

SSTAR Society for Sex Therapy & Research

48TH ANNUAL MEETING

SSTAR 2023 SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

SEX SCIENCE FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

May 4-7, 2023

In-person @ Marriott Tampa Water Street

or

VIRTUALLY via Zoom



Meeting Learning Objectives:

- Participants will explore the sexual health needs of several marginalized populations.
- Participants will describe the multiple pathways between sexual science and social change.
- Participants will analyze the intersections of policy, research, education, and clinical care.

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WELCOME LETTER

We are excited to welcome you to SSTAR's 48th Annual Meeting at the Marriott Tampa Water Street in Florida. We value the in-person experience of SSTAR meetings where we can connect, network, discuss, share, and learn from one another and the presenting experts. We also understand the challenges that many face around the ongoing pandemic and the political climate of Florida as a state, so we are pleased to offer a virtual option as well.

This year's program reflects the ways in which SSTAR's clinicians, researchers, and educators can utilize the science to more strongly advocate for social change that is inclusive and just. The location of the conference in Florida provides an opportunity to stand with the many 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals who live and work in Florida.

We will hear from a panel of therapists, researchers, and policy experts who are advocating for 2SLGBTQIA+ rights in hostile climates. We also have plenaries planned that cover the topics of abortion access, with a presentation from Dr. Dianna Green Foster, who led the groundbreaking longitudinal project the Turnaway Study, the role of the digital world in adolescent gender and sexuality development from Dr. Monique Ward, navigating community-based health equity research from Dr. Nathan Lachowsky, and a talk on the evolution of the field from sexology to sexual health from Dr. Eli Coleman, to name a few. A thread that runs through the 2023 Annual Meeting is the importance of integrating biopsychosociocultural knowledge in our efforts toward sexual health and well-being for all people.

We have two exciting workshops on offer Thursday: one is focused on how to translate science to a book from Dr. Anne Katz and the other highlights ways to make your sex therapy practice trans+ inclusive from Dr. Eunice Avilés. Our ever-popular clinical case on Saturday, led by Dr. Sanne Wortel, will highlight a couple navigating sexual trauma and genito-pelvic pain and the collaborative therapeutic efforts necessary for effective treatment. The ethics workshop on Sunday will be led by Dr. Katie Spencer and Dr. Leonardo Candelario-Pérez to navigate the ethical guidelines based on the new WPATH and APA standards.

In addition to the robust scientific program that we have planned, there will be ample opportunity to foster connections and community with colleagues and friends. The cocktail reception and poster session on Thursday night, a student-centered social activity, as well as various breaks and lunches throughout the conference will provide time to catch up with old friends and 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.

Whether you are a student, newcomer, or regular attendee, we look forward to seeing you in Tampa. 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.

Kristen Mark, PhD, MPH
2023 Scientific Program Chair

Samantha Dawson, PhD
2023 Scientific Program Co-Chair

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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.

HYBRID MEETING

SSTAR is offering the complete program – two Thursday pre-conference workshops, the full scientific meeting on Friday-Saturday, and the Sunday Ethics workshop – both in-person and virtually.

HEALTH SAFETY

SSTAR is committed to creating a safe environment for our in-person attendees. While masks are not required, SSTAR strongly encourages the wearing of masks and maintaining safe distances between people. SSTAR does request that attendees be respectful of other people's masking choices. In addition, if you are feeling sick, please stay home and the office will provide virtual links.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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 are interested in human sexuality, including Black, Indigenous or other Persons of Color (BIPOC), individuals from the 2SLGBTQIA+ communities, 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 2023 Annual Meeting of up to \$1,500. Each scholarship will cover in person or virtual registration for 2 preconference workshops, the annual meeting on Friday and Saturday and post conference Ethics workshop on Sunday. Applicants need not be SSTAR members. [Click here](#) to apply.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Today, the state of Florida is home to the Seminole, Miccosukee, Muscogee, and Choctaw, and to individuals of many other Native groups. We recognize the historical and continuing impacts of colonization on Indigenous communities, their resilience in the face of colonial and state sponsored violence, and fully support Indigenous Sovereignty. We will continue work to be more accountable to the needs of American Indian and Indigenous peoples.

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ABOUT TAMPA AND INCLUSION

Tampa, Florida has a unique culture and rich heritage, and is proud to be well-known globally as a diverse and inclusive community that promotes equity and celebrates all its citizens, businesses, and organizations for the contributions and positive impact they make within its neighborhoods.

