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The mission of The Kinsey Institute is to promote interdisciplinary research and scholarship in the fields of human sexuality, gender, and reproduction. The Institute was founded in 1947 by renowned sex researcher Alfred Kinsey. Today, the Institute has two components, an Indiana University research institute and a not-for-profit corporation, which owns and manages the Institute's research data and archives, collections, and databases.

## Winners of the 2009 Kinsey Institute Student Research Grants

The Kinsey Institute Student Research Grants are awarded annually to six emerging sexology scholars: three at Indiana University, and three at accredited research universities nationwide. Through the Student Research Grants, the Institute seeks to fund significant and innovative research, from a wide array of disciplines and perspectives, that deals with human sexuality.

The 2009 grant awardees are:

- **Kelly Donahue**, Indiana University, Dept. of Psychological and Brain Sciences
- **Christopher Harte**, University of Texas, Dept. of Psychology
- **Brandon Hill**, Indiana University, Dept. of Gender Studies
- **Mike Parent**, University of Florida, Dept. of Psychology
- **Alexis Roth-Graneros**, Indiana University, Division of Adolescent Medicine, and Center for Sexual Health Promotion
- **Kristin Scherrer**, University of Michigan, Depts. of Sociology and Social Work



Mike C. Parent, a student in the Department of Psychology at Florida University, received his award based on his work with cognitive biases that individuals hold about lesbians, gay men, and bisexual men and women. In his research project, *Stereotypes about Gay Men, Lesbians, and Bisexual Men and Women: Content Elucidation and Instrument Development*, he aims to create a standard measure that would be useful to future researchers in determining from where particular stereotypes are drawn, and be applicable in various different domains. He also hopes his work will provide educators with better understanding of where to focus education and intervention to the greatest impact for social justice.

Alexis Roth-Graneros of Indiana University is also a graduate student fellow at the Center for Sexual Health Promotion at Indiana University. Her work on *Trichomonas vaginalis*, *It's Trichy: A Mixed-Methods Approach to Understanding Trichomonas Vaginalis in Women*, aims to fill a gap in current information regarding this disease, the most common curable sexually-transmitted disease in the world. While it's known that the disease can increase susceptibility to HIV, cervical cancer, and pelvic inflammatory disease, information is scant regarding the population of women at high risk.

Roth-Graneros' study will employ a variety of methods with a high-risk population sample in Indianapolis, Indiana to establish risk factors, determine the preferred method of STI-care within this group, and explore issues around partner referral. Roth-Graneros hopes the results of her work will inform future strategies and policy change for *T. vaginalis* control locally and nationally.



Kristin Scherrer of Michigan University's Department of Sociology and Department of Social Work, was recognized for her project to understand how families respond to and understand the sexuality of bisexual family members. Scherrer identified two large gaps in current research - a lack of research into the attitudes of non-parental family members,



including siblings, aunts & uncles, grandparents, and cousins; and very limited information about how parents may understand their children's bisexual sexuality differently than other kinds of sexuality, particularly as reflected in the coming out experience of bisexual children versus homosexual children.

Scherrer has reported on preliminary findings in her research that suggest the coming out experience for bisexual individuals is a unique experience, and that beyond the parent-child relationship, other family members may also hold great importance to the bisexual individual.

Christopher Harte is a graduate student in the Department of Psychology at University of Texas. His project, *Effects of Smoking Cessation on Sexual Health*

*in Men with Erectile Dysfunction*, proposes a randomized clinical trial for smokers. Subjects would be randomly assigned to an 8-week long step-down program using a nicotine patch treatment, or to a waiting list.

Harte hypothesizes that individuals successfully treated with the nicotine patch will demonstrate superior sexual arousal compared to the subjects randomized to a wait list, and that this offers possibilities for improvements in treatments for the cessation of cigarette smoking in men.



Kelly Donahue, graduate student in the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences at Indiana University, is examining the link between adolescent alcohol use and early dating, and a tendency to early sexual activity.

Where previous research has assumed a causal link between these behaviors, Donahue's project, *Early Drinking and Early Dating as Predictors of Sexual Onset: Exploring Potential Genetic and Environmental Confounds*, pursues common genetic or shared environmental influences that may underlie these behaviors. She will be using longitudinal data, including that available for multiple adolescents in the household. Using these sibling comparisons will control for a portion of the environmental and genetic factors that may confound the relationship between alcohol use or dating history and onset of

intercourse, and may illuminate gaps in the previous research which compared individuals from differing families.

