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Private Eyes: Amateur Erotic Art from the Kinsey Institute Collections
This amateur drawing is one of several in the *Private Eyes* exhibition currently showing at the Kinsey Institute Gallery. The show features amateur and hand-made art from the collections, most of it being shown for the first time.

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.

Black Sexuality Collection

In the spring of 2009, the Kinsey Institute Library acquired a complete collection of black male erotica ranging from the early 1970s to 2000. The Dwoods Black Sexuality Collection is named after the donor, Dwoods, who began collecting at an early age, and who has contributed a variety of materials including periodicals, guidebooks, photographs, and films that explicitly display black male sexuality in a commercial format. According to Liana Zhou, Head of the Kinsey Institute Library, “this collection is one of the only collections in the library that is so comprehensive and so clearly defined.”

Indeed, the breadth and scope of the collection gives evidence of a substantial market for these materials. While many scholars have acknowledged the existence of the fantasy of black male eroticism, until now little was known about the extent to which these interests were commercialized.

As Zhou has pointed out, “the sheer size of this collection shows that the taboo exists not in the production of the material, but in the study of this type of material.”

Furthermore, this collection arrives at an opportune time, as studies of ethnicity and sexuality become more and more prevalent among scholars. Already being mined by academics, this collection will prove to be an invaluable resource to those interested in the intersections of race, gender, sexuality and the larger consumer landscape.

To invite further exploration of the collection and to encourage further discussion on the topics of ethnicity and sexuality, The Kinsey Institute will be collaborating with the [Black Film Center/Archive](#) at the Herman B. Wells Library on IU's Bloomington campus, to host a conference on black sexuality in 2012.



A selection of films, magazines, and text materials from the new Dwoods Black Sexuality Collection, donated to the Kinsey Institute Library in 2009.



Now Showing in the Gallery: *Private Eyes*

Private Eyes: Amateur Works from The Kinsey Institute Collection explores the unique characteristics of homemade erotic artifacts. These one-of-a-kind items include drawings, paintings, carved figures, handmade cards, scrapbooks, and altered coins from The Kinsey Institute's permanent collection of art. These “artworks” were intended for private consumption and created with specific individuals in mind, unlike mass-produced, commercially distributed pornography.



Hand-drawn nude figures from the *Private Eyes: Amateur Art from the Kinsey Institute* exhibition.



Handmade wooden sex toys from the *Private Eyes: Amateur Art from the Kinsey Institute* exhibition.

To date, these materials have received scant scholarly or sociological attention, and The Kinsey Institute is displaying the majority of these items for the first time.

This exhibition was curated by Betsy Stirratt, Director of the IU School of Fine Arts Gallery; Blaise Cronin, Dean and Rudy Professor of Information Science, IU School of Library and Information Science; and Garry Milius, Associate Curator at The Kinsey Institute.

Excerpt from the Curators' Statement:

"Amateur works, be they two or three dimensional, differ from mainstream pornography and erotic art in significant ways. The objects are often intimate and small in scale, given that they will be experienced in a private, familial or cloistered setting; images are awkwardly rendered and there is an overall lack of proficiency; if the image is photographic, the setting looks like a home environment and composition and lighting count for little. More often than not, the commonplace nature of the materials used and the execution of the overall object suggest that the creator was self-taught. Such lack of polish or sophistication in the production of the image or object is characteristic of outsider art in general and homemade erotica in particular."

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You can read more of the Curator's statement on our website.

The exhibit is showing from January 22 - April 2, 2010 at the Kinsey Institute Gallery.

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. The Kinsey Institute Gallery is located in Indiana University's Morrison Hall, 1165 E. Third Street (behind Memorial Hall), Bloomington, IN. 812-855-7686.

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2010 John Money Fellowship

The John Money Fellowship for Scholars of Sexology was established in 2002 by Dr. John Money, and first awarded in 2009. The fellowship supports graduate students whose scholarly work would benefit from the use of library and archival materials at The Kinsey Institute for Sex, Gender, and Reproduction. In addition to conducting his or her own research, the fellow is expected to make a contribution to the organization, preservation, and/or accessibility of The Kinsey Institute collections.

2010 Fellow: Bradley Lane

Indiana University student Bradley Lane has been awarded the John Money Fellowship to develop his dissertation project, *A Visual Politics of the Perverse: Sexual Predation and the 'Perversion' of American Visual Culture*. Set to be the first dissertation offered in the field of Gender Studies in the nation, this project

concerns the visual representation of sexual perversion in the twentieth-century United States, particularly through the figure of the sexual predator.