The City of Tampa is very proud of its inclusiveness and protects all residents and visitors from discrimination and harassment, including those within the LGBTQ community and those of other cultures who celebrate their own unique traditions and beliefs. Tampa has proudly and consistently received the top score of 100 from the Human Rights Campaign Foundation's Municipal Equity Index for their LGBTQ inclusive laws, policies, and services. The Tampa community proudly celebrates and promotes its inclusiveness with community events such as festivals, parades, and concerts that incorporate our diverse cultural make-up. As a city, Tampa takes enormous pride in the progress it has made over the years to ensure all people, citizens and visitors alike, are treated with dignity, equality, respect, and civility. Promoting and protecting its inclusiveness contributes greatly to Tampa's success as a diverse city and enhances its economic growth, improves neighborhoods, advances the arts and culture scene, and adds to its rich and unique heritage.

HOTEL & ACCESSIBILITY

The 2023 SSTAR Annual Meeting will be held at the Marriott Tampa Water Street
505 Water Street
Tampa, Florida, 33602
Phone: (813) 221-4900

Reservations: A block of rooms with a special group rate has been reserved for SSTAR meeting attendees at the Single/Double Room rate of \$229 (USD). Reserve your room today at <https://book.passkey.com/go/SSTARAnnualMeeting>

If calling the hotel, please inform reservations that you are attending the SSTAR 2023 Annual Meeting to receive this special rate. The room block will be released on **Monday, April 10** so please make your reservation early. After that day, room reservations are subject to availability and prices may go up.

Check-in time is 4:00 pm and Check-out time is 11:00 am (EST).

For any questions on accessibility and special room accommodations, please call the hotel directly at (813) 221-4900.

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LATE FEE & CANCELLATION POLICIES

Late Fee: A late fee of \$50 for the Friday/Saturday meeting registration goes into effect **April 1, 2023**. Please see the registration form for pricing.

Cancellation Refunds: All requests for cancellation refunds must be submitted to the SSTAR office at (847) 647-8832 or info@sstarnet.org prior to April 1, 2023. A \$50 USD cancellation administrative fee will be charged. Cancellations made after April 1, 2023 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. 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.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

THURSDAY, May 4

PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOPS: ADVANCED PRACTICE IN SPECIAL SUBJECTS

7:30 am – 4:30 pm	<i>Meeting Registration</i>
7:30 am – 8:30 am	<i>Continental Breakfast</i>
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	<i>Morning Workshop</i> <i>The Publishing Journey from the Science to a Book</i> Anne Katz, PhD, RN, FAAN (she/her)
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	<i>Lunch on Own</i>
1:30 pm – 4:30 pm	<i>Afternoon Workshop</i> <i>Building a Trans+ inclusive Sex Therapy Practice</i> Eunice Avilés, PsyD, LMHC, LPC
5:30 pm – 6:00 pm	<i>New Member Reception – in person only</i>
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	<i>Poster Session/Welcome Reception – in person only</i> <i>*** all poster presenters will provide online access to their posters prior to the start of the meeting</i>
7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	<i>Student/ECP Pizza Party – in person only</i>

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FRIDAY, May 5

7:30 am – 5:30 pm ***Meeting Registration***

7:30 am – 8:30 am ***Early Risers Walk and Talk Networking***

Self-directed: meet in the lobby and take a walk outside with fellow attendees

8:00 am – 9:00 am ***Continental Breakfast***

9:00 am – 9:15 am ***Welcome Remarks***

SSTAR President: Elizabeth Grill, PsyD (she/her)

Scientific Program Chair: Kristen Mark, PhD, MPH (she/her)

9:15 am – 9:45 am ***Masters and Johnson Award***

Introduced by Kathryn Hall, PhD

Recipient Cynthia Graham, PhD (she/her)

9:45 am – 10:45 am ***PLENARY 1: Projected Health and Economic***

Consequences of the End of Roe

Diana Greene Foster, PhD (she/her) (speaking virtually)

10:45 am – 11:00 am ***Break***

11:00 am – 11:45 am ***Research Presentation Block 1: Couples***

- Sexual well-being among couples who have experienced a recent pregnancy loss and couples who have not: differences and similarities; David B. Allsop, MSc
- Sexual desire and thoughts of extradyadic sex and infidelity among couples coping with SIAD; Charlene F. Belu, PhD (she/her)
- The silent power of touch: attitudes toward touch are linked to couples' sexual and affectionate behaviors across the transition to parenthood; Inês Tavares, PhD (she/her) *(speaking virtually)*

