

Sexual Contact

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Diane

In 1999 Colonel David Schroer a retired Special Forces Officer and expert in Terrorism interviewed for and was offered the position of Counter Terrorism Expert at the United States Library of Congress. Prior to beginning the new position David disclosed to his new manager that when he began the new position he would no longer be David, but instead would be Diane Schroer. Within 12 hours the offer for the position was rescinded. With the help of the ACLU, David (who later became Diane) filed suit against the Library of Congress in what could prove to be a landmark case in gender discrimination and transgender equality. Diane has become a spokesperson for transgender equality and participates in ongoing discussions and education about issues faced by people in the transgender population.

On Friday, August 11, 2006 at a 12:30 session of the SSSP annual meeting in Montreal, Diane Schroer and her Attorney Sharon McGowan Esq. will speak in an invited session on Transgender and Legal Issues. Their presentation is titled: "Transgender Legal Rights...or Where Does the White Go When the Snow Melts." This session is organized by Ms. Schroer's sister-in-law, Sandra Schroer Ph.D., a SSSP member.

Our theme for the 2006 meeting, "Building Just, Diverse and Democratic Communities is relevant to Diane's situation, particularly given her professional military background in the Special Forces, her service to the nation as an expert in foreign terrorist activities and most recently, her experience with institutional discrimination as a member of the transgender community.

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Notes from the Chair

Greetings from Macon, where we were honored with the appearance of noted Attorney and cable television host Nancy Grace at the March 2006 renewal of the noted Cherry Blossom Festival. This will be my final newsletter as Chair of the Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division. My closing observations appear in this newsletter. We are pleased that Sandra Schroer will assume the esteemed position as Chair at the Division Business Meeting conducted during the upcoming SSSP conference this summer. Sandra has contributed a description for her new book. The information appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

There are some immediate concerns for the Sexual Behavior Division. First, we are seeking a newsletter editor to assume John Hollister's position effective with the transition of Division Chairs this summer. The position requires editing a newsletter with materials provided by the SSSP and including announcements regarding Division business (calls for papers, organized sessions, student paper competition). In addition, the editor has the opportunity to commission essays or create other features. This is a creative position that would enhance your service to the profession on yearly university reports. John, Sandra and I can assist the next editor in getting the newsletter organized.

Second, please consider coming to the SSSP in Montreal this summer. We have either organized or co-sponsored a number of fascinating sessions. Detail on these sessions and related ASA sessions is provided in this newsletter. I wish to spotlight two in particular. Diane Schroer, a transgendered individual engaged in a landmark case to eradicate discrimination against transgendered persons, will discuss this very important social rights issue. In addition, we are offering a workshop on sexual behavior issues and academic freedom. Both sessions offer much information on social struggles for personal or professional freedoms. As an extra added bonus, Montreal is a world-class city with excellent summer weather. The restaurants, attractions, and the

opportunity to share sociological perspectives with our neighbors north of the border are enticing reasons to attend.

The SBPC Division will contribute to a joint reception with other SSSP divisions. This event was popular last year and we will continue to support the effort. The SBPC may also contribute to other receptions during the course of the running SSSP and ASA meetings in Montreal. Check with us for more information when you arrive in Montreal.

Please consider contributing announcements on work that you or other colleagues in this division may have recently published. We also want to publish essays on various subjects related to sexual behavior. Any of this information will be welcome in future newsletters.

Ken Kyle has initiated a fascinating feature for the general SSSP Newsletter. Divisions are encouraged to contribute a series of essays devoted to issues within a particular social problems division. I would like to begin organization of such an effort from this division. Please notify me if you are working in an area of sexual behavior focused on current issues (e.g., sexual identity, AIDS/HIV, sexuality and the law) and would like to publish in this forum.

The submission date for the Fall Newsletter will be October 15. Send any information to Sandra. Have a good summer. Hope to see you in Montreal.

Lloyd Klein, Division Chair

Free Love

While preparing to teach a course in women's studies at Western Michigan University, I stumbled across an article written by Victoria Woodhull and her sister Tennie C. Claflin in the 1800's in which they referred to "women's sexual freedom" and "Free Love." Their discussion intrigued me so I continued to dig deeper into the concept of Free Love. I followed leads in secondary resources. I charted names of self proclaimed Free Lovers as well as their affiliations with Utopian communities, and discovered that many had published articles, newspapers and circulars. I wanted to see the original words of the women and men who claimed to be "Free Lovers" in the 1800's.