Combining interests in criminology, the law, psychoanalysis, feminist and queer theory, cultural studies, and the social and cultural history of various media, this fully interdisciplinary project considers the visual culture of perversion alongside the rise of the sexual predator as a figure of various ‘perverse’ incarnations in U.S. culture — including the old man, the homosexual, and the pedophile, for instance. Bradley's project will benefit from the ample resources which the Institute Library, Archives, and Art, Artifact and Photography collections hold regarding the scientific and social-scientific study of sexuality — particularly in its psychological and criminological forms.

As his contribution to the Institute's resources for visiting scholars in his tenure as a John Money Fellow, Bradley plans to produce a review essay of the Institute's 1965 Sex Offender Study that can serve as a ‘collection guide’ for other scholars, as well as an updated bibliography related to the Institute's broader holdings on sex crime, sex offense, and sexual predation.

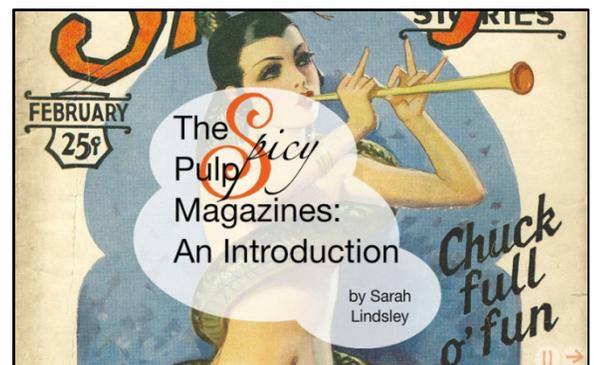


Bradley Lane, 2010 Awardee of the John Money Fellowship for Scholars of Sexology

Honorable mentions go to Bradley Blankenship, Ph.D. candidate of Higher Education Student Affairs, School of Education, Indiana University (topic: *The Sexual Meaning Making of College Men: A Narrative Analysis*) and Shannon Stark, Master candidate of Landscape Architecture, Rhode Island School of Design (topic: *The Nature of Teenagers: adolescent sexuality in the landscape*).

2009 Fellow: Sarah Lindsley

In 2009, the inaugural John Money Fellowship was awarded to Sarah Lindsley, a graduate student in the Department of History at the University of Washington, Seattle, WA. Her project, *Sexuality and the National Body: Men's Magazines and Female Sexuality* explored 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. A photo-essay highlighting some of Ms. Lindsley's research findings can be found on our website at <http://www.KinseyInstitute.org/library/moneyfellowship.html>.



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KI Student Research Grant Winners

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 that deals with human sexuality, from a wide array of disciplines and perspectives.

The 2010 grant awardees are:

- **Lindsay Briggs**, Indiana University, Dept of Applied Health Science, and Center for Sexual Health Promotion
- **Lelia Chilarescu**, Indiana University, Dept of Telecommunications
- **Andrew Hendrickson**, Indiana University, Dept of Psychological and Brain Sciences
- **Hollie Fuhrmann**, University of South Florida, Depts of Anthropology, and Family & Community Health
- **Christina Larson**, University of California at Los Angeles, Dept of Psychology
- **Julia Mackaronis**, University of Utah, Dept of Psychology



Psychology grad student **Julia Mackaronis**, from the University of Utah, is interested in the question of how we judge sexual attractiveness by what we perceive is feminine or masculine. In particular, her research project *The Effect of Sexual Orientation and Masculinity-Femininity on Perceived Sexual Appeal*, will consider if gay men and heterosexual women are attracted to similar types of men, or if lesbians and straight men are attracted to similar types of women. The proposed study is designed to provide information on the interplay of observer gender, sexual orientation, and masculinity-femininity, in addition to the perceived masculinity-femininity of others—and the relative importance of each factor—in how we perceive others' sexual appeal.

Lelia Chilarescu is a Telecommunications graduate student at Indiana University, and is examining how erotic stimuli affect information processing, and whether there is a quantifiable variation between the effect of same-sex and opposite-sex erotic stimuli.



Chilarescu's study, *Male Sexual Orientation and Processing of Same- and Opposite-Sex Stimuli*, will explore the role of attention in sexual responses of self-identified heterosexual and homosexual men in two ways: it will examine men's spontaneous tendencies to pay attention to or avoid specific types of sexual cues, and it will direct their attention to such cues and assess their sexual and affective responses, through the use of psychophysiological methods.

Lindsay Briggs is a graduate student in the Department of Applied Health Sciences at Indiana University, and at the Center for Sexual Health Promotion, and her research centers on current HIV prevention and treatment strategies in Nigeria.



Steady rates of HIV infection across Africa demonstrate that current HIV prevention programming is still not reaching wide-spread acceptance. Briggs suggests that further research must go beyond studying simple incidence of sexual behaviors. In order to effectively reduce HIV rates, we must first understand the social and cultural context of sexual behaviors that may contribute to infection.

