

SSTAR Society for Sex Therapy & Research

47TH ANNUAL MEETING

SSTAR 2022 SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

**“SEXUAL HEALING: PLEASURE AND
POSITIVITY IN OUR MODERN WORLD”**

April 28 – May 1, 2022

InterContinental Chicago Magnificent Mile



Continuing Medical Education credit is provided through joint providership with The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Conference Learning Objectives:

- Participants will explore the sexual health needs of several marginalized populations.
- Participants will analyze sociocultural and medical influences on sexual health.
- Participants will describe various factors affecting sexual well-being, desire, and eroticism.

WELCOME LETTER

It is our tremendous pleasure to welcome you to SSTAR's 47th Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois. The past few years have been exceptionally difficult for so many. We are grateful for the ability to (safely) gather once again in person as we celebrate our continued commitment to excellence in the field of sexual health.

This year's presentations reflect the myriad ways that sexual health and healing is being approached in our modern world. From technological advances in sex therapy treatment to addressing the historical lack of representation for many people in our field, we will hear from dynamic speakers across several disciplines related to human sexuality. A thread that runs through the 2022 Annual Meeting is the importance of integrating biopsychosociocultural knowledge in our efforts toward sexual health and well-being for all people. During the conference, we will have the opportunity to learn about cutting edge research on sexual health during the transition to parenthood, sexually explicit media use in diverse populations, and sexual vulnerabilities and protective factors for adolescents. Additionally, we will hear from expert speakers regarding sexual trauma, older adult sexuality, and the ongoing battle – 40 years after the first AIDS cases were reported – to decriminalize HIV.

The 2022 SSTAR Annual Meeting will be held at the Intercontinental Chicago Magnificent Mile hotel, an architectural landmark, home to secret speakeasies in the 1920s, and steps away from world-class shopping and sight-seeing. We would like to acknowledge that the land on which we are gathering is the traditional unceded homeland of the Council of the Three Fires: the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi Nations. Many other tribes such as the Miami, Ho-Chunk, Menominee, Sac, and Fox also called this area home. The region has long been a center for Indigenous people to gather, trade, and maintain kinship ties. Today, one of the largest urban Native American communities resides in Chicago, where members continue to contribute to the life of the city, celebrate their heritage, and care for the land and waterways. Acknowledging them reminds us of our collective responsibility to one another and our important connection to this land, where we learn and work.

In addition to the scientific stimulation that our meeting is sure to provide, there will be ample opportunity to foster connections with colleagues and friends after more than a year of social distancing. The cocktail reception and poster session on Thursday night, dinner and amazing jazz music at Buddy Guy's Legends on Friday night, as well as various breaks and lunches

throughout the conference will provide time to catch up with old friends and – hopefully! – make some new acquaintances. We encourage long-time SSTAR members to reach out to our new members, students, and first-time attendees to demonstrate the collegial and welcoming atmosphere that makes SSTAR such a unique organization.

Here are some other highlights that you can anticipate at the 2022 Annual Meeting:

- Four exciting workshops will be offered on Thursday focused on the integration of sex therapy into medical settings as well as, respectively, sex therapy with autistic and neurodiverse adults, trans and gender diverse individuals, and consensually/ethically non-monogamous partnerships. You won't want to miss these presentations with dynamic and knowledgeable clinicians!
- Engaging conference sessions will involve interactive poster presentations, data blitzes, and in-depth research and clinical addresses on exciting new work related to sex therapy and sexual medicine. As always, these sessions are a balance of invited and peer-reviewed presentations that reflect a wide variety of topics and cutting-edge research in human sexuality and the treatment of sexual and relational difficulties.
- Our ever-popular clinical case presentation will be held on Saturday and will provide an exciting opportunity for discussion amongst our attendees on the treatment of a complex couple's case involving desire discrepancy, early ejaculation, and blocked emotional and sexual intimacy.
- Graduate students and postdoctoral fellows are invited to a "lunch and learn" to discuss career and personal development, academia, industry, medicine, and clinical work in human sexuality with an experienced sex therapist and sex researcher.
- Address the many clinical conundrums that can arise in sex and relationship therapy at our annual ethics workshop on Sunday morning.

Whether you are a student, newcomer, or regular attendee, we look forward to seeing you in Chicago. SSTAR's Annual Meeting provides us the opportunity to connect with one another and actively contribute to the continued growth and success of our organization and our field. After two years apart, we are eager to do so with you again in person!

Jennifer A. Vencill, PhD, ABPP
2022 Scientific Program Chair

Kristen Mark, PhD, MPH
2022 Scientific Program Co-Chair

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This program is designed for a broad range of medical and mental health professionals with an interest in the care of people with sexual concerns, as well as for sex researchers/scholars and trainees in sexology, psychology, and other medical and mental health disciplines.