I was able to locate the collections of 13 publications in archives throughout the U.S. I immersed myself in the authors, words, their social issues, their arguments and the marriage laws of the time period. As I further researched the Free Love platform I became aware that Free Love was a political position which had reoccurred in historical waves including one in the 1700's and again in the 1800's and 1900's. I focused my research on the mid to late 1800's, which appeared to incorporate the peak of the Free Love movement. Over the next two years my research revealed that many women and men in the

1800's had taken a public position against state sanctioned marriage. In 2005, the research culminated in a book titled, *State of The Union: Marriage and Free love in the Late 1800's*.

Through critical discourse analysis the book examines the situated knowledge of women and men who participated in the Free Love movement in the mid to late 1800's. The study is an analysis of the way women and men articulated the Free Love platform and their responses to the shifting marriage laws. For example, one male author wrote, "I can by no means wonder -hardly blame- that the majority of MEN should most fiercely oppose Free Love, (as I understand it,) when their HIGHEST and PUREST pleasures, now by brute force obtained, and by power of law protected, should depend upon the free choice of woman." (J. L. Mc. in Age of Freedom, Nov. 25, 1858, p.4). Like the men, women claimed to desire control over their sexual passion, their bodies and their relationships without state intervention, freedoms some believed to be Divinely inspired.

Considering the conservative sexual political agenda of the current administration, now more than ever women and men need insight into how they came to experience the sexual freedom they have and the history of that struggle. *State of The Union: Marriage and Free Love in the late 1800s* strives to contribute to that knowledge. The book is not only useful in historical cultural studies but also gender studies. Furthermore, at the publisher's request, the book includes a chapter on the research methods used for the study. It can serve as a teaching tool on qualitative and quantitative research methods that involve textual and historical analysis. Those interested in the book can read a review in the Electronic Journal of Human Sexuality at <http://www.ejhs.org/volume8/book36.htm>. The book is available through Amazon.com and through the publisher, Routledge.

Sandra Schroer

Final Comments from the Chair

This is my final newsletter as SBPC Division Chair. As many of you know, this is my second tour of duty as chair of this esteemed division. I feel honored to have occupied the same lofty chair position as PJ McGann, Paul Rust, the late Lynn Atwater, Val Jenness, Bill Darrow, Joan Luxenburg, Beth Schneider, and other notables in the sexual behavior research area. Apologies to some of the former chairs not named above. Each division chair has been instrumental in organizing interesting sessions and stimulating the interests of graduate students initiating careers in this specialization. As I have pointed out in a prior newsletter feature published approximately three years ago, each division chair had their own style

but did make a great contribution to our knowledge of this fascinating research focus.

The two years have flown by so quickly. I would be remiss in failing to thank several individuals for their role in helping facilitate the accomplishment of this challenging task. Thanks to John Hollister for his willingness to undertake editing the newsletter during the past two years. John's efforts have been instrumental in arranging sponsorship of a reception with the ASA LGBT Caucus. Such efforts will continue as others emulate John's efforts in achieving outreach within the sociology community.

Much thanks to PJ McGann for her immeasurable support of the SBPC Division. PJ's efforts on our behalf during her stint as co-chair of the Program Committee were much appreciated. It would not be the same SSSP meeting without PJ's appearance at the SSSP banquet while wearing some outrageous outfit.

Much thanks to Sandra Schroer for her contributions to the division. I appreciated Sandra Schroer's work as Division Chair-Elect over the last two years. Sandra has already sat in the Nomination Committee meetings and been active in many aspects of the Division Chair position. We look forward to Sandra's upcoming contributions to the SBPC Division. Sandra's new book offers a major contribution to the field (see the book blurb elsewhere in this newsletter). It would be safe to say that Sandra will maintain the fine tradition established by previous division chairs serving over the last thirty years.

In addition, thanks to Kathy Asbury, Steve Morewitz, and the numerous individuals who have organized, chaired, or presented papers within sessions organized or co-organized by the SBPC Division. You have helped us establish a unique SSSP identity as "the sexy people." Finally, much thanks to Tom Hood and Michele Koontz for their continued leadership. We could not do this without their wisdom and guidance.

I will assume the position as Chair of the Law and Society Division effective this August. The SBPC and Law and Society Divisions will continue working together as in the past. Consider submitting a paper or offering to organize a Sexual Behavior session or perhaps a co-sponsored session between Sexual Behavior and another Division. Thanks again for everyone's assistance and overall support.

Lloyd Klein

DIVISION EVENTS IN MONTREAL

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

10:30pm - 12:10pm Business Meeting

2:30pm - 4:10pm

31: Perspectives on AIDS/HIV I

Cosponsor: Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division

Organizer: Lloyd Klein, Grambling State University

Discussant: Bruce D. Johnson, National Development and Research Institutes, Inc.

