring.

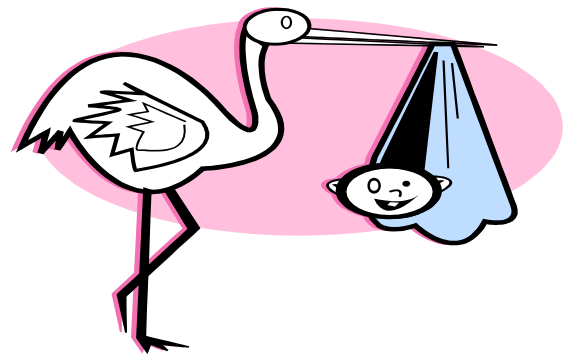
Laurie Betito's radio program *Passion* is now syndicated in Toronto on CFRB 1010

Peggy Kleinplatz co-edited (with Charles Moser) a special double issue of the *Journal of Homosexuality* (2006, 50,3/4)

BABY NEWS:

Melanie Brousseau is expecting her first!!

Lucia O'Sullivan and her partner Rice Fuller moved to Fredericton from New York City in August just in time to have a Canadian baby boy on November 9, 2006.



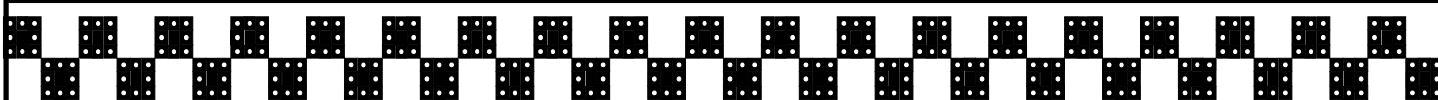
ENGAGEMENTS:

Stephanie Mitelman is getting married in September 2007

EDUCATIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Kim Payne was awarded her PhD in Clinical Psychology from McGill University





THE STUDENT SCENE.....

For this edition of the Student Scene, we would like to turn the spotlight on one of our award winning student CSRF members, **Tuuli Kukkonen** whom we (Kelly, Lisa and Erin) interviewed for this piece:

Interviewer: Please tell us a little about your background, including where you grew up, where you completed your prior degree(s), where you are working on your current degree, and what your research has focused on.

Tuuli: I was born in Finland, and I grew up in Montreal. I completed a Bachelors of Arts (honors) degree in Psychology at Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec. Currently, I am in the 4th year of my Ph.D. studies in Clinical Psychology at McGill University, Montreal, Quebec under the supervision of Dr. Irv Binik. My research has focused on the measurement of sexual arousal in men and women.

Interviewer: How did you become interested in sex research?

Tuuli: I was first introduced to the field of sex research when working as a research assistant for Dr. Binik and immediately became fascinated with the variety of issues and controversies requiring scientific investigation.

Interviewer: What study are you currently running?

Tuuli: I am currently running the thermography study in an older population to determine whether our initial findings from a student population are generalizable.

Interviewer: What study do you plan to run next?

Tuuli: We are about to start a study comparing thermography to penile ultrasound, the current gold standard in the assessment of erectile dysfunction.

Interviewer: What are your future career goals?

Tuuli: The continued pursuit of enhancing knowledge and understanding of sexuality.

A sample of Tuuli's publications:

Kukkonen TM, Binik YM, Amsel R, Carrier S. (2007). Thermography as a physiological measure of sexual arousal in both men and women. *Journal of Sexual Medicine*, 4, 93-105.

Kukkonen TM, Paterson L, Binik YM, Amsel R, Bouvier F, Khalifé S. (2006). Convergent and discriminant validity of clitoral color Doppler ultrasonography as a measure of female sexual

Summary of the 32nd Annual CSRF Conference (From the Perspective of the Current CSRF Student Representatives)

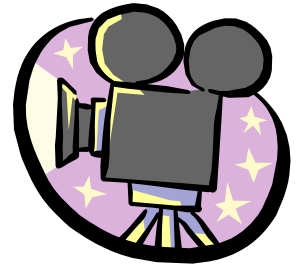
On September 28-30, 2006, the 32nd annual CSRF Conference took place in our nation's capital city. Researchers, clinicians, and students gathered from several disciplines and from across the country to participate. The conference started out with a fabulous panel delivered by Dr. Peggy Kleinplatz and her colleagues. Speaking on their research that examines optimal sexuality and "great sex," these talks were refreshing and optimistic, and were a wonderful way to start the conference!