The Society for Sex Therapy and Research is the premier international professional organization solely focused on sexual disorders.

SCHOLARSHIPS

SSTAR is foremost committed to fostering clinical sexuality practice and research. In order to fulfill this mission, SSTAR is dedicated to being a welcoming and inclusive environment for all who work in the field of human sexuality, including Black, Indigenous or other Persons of Color (BIPOC), individuals from the LGBT2SQ+ communities, and students as well as early career professionals.

SSTAR recognizes that payment of conference registration fees can be an economic hardship and is therefore offering 3 scholarships for the 2022 Annual Meeting of up to \$785 each to attend 2 preconference workshops, the annual meeting on Friday and Saturday and post-conference Ethics workshop on Sunday. Applicants need not be SSTAR members. The deadline for scholarship entries is March 1, 2022.

The SSTAR scientific program committee will review all requests and notify every applicant by March 15, 2022.

[Click here](#) for the application form.

HOTEL

The 2022 SSTAR Annual Meeting will be held at the Intercontinental Chicago Magnificent Mile.

505 N. Michigan Ave
Chicago, Illinois 60611
Phone: 312-944-4100

Reservations: A block of rooms with a special group rate has been reserved for SSTAR meeting attendees at the Single/Double Room rate of \$219 (USD). [Use this link](#) to reserve your room today.

If calling the hotel, please inform reservations that you are attending the SSTAR 2022 Annual Meeting to receive this special rate. The room block will be released on Monday, April 4, 2022, so please make your reservation early. After that day, room reservations are subject to availability and prices may go up.

Check in time is 3:00 pm and Check-out time is 11:00 am

THURSDAY, April 28

PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOPS: ADVANCED PRACTICE IN SPECIAL SUBJECTS

7:30 am – 4:30 pm *Meeting Registration*

7:30 am – 8:30 am *Continental Breakfast*

9:00 am – 12:00 pm *Morning Workshops*

1. An Integrated and Multidisciplinary Model for the Delivery and Access of Sexual and Gender Health and Well-Being
Leo Candelario-Perez, PhD, LP (they/them)
2. The Mighty, Marginalized Brain: What We Must Learn from Autistic & Neurodiverse Adults about Sexuality Education & Sex Therapy
Madeline Barger, MS, LMFT, BCBA (she/her)

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm *Lunch on Own*

1:30 pm – 4:30 pm *Afternoon Workshops*

1. Nurturing Trans Erotic Embodiments: Re-Visioning Sex Therapy for Every Body
Lucie Fielding, PhD (she/they)
2. Making Your Mental Healthcare Practice/Organization (More) Inclusive of Consensually Non-monogamous Relationships
Amy Moors, PhD (she/her)

5:30 pm – 6:00 pm *New Member Reception*

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm *Poster Session/Welcome Reception*

7:30 pm *Student/ECP Pizza Party*

FRIDAY, April 29

MEETING SCHEDULE

7:30am – 4:00 pm *Meeting Registration*

7:30am – 8:00 am *Continental Breakfast*

8:00 am - 8:15 am *Welcome*

SSTAR President: Elizabeth Grill, PsyD (she/her)
Scientific Program Chair: Jennifer A. Vencill, PhD (she/her)
Scientific Program Co-chair: Kristen Mark, PhD, MPH (she/her)
Continuing Education Officer: Arva Bensaheb, PhD (she/her)

8:15 am - 9:15 am	<i>Plenary 1: Unpacking the Politics of Black Women's Sexuality</i> Ashley Townes, PhD, MPH (she/her)
9:15 am – 10:00 am	<i>Research 1: Sexually Explicit Media</i> 1. Longitudinal associations between pornography use frequency, problematic use, and sexual wellbeing in different gender and sex/gender diverse couples; Beáta Bóthe, PhD 2. Pornography use via different media and relationship and sexual satisfaction in couples; Marie-Chloé Nolin, BA 3. Longitudinal associations between pornography use frequency and body appreciation in heterosexual, cisgender, and sexual and gender minority adolescents; Marie-Michèle Paquette, B.Sc.
10:00 am - 10:10 am	<i>Break</i>
10:10 am - 11:10 am	<i>Plenary 2: Expanding Access to Better Sex: Building and Testing an Online Psychotherapeutic Program for Female Sexual Difficulties</i> Kyle Stephenson, PhD (he/him)
11:10 am - 11:40 am	<i>SMSNA Invited Lecture: Maximizing the Sexual Function of People Living with Spinal Cord Injury and Spina Bifida</i> Courtney Shepard Streur, MD (she/her)
11:40 am – 12:00 pm	<i>Data Blitz 1: The Transition to Parenthood</i> 1. A latent class analysis of sexual satisfaction and sexual distress among couples seeking medically assisted reproduction: Implications for clinicians; David B. Allsop, M.Sc. 2. Examining links between access to perinatal sexual education and couples' sexual well-being; Erin T. Fitzpatrick, B.Sc. 3. Associations between romantic attachment and sexual satisfaction through intimacy and couple support among pregnant couples; Anne-Laurence Gagné 4. Predictors of two trajectories of dyspareunia from pregnancy to 24 months postpartum; Natalie O. Rosen, PhD
12:00 pm – 1:15 pm	<i>Lunch on Own</i>
12:00 pm – 1:15 pm	<i>Lunch and Learn for Students (Space limited)</i>
1:20 pm – 2:20 pm	<i>Plenary 3: The War on Sex: Decriminalizing HIV</i> Robert Suttle, MS (he/him)
2:20 pm – 3:20 pm	<i>Research 2: Sexual Desire & Well-Being</i>