"Is Sexual Identity at Work or at Play in the Practice of HIV Prevention? Considering the Politics of Identity in Prevention with Gay Men, MSMs, Queers, and 'Others,'" Aimee Van Wagenen, Boston College

"Heterosexual Relations and HIV Testing as Prevention: Case Studies," Ellen Benoit, Eloise Dunlap and Bruce D. Johnson, National Development and Research Institutes, Inc.

"The AIDS Treatment Linchpin: How Access to Medical Care Influences National Responses to an Epidemic," Tasleem J. Padamsee, University of Michigan

"HIV/AIDS and Women in Africa: Power Plays in Prevention and Education," Sophie Wertheimer, University of Calgary

4:30pm - 6:10pm

Perspectives on AIDS/HIV II

Cosponsor: Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division

Organizer: Lloyd Klein, Grambling State University

Discussant: Ira Fybish, New York City Department of Education

"The 'Graying' of an Epidemic: Social Policy, Health Promotion and HIV/AIDS Education and Prevention for Adults over 50 in the Midwest: Initial Interview and Survey Results," Ann Marie Hickey, University of Kansas

"The HIV Dating Game: Socio-demographic Effects on Relationship desired in Internet Personal Ads of HIV Positive Men and Women," Samuel J. Jones and Carrie E. Foote-Ardah, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

"AIDS Stigma and Access to Care: Voices of HIV Positive Women and their Care Providers," Jeremy Roseberry and Carrie E. Foote-Ardah, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

Risky Professions: Politics of being 'Sexed' in Academia

Organizer: Kathleen A. Asbury, CC Philadelphia, Rutgers

Presider: Elisabeth Sheff, Georgia State University

"Professional Girlfriends: Sex Workers and the Bartering of Intimacy in Phnom Penh, Cambodia," Heidi Hoefinger, Hunter College CUNY

"Cultural Ideologies on Masculinity and Presidential Elections," Laura B. Citrin, Western Michigan

"The Culture of Gang Rape on College Campuses," Shela Van Ness, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

"When Does Money Matter? Bargaining Theory of Female Orgasm," Lisa Marie Haley, Stanford University

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

12:30pm - 2:10pm

52: Transgender and Legal Issues

Cosponsor: Law and Society Division

Organizer: Sandra Ellen Schroer, Muskingum College

This is a discussion of the personal and legal challenges of transgender individuals in the workplace, both government and private sector. Sharon McGowan, Esq. is the lead attorney for the ACLU Lesbian and Gay Rights Project and AIDS Project. Diane Schroer is a retired senior military officer, MtoF transsexual, and litigant in a U.S. Federal Government lawsuit on employment discrimination.

"Transgender Legal Rights . . . or Where Does the White Go When the Snow Melts," Diane J. Schroer, Strategic Initiatives Group, Inc. and Sharon McGowan, Esq., Lesbian and Gay Rights, and AIDS Project

54: Sex Offenders and Criminal Justice Policy

Cosponsor: Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division

President: Lloyd Klein, Grambling State University

“The Legal System and Community Crime Concerns: An Assessment of Megan’s Law and the Crusade against Sex Offenders,” Lloyd Klein, Grambling State University

“Circles of Support and Accountability: Restorative Justice and Accountability for High-Risk Sex Offenders,” Michael Petrunik, University of Ottawa, Lloyd Klein, Grambling State University and Linda Deutschmann, Thompson Rivers University

“The Rhetorical Construction of Risk and Sexual Predators,”

Kathryn Fox, University of Vermont

“Measuring the Impact of Community Notification on Protective Behavior: A Minnesota Case Study,” Rachel Kate Bandy,

University of Colorado, Boulder

2:30pm - 4:10pm

62: Workshop: Academic Freedom and Expression of Sexual Content *Cosponsor:* Freedom of Research, Publication, and Teaching Committee

Thomas E. Guild, University of Central Oklahoma

Lloyd Klein, Grambling State University

The ASA Sociology of Sexualities reception is scheduled for the evening of Friday, August 11

Saturday, August 12

10:30am - 12:10pm

94: Gender and Violence I

Cosponsors: Crime and Juvenile Delinquency; Family Division

Organizer: Stephen J. Morewitz, Stephen J. Morewitz, Ph.D., & Associates, IL & CA, & California State University, East Bay

“I Had a Lot of Pent up Anger”: Violence and Victimization among Homeless Women and Exotic Dancers,” Jennifer Wesely, University of North Florida

“Working for Change and Engaging with Anti-Sexism: Women and Men in Anti-Violence Peer Education Programs,” Bradley W. Wing and Kendra Yoder, University of Missouri, Columbia

“An Evaluation of the City of Chicago Domestic Violence Help Line,” Christine George, Loyola University Chicago, Michelle Fugate, Mayor’s Office on Domestic Violence, Natalie Haber,