Brandon Hill's study, "The Face of Gender: Sexual Dimorphism, Facial Features and Transsexual Passability," will attempt to to examine to what degree sexually dimorphic features are used in the perception of facial sex using computer modelling and image morphing. Participants will be shown full or partial images, which will then be morphed in 10% intervals along a scale of "masculine" and "feminine," and participants will be asked to categorize the images as male or female.



## Winners of the 2009 Kinsey Institute Student Research Grants, continued

A graduate student in the Department of Gender Studies at Indiana University, Hill believes the findings of this study will inform future research on face recognition generally, and will also provide improved standards for surgical interventions on patients with facial disfigurements and traumatic injuries, and aid transgender and transsexual individuals seeking to 'pass' convincingly as opposite-sex.

Congratulations to all our award winners!

For more information on these students, their research projects, and the Kinsey Institute Student Research Grants, please visit the Kinsey Institute website.

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## Announcing the Winner of the Inaugural John Money Award

We are pleased to announce that Ms. Sarah Lindsley, graduate student in the Department of History at the University of Washington, Seattle, WA, has been selected as the recipient of the 2009 John Money Fellowship for Scholars of Sexology at The Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender, and Reproduction.

Ms. Sarah Lindsley's project is titled *Sexuality and the National Body: Men's Magazines and Female Sexuality*. Her research explores debates surrounding the depiction of female sexuality in print from the 1930s to 1970s and how these led to social and moral conflicts over the meaning of sexuality, female imaging, and mass culture. She will be using the collection to identify and analyze the modes of imaging the female body in publications as an erotic object designed to appeal to men, and how the modes have shifted or remained constant.

Ms. Lindsley will also work on a bibliographical essay about the Kinsey Library collection of men's magazines as part of her fellowship.



The John Money Fellowship for Scholars of Sexology award of \$3,000 is used for travel, lodging, and other expenses that are directly related to research activities at The Kinsey Institute, including those associated with the production of bibliographical essays and annotated bibliographies as part of the fellowship.

Please visit the Kinsey Institute website for announcement of the John Money Fellowship for Scholars of Sexology in 2010.

## Eros in Asia: Erotic Art from Iran to Japan

*Eros in Asia: Erotic Art from Iran to Japan* is the first exhibition from The Kinsey Institute to highlight its extensive collection of erotic artwork from across the Asian continent.

In the 1940s and 1950s, Dr. Alfred Kinsey actively collected visual materials from around the world, to enable him to study sexual behavior and attitudes in countries such as China, India, Iran, and Japan. Since that time the institute has continued to acquire paintings, prints, illustrated books, sculptures, and art objects from Asian countries, each of which has its unique artistic traditions and genres for the visual representation of sexuality.



Right: Unknown artist, Iran; **Man and woman engaged in coitus on a swing**, early 20th century; Paint on paper; 172R A005b; Donated in 1981.



A public reception for *Eros in Asia* will be held on Friday, February 20, from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. This event is free and open to the public.

On Friday, February 20th, 12:30 pm, Dr. Christiane J. Gruber will present a lecture titled "Of Beardless Youths, Courtesans, and Voyeurs: Persian Erotica in the Kinsey Institute." Audience members will be invited to view the exhibition following the talk. Dr. Gruber, an art historian at Indiana University, studies Iranian art and Islamic visual culture. The talk will be held in Morrison 007.

The Kinsey Institute Gallery is open 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm weekdays or by appointment. Admission is free. Visitors should be 18 years of age or older, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Left: Unknown artist, China; **Man and woman in bed, with attendant**, c.1750; Gouache on paper; 218P A003.1; Donated in 1969

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## WAS Honors Kinsey Institute Director Julia Heiman

The World Association for Sexual Health (WAS) will honor Dr. Julia Heiman with a Gold Medal Award for her lifetime achievements and contributions to sexology and sexual health.

In announcing the award, Dr. Eusebio Rubio-Aurioles, President of WAS, noted,

"Dr. Julia Heiman is known to anyone remotely associated with the field of human sexuality. Since her early involvement in clinical research, she has shown an unwavering attention to scientific rigor in addressing sexual health issues. More recently, as director of The Kinsey Institute, Dr. Heiman has combined experience, wisdom, vision and leadership. The World Association for Sexual Health is proud to recognize all these facts in delivering its most prestigious award to Dr. Heiman."

The award will be presented at the XIX World Congress WAS meeting, June 21, in Göteborg, Sweden.



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## Conference and Sex Research Training Opportunities

Registration is open for the **19th World Congress for Sexual Health** in Göteborg, Sweden - June 21-25, 2009.