11:45 am – 12:15 pm ***SMSNA Invited Lecture: Bridging the Gap Toward***

Interdisciplinary Care for Inclusive Practice

Christian J. Nelson, PhD and John P. Mulhall, MD

12:15 pm – 1:30 pm ***Lunch on Own***

12:15 pm – 1:30 pm ***Lunch and Learn for Students Only (Space limited)***

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1:30 pm – 2:30 pm ***PLENARY 2: Panel to Discuss Advocating for LGBTQ+ Rights in Hostile Climates***
Dani Rosenkrantz, PhD (she/her)
Nathan Bruemmer, JD (he/him)

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm ***Data Blitz Block 1: Sexual Functioning***

- Developing an inclusive sexuality measure for use in transgender and non-binary populations; Megan Henkelman, MSc (she/her) (*speaking virtually*)
- Sexual functioning as a predictor of sexual disgust; Valerie Lapointe, PhDc
- Comparing associations between sexual function, sexual distress and psychological symptoms in women with and without sexual function difficulties; Marta T. Kolbuszewska, BA (she/her)
- Patterns of genital and subjective sexual arousal in cisgender asexual men; Malvina Skorska, PhD, B (she/her) and Morag Yule, PhD (she/her)
- Associations between contents of pornography and sexual satisfaction and function among young adults; Marie-Chloé Nolin, PhDc (she/her)
- Comparing responses to sexual rejection and sexual and relationship well-being in couples coping with SIAD and community couples; Grace Schwenck, PhDc (she/her)

3:00 pm – 3:20 pm ***Break***

3:20 pm – 4:20 pm ***PLENARY 3: A Scripted Sexuality: Media use, Gendered Sexual Scripts, and Consequences for Youths' Sexual Socialization***
L. Monique Ward, PhD

4:20 pm – 5:20 pm ***Research Block 2: Models + Tools for Sexual Health***

- Pediatric sexual health and development: why we must support it and how to do so; Elisabeth Gordon, MD (she/her)
- Virtual reality as a diagnostic tool for sexual aversion; David Lafortune, PhD
- Circling in on sexuality: an interpersonal circumplex model of sexual motivation; Ariel (Arik) Shoikhebrod, MA

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- A longitudinal dyadic analysis of technology mediated sexual interactions in long distance romantic relationships; Shulamit Sternin, MA (she/her) and Rebecca Cobb, PhD (she/her)

5:20 pm

Time to Explore Tampa on Your Own

SATURDAY, May 6

7:00 am – 8:00 am

Early Risers Walk and Talk Networking

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7:30 am – 12:00 pm

Meeting Registration

7:30 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: On the Evolution of the Field from Sexology to Sexual Health

Eli Coleman, PhD (he/him)

9:30 am – 10:15 am

Research Block 3: Identity and Resilience

- Experiencing bisexuality in mixed-sex relationships; Ceili Charley, BS (she/her)
- Minority stress, resilience, and psychological distress among asexual TGNC individuals; Jared Boot-Haury, MA (he/him) (*speaking virtually*)
- Bisexual/Pansexual identity and parenting: Perceptions of the impact on sex and romantic relationships; Christine Leistner, PhD (she/her)

10:15 am – 10:30 am

Break

10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Clinical Case Presentation: Highlighting a Couple Navigating Sexual Trauma and Genito-Pelvic Pain and the Collaborative Therapeutic Efforts Necessary for Effective Treatment

Presenter: Sanne Wortel, PhD (she/her)

Discussant: Serena Corsini Munt, PhD (she/her)

12:00 pm – 1:15 pm

Lunch and Poster Award Presentations

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1:15 pm – 1:50 pm ***Data Blitz 2: Satisfaction***

- Singlism: vignette-study revealing that people perceive single people to have lower levels of life satisfaction and self-satisfaction; Nikola Komlenac, PhD
- Comparing the sexual well-being of pregnant couples who underwent fertility treatment to pregnant community couples; Laurie Beauvilliers, BSc (she/her)
- Are infant temperament and sleep linked with new parent couples' sexual and romantic relationships? A daily diary study; Erin Fitzpatrick, BSc (she/her)
- The impact of pain catastrophizing for couples coping with endometriosis: Dyadic associations between catastrophizing and pain, depression and couple and sexual satisfaction; Elisa Stragapede, PhDc (she/her)

1:50 pm – 2:10 pm ***2023 Leiblum Student Research Award Presentation:***
Making Evidence – Based Practice for Compulsive Sexual Behavior Disorder LGBTQ+ Affirmative: Recommendations for Therapists and Researchers
Recipient Todd L. Jennings, PhDc (he/him)