The talks that followed over the next few days were equally engaging. From a student perspective, it was great to see several students present their research. Students presented on topics ranging from sex stores and their role in sex education, to the missing prostitutes of Vancouver. From the many wonderful student presentations, judges for the 2006 CSRF Student Paper Award had the difficult job of choosing a winner. However, two talks were particularly striking, and two well-deserved awards were presented for the Best Student Paper. Both Tuuli Kukkonen, BA, and Deanne Simms, BA were the recipients of this award. Tuuli presented exciting data on thermal imaging of sexual arousal in both men and women (see the feature of Tuuli in the current newsletter), and Deanne presented on gender differences in sexual satisfaction in dating partners. High-caliber research such as that presented by Tuuli and Deanne bodes well for the future of sexuality research in Canada, and highlights the excellent work that is currently being conducted in sexuality within our country.

In addition to the excellent presentations and conference discussions, the 33rd annual forum also allowed for good networking opportunities and hosted great social events. The first day of the conference was followed by a night of food and fun at one of Ottawa's Byward Market pubs, and Friday night dinner even included belly dancers! All in all, this was a fun, engaging, and very successful conference. We look forward to the next one, and to learning more about the sexuality work that is being conducted across the country. See you all in Banff in 2007!

Sincerely,
Kelly Smith, Erin Allard, and Lisa Smylie

FEATURING.....Paul Federoff, M.D.



Originally from Saskatoon (who knew?), Paul received his B.A. in psychology and M.D. from the University of Saskatchewan. After completing an internship in medicine and surgery he worked for a year in Northern Saskatchewan as a family physician. He then moved to Baltimore where he complete his residency and then fellowship in Psychiatry and Neuropsychiatry at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. It was during this time that he fell under the mentorship of Professor John Money, the originator of the concept of lovemaps to explain paraphilic sexual disorders.

Paul is an Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Ottawa. He holds appointments in both the Department of Criminology and the Department of Psychiatry. He is also Director of Research at the Forensic Unit of the University of Ottawa Institute of Mental Health Research and a staff psychiatrist at the Royal Ottawa Health Care Group and Ottawa Civic Hospital. He is a member of 20 different professional organizations, and we're certainly pleased that CSRF is one of them. He is the author or co-author on more than 40 journal articles and 14 book chapters, mostly on topics related to sexual offenders, and has received numerous grants to support his research. He has a special interest in unusual paraphilias and in people with intellectual disability and problematic sexual behaviors. Paul certainly is recognized internationally as an expert in his field and thus is frequently asked to give invited and keynote addresses. In fact, he gave 14 invited talks in 2006 alone! He is also sought after by the media for interviews on topics such as sex offender notification, pedophilia, the treatment of sex offenders, child pornography, fetishes, and sadomasochism, to name just a few. Before moving to Ottawa, he spent 10 years at the Clarke Institute and the University of Toronto.

Paul has been a member of CSRF for at least 10 years. He will be our keynote speaker at the 2007 meeting in Banff speaking on *The Long and Winding Road: How the Concept of Love-maps Has Changed*. This is not the first time that Paul has been an invited speaker at CSRF. In 1996, he gave an invited academic lecture entitled *What is New in Paraphilia Research?* We also have heard him talk about *Paraphilias and the Insanity Defense*. So some of us already know that Paul really is an expert, has interesting ideas and raises thought-provoking questions, and is an excellent speaker. We're fortunate that he's agreed to share his ideas with us again. Anyone who wants an update on what has been keeping him busy in his private life for the past year is invited to visit his web blog: www.blogtext.org/RenovationStation.

Sex in the News

By Alex McKay

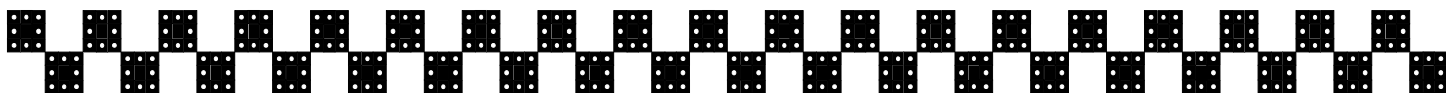
Upcoming Guelph Sexuality Conference to Focus on Human Rights

The 29th Annual Guelph Sexuality Conference is scheduled for June 18-20, 2007 at the University of Guelph. This year's theme is Sexual Health and Human Rights. Keynote speakers include CSRF member Eleanor Maticka Tyndale, Canada Research Chair in Social Justice and Sexual Health at the University of Windsor as well as Diane Di Mauro from the Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University. Noted civil rights lawyer and Osgoode Hall law professor Alan Young will also be speaking at the conference. Young will be part of a team that will bring two Charter of Rights and Freedoms challenges concerning the rights of sex workers before the Superior Court of Justice of Ontario in March or April. Says Young, "We are going to challenge three provisions that create problems for sex trade workers."