[www.sexo-goteborg-2009.com/](http://www.sexo-goteborg-2009.com/)

Abstracts are being accepted until May 1 for the 50th annual meeting of **SSSS, the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality** in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, November 5-8, 2009. The theme is Sexual Literacy: Health and Rights in Cultural Context. [www.sexscience.org](http://www.sexscience.org)

The 2009 **Rural Center for AIDS/STI Prevention (RCAP)** national conference will be April 16-18, 2009 at Indiana University. The deadline for submission of abstracts for presentations has been extended to February 16, 2009.

[www.indiana.edu/~aids/](http://www.indiana.edu/~aids/)

**Applications are also open for a number of summer research institutes, including:**

**National Sexuality Resource Center** in San Francisco, "Race, Gender, and Sexuality."

[nsrc.sfsu.edu/summer\\_institute/summer\\_institute\\_schedule](http://nsrc.sfsu.edu/summer_institute/summer_institute_schedule)

**The Center for Community and Urban Health** at Hunter College in New York City, Research in HIV Intervention Skills for the Community [www.hunter.cuny.edu/shp/centers/comm\\_urb/rhisc/index.htm](http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/shp/centers/comm_urb/rhisc/index.htm)

**The Summer Institute on Sexuality, Society and Culture** at U. of Amsterdam. [www.ishss.uva.nl/SummerInstitute](http://www.ishss.uva.nl/SummerInstitute)

## Recent Donations to the Kinsey Institute Collections

Recent donations to the KI Library Collections include a limited edition leather bound collection of *Playboy* centerfolds, and new additions to the Haslam Polyamory archives from Dr. Deborah Taj Anapol.



Dr. Deborah Taj Anapol, author and co-founder of *Loving More Magazine*, contributed her archives to the Dr. Kenneth R. Haslam Polyamory Collection at the Kinsey Institute Library. *Loving More Magazine*, co-published by Ryam Nearing, provides advocacy, information, and support to non-monogamous individuals and communities.

For more on the Haslam polyamory collection, including a full bibliography, see [www.kinseyinstitute.org/library/haslam.html](http://www.kinseyinstitute.org/library/haslam.html).

An anonymous donor contributed an impressive book, *Playboy: the Complete Centerfolds*, featuring 640 photographs of *Playboy* centerfold models, beginning with the iconic Marilyn

Monroe. The book comes in a leather suitcase weighing over 35 pounds, and represents half a century of the idealized image of the female body.

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Margaret McCarthy, NY photographer, donated an entire series titled *The Divine Feminine* to the Kinsey Institute art collection. Ms. McCarthy describes the series as Celtic myth-inspired female characters, in inspirational roles. Her work can be seen at <http://www.margaretmccarthy.com/Portfolio/PortfolioFeminine1.html>.



*There is a Faraway Place Inside Her*, The Divine Feminine Series.  
Margaret McCarthy.



The art collection also received several prints from Vincent Cianni's "Landscapes of Desire" portfolio, including *Higbees Beach* (left). These join a set of seven prints from the same series, which were purchased for the Kinsey Institute art & artifacts collection with funds donated expressly for that purpose. More of the artist's work can be seen online at <http://www.vincentcianni.com>.

*Left: Higbees Beach, Vincent Cianni.*

You can find out more about donating materials or artwork to The Kinsey Institute Collections on the Kinsey Institute website at <http://www.kinseyinstitute.org/library/donations.html>

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## The Kinsey Institute Mourns the Loss of Joan Kinsey Reid

Joan Kinsey Reid passed away on January 14. She was 83.

Joan was the daughter of Alfred and Clara ("Mac") McMillen Kinsey. She was born in Bloomington, Indiana, and attended Antioch College. Joan recounted many stories of life in the Kinsey household, such as traveling and camping with her mother and father, and spoke of her parents' mutual love and respect for each other.

Joan was interviewed many times about growing up in the Kinsey household, and appeared with her sister, Anne Kinsey Call, in a 2005 PBS *American Experience* documentary, *Kinsey*.

In November, 2007, Joan and Anne regaled over 300 attendees at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality with humorous tales and insights into the work and style of her famous father, scientist and sex researcher Alfred Kinsey.

Right: Joan Kinsey Reid. Photo by Merle Hamburger.







Joan Kinsey Reid (right) appeared on a guest panel at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality with her sister Anne Kinsey Call, and Kinsey Institute Research Fellow Dr. Bill Yarber. Photo by Merle Hamburger.



The Kinsey family: Joan, Bruce, Mac, Bob Reid, Alfred (Prok), Anne, Warren Corning. Photo by KI staff photographer William Dellenbeck.

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