Loyola University Chicago and Sarah Stawiski, Loyola University
“Child Sexual Abuse on Tribal Lands: Relationships and Disclosures,” Paul D. Steele, Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy

“The Role of Paranoia in the Onset and Maintenance of Anger Problems,” Antonio Gonzalez-Prendes, Wayne State University

98: Sexuality, Crime and the Law

Cosponsor: Law and Society Division

President: Sandra Ellen Schroer, Muskingum College

Discussant: Lloyd Klein, Grambling State University

“Same Story – Different Players: Does the Absence of Women in Gay Male Porn Negate the Anti-Female Critique?” Amy N. Palder and Jennifer L. Chandler, Georgia State University

“Sexual Citizenship: A Comparative Analysis of Australia and New Zealand,” Dina L. Giovanelli, University of Connecticut

“Anti-Trafficking and the Conservative Agenda,” Wendy Chapkis, University of Southern Maine

“Injustice in the Workplace: The Persistence of Sexual Harassment,” Suzanne Kurth, Julie Wiest, Hoan Bui and Sarah Whiteford, University of Tennessee

“Beyond Pornocopia: Human Sexuality and Young Adults,” Taryn Walcott and Robert Leibson Hawkins, New York University

12:30pm - 2:10pm

105: Gender and Violence II

Cosponsors: Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division; Family

Organizer: Stephen J. Morewitz, Stephen J. Morewitz, Ph.D., & Associates, IL & CA, & California State University, East Bay
“Student Reports of Understanding and Experience with Sexual Harassment,” Tracy L. Dietz, University of Central Florida
“Sexual Assault on Campus: A Multilevel, Integrative Approach to Party Rape,” Elizabeth Armstrong, Laura Hamilton and Brian Sweeney, Indiana University

“Predicting Rape Myth Acceptance Among Appalachian College Students,” Holly Haywood and Eric Swank, Morehead State U

“Not a ‘Real’ Rape?: A Socio-Legal Analysis of Woman-to-Woman Rape,” Rebecca Barnes, University of Nottingham, UK

“Symbolic Violence and Religiously Justified Gender Inequality,” Ryan Orr and Laura Rhoton, Iowa State University

107: Medical Authority and Reproductive Regulation

Cosponsor: Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division

Discussant: Carrie Yang Costello, U of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

“Disadvantaging the Disadvantaged: Pharmacists’ Conscience Clauses and Access to Reproductive Health Care for Poor Women and Women Living in Rural Areas,” Elizabeth A. Chiarello, University of California, Irvine

“Regulating Reproductive Health: The Repercussions of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Medical Discourse in Canada,” Irene Shankar, University of Alberta

“The Institutional Regulation of Pregnancy and Childbirth: How Malpractice Suits and Insurance Rates Influence Prenatal Care and Delivery,” Louise Marie Roth and Ryan Claire Reikowsky, University of Arizona

“Reproductive Morality: Physicians and Free Lovers in Late Victorian America,” Tori Barnes-Brus, University of Kansas

Session 113: Sexuality on the Edge

President: Kathleen A. Asbury, CC of Philadelphia, Rutgers U

“Boundaries of Kink Identities Post Internet Revolution,” Elisabeth Sheff, Georgia State University

“Childhood is the Queerest Time of Life: Rethorizing Childhood Sexuality,” Karl Bryant, University of California, Santa Barbara

“Do Whatever Just Don’t Fall in Love,” Kassia Wosick-Correa, University of California, Irvine

“Heterosexuality on the Edge?: Rethinking the Relationship Between Sexual Identities, Practices, and Cultures,” Jane Ward, University of California, Riverside

“Queering it Up: Cowgirls and Cowboys after Brokeback Mountain,” Kathleen A. Asbury, Community College of Philadelphia, Rutgers University

4:30pm - 6:10pm

124: Meaning and Choice in the Regulation of Reproduction

Cosponsor: Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division

Discussant: Carrie Yang Costello, U of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

“Making Sense of the ‘Choice’ of ‘Natural’ Childbirth: Commonalities and Differences Between Two Groups of Mothers,” Sarah Jane Brubaker, Virginia Commonwealth University and Heather Dillaway, Wayne State University

“Abortion Decision Making,” Jennifer Keys, North Central C

“The ‘Baby’ Defined: Women, Doctors, and Poor Prenatal Diagnosis,” Alexis A. Bender and Jennifer L. Chandler, GSU

“Doula Care: Negotiating Medical Management of American Childbirth through a Humanistic Lens,” Christine H. Morton, Seattle University

Take a look at the online program at www.sssp1.org and see how many other papers you can construe as relevant to our Division. As for the ASA, the interface on their website for the preliminary program was far too painful to operate. Perhaps your computer will have more success. JH