How About a Little Hokey Pokey?

A Hamilton, Ontario high school has become one of the first in Canada to officially ban "grinding" at high school dances. Banning the sexually provocative dance style from the gymnasium floor has become increasingly popular south of the border. What exactly is grinding? According to Gene Connolly, principle at a Concord New Hampshire high school, grinding is "feigning a sex act. The girl leans forward and the boy puts his pelvis against her backside. Then he thrusts." Principle Connolly added that "this type of dancing is wrong". Students attending dances at Pacific Grove High School in Pacific Grove California are required to sign a "Dance Contract" in order to gain entrance to the gym. The contract specifies that there is to be no grinding, "making out" or other inappropriate touching. Students are to keep both feet on the floor at all times and hands must be on the waist or shoulders only. The contract warns that "If too many couples are dancing inappropriately, the lights will be turned on and/or music changed as a collective warning for everyone. A verbal warning will be made on the microphone". St. Frances High School in Athol Springs New York goes a step farther by banning music at the dances that contain "intense heavy bass lines" because this invariably leads to sexually provocative dancing. Finally, Gig Harbor, Washington high school Principal Greg Schellenberg has threatened to cancel this spring's junior and senior proms because he was forced to shut down a recent dance because of sexually suggestive dancing. Principal Schellenberg realized he had lost control of the proceedings when some dancers persisted in interlocking their legs and grinding their hips even after he had asked them to stop and had attempted to change the mood by playing the "Hokey Pokey". I'm not making this up! Some have wondered what all the hoopla is about, astutely noting that this grinding is very similar to many of the dance moves portrayed in the classic 1987 movie *Dirty Dancing*, a film that many boomer era CSRF members may have more than a passing familiarity with.



CSRF Bylaws: An Update Regarding the Updates

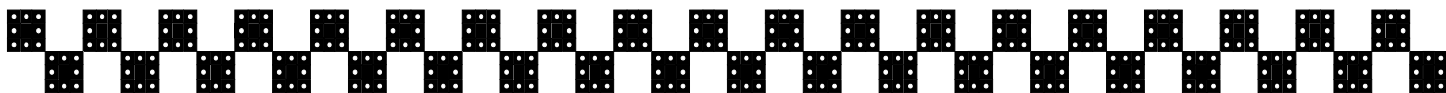
I have been asked to comment on one of the latest endeavours of the Canadian Sex Research Forum which is a revamp of our bylaws. Not exactly a very “sexy” topic. In fact, watching paint dry might be a better pastime for some. Regardless, I decided to volunteer to chair this little subcommittee and hopefully make a contribution to our fair organization. In all seriousness it has been quite some time since the bylaws were reviewed, so long, that some of our members were unsure if we even had bylaws. Rest assured that we do; however, they had not been updated since 1989!

Two others joined me in my attempt to update the CSRF bylaws. Larry Brockman and Jacqueline Cohen also must have thought this an exciting venture, probably because I told them they would be paid! Sorry guys.

Although this reworking of the bylaws should not have been such a long ordeal, it is still not yet complete. This is what happens when everyone is a volunteer. On the plus side, we had a very good discussion about the bylaws and possible changes at our annual meeting in Ottawa. Suggested and discussed changes (some of which we have already been doing informally) included (1) the inclusion of student members, (2) how many and which offices should be on the executive committee, (3) adding more specifics around the role of the Executive Director, and (4) the addition of language about our newsletter and website (the Internet being a new invention since our last update).

The draft bylaws should be complete fairly soon for our membership to preview. They will make great bedtime reading! Stay tuned.

Cheers – Terry Humphreys



ETC.....

Thank you to CSRF colleagues who honoured me at the annual CSRF conference in Ottawa in Sept. 2006 with a Distinguished Service Award. It meant a great deal to me to return to this conference for the first time ever without my dear Jim Gripton (deceased Nov. 1, 2005) and to know that his spirit was intertwined with CSRF as manifest by many loving comments and reminiscences. Sincerely, Mary Valentich

BY NOW YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORMS.....SEND YOUR DUES ASAP TO MEGAN SO THAT SHE CAN PUT TOGETHER A LIST OF MEMBERS THAT SHE WILL DISTRIBUTE TO ALL

LIST SERVE INFORMATION: If you're not on the list serve and would like to be, or if you are on it but don't want to be, please contact Sandi Byers at byers@unb.ca.