1. Creative responses to COVID-19: Optimal sexual experiences teletherapy groups for couples distressed by low/no sexual desire/frequency or sexual desire discrepancy; Maxime Charest, MA
2. Does reading your mood get you in the mood? A dyadic investigation of empathic accuracy and sexual desire; Jackie S. Huberman, PhD
3. Reappraise or suppress? Greater use of emotion regulation strategies is associated with more negative partner responses to low desire among couples coping with Hypoactive Sexual Desire Disorder; Grace A. Wang, B.Sc.
4. Turning on by tuning in: A brief online psychoeducational video about mindful sex is effective for bolstering sexual well-being; Greta E. Jang, BA

3:20 pm – 3:35 pm *Break*

3:35 pm – 4:35pm *Research 3: Sexual Health & Medicine*

1. Cognitive-behavioral couple therapy versus lidocaine for provoked vestibulodynia: A randomized clinical trial; Sophie Bergeron, PhD
2. Comparing the impact of two forms of opioid agonist treatment on sexual distress and sexual functioning in men and women: Results from a pragmatic randomized control trial; Justin P. Dubé, B.Sc.
3. A qualitative study of sexual health and function of women with pelvic cancer; Niki Oveisi, MPH
4. Hope and heartbreak: The vicissitudes of clinical trials with the oxytocin antagonist cligisiban for premature ejaculation; Stanley E. Althof, PhD

4:35 pm – 5:10 pm *2022 Leiblum Student Research Award Presentations*
 Honorable Mention: Gracielle C. Schwenck
 Winner: Véronique Charbonneau-Lefebvre

6:30 pm – 11:45 pm *Evening Social Event*
 Buddy Guy's Legends (Limited Space)

SATURDAY, April 30

7:30 am – 12:00 pm *Meeting Registration*

7:45 am – 8:30 am *Continental Breakfast*

7:45 am - 8:30 am *Member Breakfast and Business Meeting*

8:30 am - 9:30 am	Plenary 4: Marginal Risk: Sexual Vulnerability & Dignity in the Lives of Marginalized Youth Laina Bay-Cheng, PhD (she/her)
9:30 am – 10:15 am	Research 4: Intersectional Sexual Health 1. Protective factors of sexual wellbeing in heterosexual and sexually minoritized adolescents: A longitudinal study; Alice Girouard, BA 2. Intersections of gender and sexuality: A qualitative study with trans & nonbinary individuals; Elliot Tebbe, PhD 3. Skin color & skin tone diversity in human sexuality textbook anatomical diagrams; Yael R. Rosenstock Gonzalez, MA
10:15 am – 10:30 am	Break
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Clinical Case Presentation: A Marriage Reimagined: From Patriarchy to Relationality Presenter: Alexandra Solomon, PhD (she/her) Discussant: Stanley Althof, PhD (he/him)
12:00 pm – 1:15 pm	Lunch and Poster Award Presentations
1:20 pm – 1:45 pm	Data Blitz 2: Sexual Scripts and Relationship Health 1. Let's talk about flex: Sexual script flexibility is linked to long-term couples' sexual well-being; Katrina N. Bouchard, PhD 2. Actor-partner effects of hostile intent attribution on daily relationship satisfaction in adolescent couples; Maude Alexandrine Bousquet 3. Cultural and personal sexual scripts about virginity loss are linked to negative feelings at virginity loss and subsequent sexual performance anxiety in heterosexual-identified women and men; Nikola Komlenac, PhD 4. Risk factors for intimate partner violence: Attachment insecurities and relationship dissatisfaction; Audrey-Ann Lefebvre
1:45 pm – 2:15 pm	ISSWSH Invited Lecture: Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting: New Paradigms in Advancing Health Equity Crista E. Johnson-Agbakwu, MD, MSc, FACOG (she/her)
2:15pm – 2:40 pm	Health Professional Book Award: The Leather Couch: Clinical Practice with Kinky Clients Stefani Goerlich, MSW (she/her)
2:40pm – 2:55 pm	Break
2:55 pm – 3:55 pm	Research 5: Clinical Models & Approaches