2:10 pm – 3:10 pm ***Research Block 4: Desire and Satisfaction***

- How attachment, sexuality, and caregiving interact to predict relationship satisfaction in the postpartum period? A dyadic daily diary study; Audrey Brassard, PhD
- Differences in sexual desire among black adults in the US; Natalie Malone, PhDc
- Relationship catastrophizing: daily associations with sexual well-being in the transition to parenthood; Grace A. Wang, BSc
- Attachment insecurities and perceived partner support as predictors of sexual satisfaction in long-term couples: a three-year prospective study; Katherine Péloquin, PhD (she/her)

3:10 pm – 3:30 pm ***Break***

3:30 pm – 3:50 pm ***2023 Consumer Book Award***
Recipient Anne Katz, PhD, RN, FAAN (she/her)
Women Cancer Sex

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3:50 pm – 4:50 pm ***Plenary 5: On Navigating Community-based Health Equity Research***
Nathan Lachowsky, PhD (he/him)

4:50 pm – 5:35 pm ***Research Block 5: Sexual Behavior and Needs***

- Longitudinal associations between online/offline sexual behaviors and sexual subjectivity in heterosexual, cisgender, and sexual and gender minority adolescents; Marie-Michèle Paquette, BSc
- Compulsive sexual behavior: the role of sexual functioning and satisfaction; Ryan Rahm-Knigge, PhD (he/him)
- Examining the associations between partners' sensitivity toward each other's sexual needs and sexual problems in couples seeking relationship therapy; Maria Belen Field Lira, BSc (she/her)

5:35 pm – 5:45 pm ***The Sexual Tipping Point Award presented by the MAP Education and Research Foundation***

5:45 pm – 6:00 pm ***Closing Remarks***
SSTAR President: Morag Yule, PhD (she/her)
Scientific Program Chair: Kristen Mark, PhD, MPH (she/her)
Passing of the torch to Samantha Dawson, PhD, Scientific Chair 2024!

6:00 pm ***Time to Explore Tampa on Your Own***

SUNDAY, May 7

ETHICS POSTCONFERENCE WORKSHOP

8:30 am – 9:00 am ***Meeting Registration***

8:30 am – 9:00 am ***Continental Breakfast***

9:00 am – 12:00 pm ***Ethics Workshop – Applying an Intersectional Queer Lens to the Ethics of Sex Therapy***
Katie Spencer, PhD, LP, CST (she/her)
Leonardo Candelario-Perez, PhD, LP (any pronouns)

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CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS OR ACCME ACCREDITATION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, CONTINUING EDUCATION ACCREDITATIONS & APPROVALS: The SSTAR 2023 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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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# _____

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All Pricing and Payment are in US Dollars

Please note those who register for the in-person meeting can switch to virtual but there will be no refund of the difference after April 1, 2023.

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

	ASSOCIATE/FULL MEMBER	NON-MEMBER	ECP MEMBER	ECP NON-MEMBER	STUDENT MEMBER	STUDENT NON-MEMBER
IN PERSON - REGISTRATION FEES – (US Dollars only)						
Thursday Workshop AM #1 – 9:00am – 12:00pm	\$200	\$250	\$150	\$225	\$100	\$150
Thursday Workshop PM #2 – 1:30pm – 4:30pm	\$200	\$250	\$150	\$225	\$100	\$150
Friday/Saturday Annual Mtg - 8:00am – 5:10pm	\$575	\$785	\$300	\$375	\$175	\$225
Sunday Ethics Workshop – 9:00am – 12pm	\$200	\$250	\$150	\$225	\$100	\$150
VIRTUAL - REGISTRATION FEES – (US Dollars only)	ASSOCIATE/FULL MEMBER	NON-MEMBER	ECP MEMBER	ECP NON-MEMBER	STUDENT MEMBER	STUDENT NON-MEMBER
Thursday Workshop AM #1– 9:00am – 12:00pm	\$150	\$175	\$100	\$150	\$50	\$75
Thursday Workshop PM #2 – 1:30pm – 4:30pm	\$150	\$175	\$100	\$150	\$50	\$75
Friday/Saturday Annual Mtg - 8:00am – 5:10pm	\$425	\$570	\$250	\$300	\$100	\$200
Sunday Ethics Workshop – 9:00am-12pm	\$150	\$175	\$100	\$150	\$50	\$75

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS						
CE Fees for ACOG		ACOG \$75				
CE Fees - \$35 for AASECT, APA, NASW, NYSED (SW) (Circle all needed)		AASECT \$35	APA \$35	NASW \$35	NYSED (SW) \$35	NYSED (PSY) \$0

TOTAL FEES (USD) \$ _____

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