NEW CSRF MEMBERS FOR 2006-07

Kevin Alderson: Professor and Psychologist, University of Calgary, Calgary, Assistant Professor of Counseling Psychology in the Division of Applied Psychology

Sarah Beer, Ph.D Student: Department of Sociology & Anthropology, University of Windsor

Deborah Foster: Distance Instructor Athabasca University, Social Work Instructor Portage College, Registered Social Worker in Alberta

Jodi Martin: Recent graduate of BA Psychology at the University of Ottawa. Continue to conduct research in the University of Ottawa Human Sexuality Lab under supervision of Dr. Elke Reissing

Alia Offman: Adjunct research Professor, Carleton University, Counseling Psychologist (supervised practice)

James Ponzetti: Associate Professor, School of Social Work & Family Studies, University of British Columbia

Natalie Rosen, Ph.D. Student: Department of Psychology, McGill University

Khosro Refie Shirpak: Post doctoral fellow Social justice & Sexual health, University of Windsor

Lisa Smylie: Ph.D.candidate, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, University of Windsor

Kristopher Wells: Doctoral Student, Department of Educational Policy Studies, University of Alberta

Arshra Zardi : Department of Sociology & Anthropology, University of Windsor

Faizal Sahukhan, Ph.D: Psychologist, Vancouver, B.C

UPCOMING SEXUALITY CONFERENCES

XVIII World Congress of the WAS, 1st World Congress for Sexual Health

Achieving Health, Pleasure and Respect
SYDNEY APRIL 15-19, 2007

<http://www.sexo-sydney-2007.com/>

20th International Symposium on Gender Dysphoria

Sponsored by the Harry Benjamin International Gender Dysphoria Association

Chicago, Illinois, September 5-8, 2007

HBIGDA@umphysicians.umn.edu; Webpage: <http://www.hbigda.org>

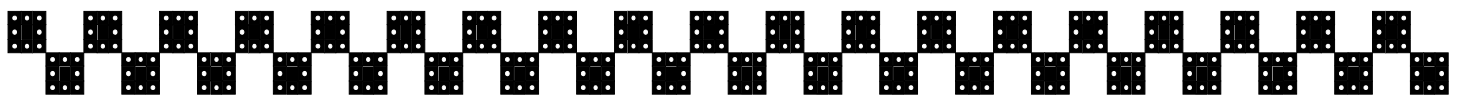
SSSS 50th Anniversary: Honoring Our Past and Envisioning Our Future

November 7 - 11, 2007, Indianapolis, Indiana USA

SEXUAL ATTITUDES REASSESSMENT (SAR) With

Shirley Walker, M.Ed and Stephanie Mitelman, MA, CCFE, CSE
November 9-11, 2007 . Hotel Maritime Plaza, Montreal, Quebec

For more information: www.sexexpressions.ca



To contribute to the CSRF Newsletter:

Send us your latest accomplishments, news, or anything else you would like us to include in our next newsletter. E-mail Laurie Betito, Ph.D, President and Newsletter Editor, at laurie@drlaurie.com

We look forward to hearing from you!

CALL FOR PAPERS

CANADIAN SEX RESEARCH FORUM 33rd ANNUAL MEETING in ALBERTA The Banff Center, Banff

October 11-14, 2007

This early call for papers is to encourage students to submit their papers and receive an early acceptance in order to apply for grants

Keynote Speakers:

PAUL FEDOROFF, M.D. *The long and winding road: How the concept of “lovemap” has changed.*

LORI BROTT, Ph.D. *East meets West: Incorporating mindfulness into sex therapy for women with sexual desire and arousal complaints*

The Canadian Sex Research Forum is a multi-disciplinary organisation. The Conference is organised to provide opportunities for informal discussions with colleagues.

- Abstracts are invited on all aspects of human sexuality, and from a variety of perspectives - research, theoretical, clinical, educational, and public policy.
- Abstracts are reviewed by the Conference Program Committee. Presentations are individual papers (20-30 minutes) or symposia (60 minutes).

The Canadian Sex Research Forum (CSRF) also grants an award for the best student paper presented at the CSRF meeting related to human sexuality. Student papers will only be considered for the Student Award if they have (1) indicated on their submission that they would like to be considered; and (2) their submission is accompanied by a letter from their supervisor verifying that they are currently enrolled as a student and recommending them for the award.

Submission of Abstracts:

Submit 4 copies of an abstract of 300-500 words, including:

Name, degrees and current position(s) of presenter(s)
Paper (20-30 minutes) or symposia (60 minutes) presentation
Address, phone, e-mail and fax numbers of principal presenter

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS – April 20, 2007

Notifications of Review Committee Decisions by May 15, 2007