1. Kiss me here, lick me there: Black women's pleasure mapping; Shemeka Thorpe, PhD & Ashley Townes, MPH, PhD
2. Strategies and techniques to promote couple sexuality in the 60s, 70s, and 80s; Barry McCarthy, PhD
3. The Impulsive/Compulsive Sexual Behavior Model: Theoretical framework, assessment, and empirical findings; Ryan Rahm-Knigge, PhD & Eli Coleman, PhD

3:55 pm – 4:55 pm	<i>Plenary 5: The Body Remembers: How Sexual Trauma Shapes the Biological, Psychological, & Social Responses to Sexual Experiences</i> Tierney Lorenz, PhD (she/her)
4:55 pm – 5:05 pm	<i>The Sexual Tipping Point Award presented by the MAP Education and Research Foundation</i>
5:05 pm – 5:10 pm	<i>Farewell and passing of the torch to Kristen Mark, PhD, Scientific Chair 2023!</i>
5:10 pm	<i>Time to Explore Chicago on Your Own</i>

SUNDAY, May 1

ETHICS POSTCONFERENCE WORKSHOP

9:00 am – 12:00 pm	<i>Ethics Workshop – What Exactly Constitutes “Sexual Healing? An Ethical Consideration</i> Peggy Kleinplatz, PhD (she/her) and Dan Watter, EdD (he/him)
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LATE FEE & CANCELLATION POLICIES

Late Fee: A late fee of \$50 for Friday/Saturday meeting registration goes into effect **April 1, 2022**. Please see the registration form for pricing.

Cancellation: All requests for cancellation refunds must be submitted in writing prior to April 15. Please include the name of the registrant and the name of the conference. See below for the office contact information. A \$25 USD administrative fee will be charged. Cancellations made after April 15 will not be eligible for any refunds.

Refunds may be granted if an attendee is unable to attend the Conference due to a family death, illness, or other extraordinary circumstance, like COVID 19. In such a circumstance, the SSTAR Office must be contacted prior to the meeting. The Executive Council will review the

reason, there is no guarantee it will be granted. No refunds will be granted for any reason after the Conference has begun.

Cancellation requests are to be submitted to the Society for Sex Therapy and Research (SSTAR):

Phone: (847) 647-8832

Email: info@sstarnet.org

Mail: 8120 Lehigh Avenue, Suite 100
Morton Grove, IL 60053

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS OR ACCME ACCREDITATION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, CONTINUING EDUCATION ACCREDITATIONS & APPROVALS:

The SSTAR 2022 Annual Meeting is being planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditations Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through joint sponsorship with The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG). ACOG has approved the program to receive CE credits for AASECT, APA and NYSED Social Work and NYSED Psychology. The exact breakdown of CE credits is under consideration by these accrediting bodies and will be posted soon.

For questions regarding CE credits, please contact Arva Bensaheb, PhD, at (702) 204-7513 or acitycbt@gmail.com.

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REGISTRATION FORM

1. **Online Registration:** Registration is available to all attendees online. Simply visit <https://sstarnet.org/meetings/> to register
2. **E-Mail:** Please complete information below (Please print) and email to info@sstarnet.org

Registrant Full Name _____
 Degree(s) _____ License# _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Email _____ Phone _____

All Pricing and Payment are in US Dollars

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***Please circle the fee of your Member Status for each event in which you want to attend/register

REGISTRATION FEES – (US Dollars only)	ASSOCIATE /FULL MEMBER	NON- MEMBER	ECP MEMBER	ECP NON- MEMBER	STUDENT MEMBER	STUDENT NON- MEMBER
Thursday Workshop #1 – 9:00am – 12:00pm	\$175	\$225	\$75	\$100	\$30	\$50
Thursday Workshop #2 – 9:00am – 12:00pm	\$175	\$225	\$75	\$100	\$30	\$50
Thursday Workshop #3 – 1:30pm – 4:30pm	\$175	\$225	\$75	\$100	\$30	\$50
Thursday Workshop #4 – 1:30pm – 4:30pm	\$175	\$225	\$75	\$100	\$30	\$50
Friday/Saturday Annual Mtg – 8:00am – 5:10pm	\$550	\$770	\$260	\$360	\$170	\$220
Sunday Ethics Workshop – 8:00am – 5:10pm	\$175	\$225	\$75	\$100	\$30	\$50

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

CE Fees for ACOG	ACOG \$75					
CE Fees - \$30 for EACH designation chosen (Circle all needed)	AASECT \$30	APA \$30	NASW \$30	NYSED (SW) \$30	NYSED (PSY) \$30	

TOTAL FEES (USD) \$ _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION ☐ - Check (made payable to SSTAR in USD only) ☐ - Credit Card

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