Her innovative research study will use a hybrid qualitative methodology approach that combines grounded theory and community based participatory research to investigate how participants understand Western values in their social context, and how this understanding informs and shapes an individual's sexual behaviors and sexual decision making in relationships. She hopes the results of her

research will contribute to a more complex understanding of the social context of sexual behavior and sexual decision making in Southern Nigeria as well as better inform future HIV prevention programs to more effectively reduce HIV rates.

Christina Larson from the University of California at Los Angeles, Department of Psychology is attempting to tie together two previously separate lines of sex & relationship research in her proposed study: *Major Histocompatibility Genes, Sexual Satisfaction and Relationship Compatibility*. Previous research has revealed a connection between sexual satisfaction and overall relationship satisfaction, and other studies have also shown evidence that sexual satisfaction is affected by within-couple genetic compatibility.



Larson's research will be the first to to examine the influence of within-couple genetic compatibility on relationship quality, extending previous research investigating genetic-based preferences to examine the effect of genetic compatibility on relationship satisfaction and longevity, and how sexual satisfaction mediates this association. She will also be examining whether the use of hormonal contraceptives alters the sexual satisfaction of the partners in the relationship.

Andrew Hendrickson's project focuses on the cognitive factors involved in sexual partner choices made by teenage women, and the profound health consequences of these choices, including sexually-transmitted diseases and pregnancy. His study will involve previously collected data from the Young Women's Project (YWP). The YWP enrolled 387 adolescent women who provided daily diaries for up to 8 consecutive years, including the traits they desired in an ideal mate and their encounters with real mates.



Using this data, Hendrickson will generate agent-based models (ABMs) of cognitive mate search, allowing him to link the difference between ideal and actual mate characteristics with specific sexual and contraceptive behaviors with that mate, as well as diseases or pregnancy associated with that partnership. Hendrickson hopes that any correlations he finds between these individual differences in decision style and risky health outcomes, including the timing and amount of unprotected sex and the number of simultaneous partners, may lead to improvements in the early identification of risky behavior patterns. Hendrickson is a graduate student at Indiana University, in the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences.

Hollie Furhmann is a graduate student in the Departments of Anthropology, and Family & Community Health at the University of South Florida. Her research involves the role of emergency contraception (EC) in young women's strategies for preventing unintended pregnancies. Her project, *Young Women's Perspectives of Emergency Contraception as a Strategy for Preventing Unintended Pregnancy*, focuses attention in particular on the contraceptive, Plan B. Plan B



reduces the risk of unintended pregnancy by 89% when taken within 72 hours of vaginal intercourse, but has not gained wide use since it was approved as an over-the-counter medication by the FDA in 2006.

Furhmann will be conducting an interdisciplinary, mixed methods approach to describe young women's perspectives of unintended pregnancy and their perspectives of emergency contraception, particularly since Plan B's shift to over-the-counter status for consumers aged 17 and older, and to describe how young women incorporate emergency contraception into their strategies for preventing unintended pregnancy.

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.

New Research Highlights from The Institute

When Couples Talk About Sexual Matters

“For better or for worse.” We’ve all heard that phrase before; it accompanies the litany of statements vowing to uphold marriage even when the going gets tough—so, even on the wedding day we acknowledge that relationships aren’t easy. One way to predict relationship satisfaction is to measure how well couples communicate with each other. According to Dr. Erick Janssen, research scientist at The Kinsey Institute, “the study of communication in intimate relationships has a long and rich history and has made an important contribution to our understanding of the variables and processes that make couples happy or unhappy together.”

In a widely used approach to the study communication processes, researchers ask couples to identify problems in their relationships, videotape the discussion, and then analyze the couples’ facial expressions and nonverbal behaviors. Numerous studies, especially in married couples, have found that less-happy marriages are characterized by high levels of negative behavior (e.g., expressions of contempt) and low levels of positive behavior (e.g., validation). However, in previous research there has been little control over the selection of topics, and virtually nothing is known about the effects of discussing specific topics.

Dr. Janssen, together with Dr. Uzma Rehman at The University of Waterloo, Dr. Eshkol Rafaeli at Barnard College, and colleagues at The Kinsey Institute and the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences at Indiana University, conducted a small but unique study on sexual communication. In this study a small sample of newlywed couples were videotaped when talking about sexual and nonsexual issues in order to

determine if these interactions could predict marital satisfaction. The findings showed that negative behaviors during nonsexual discussions were not significantly related to marital satisfaction. In contrast, negative facial expressions and nonverbal behaviors displayed during the discussion of a sexual problem were, especially in females, associated with lower levels of relationship satisfaction. Overall, these findings emphasize the importance of incorporating sexual variables in the study of marriage and suggest that sexual communication patterns may be a particularly good litmus test of a couple’s overall relationship satisfaction.

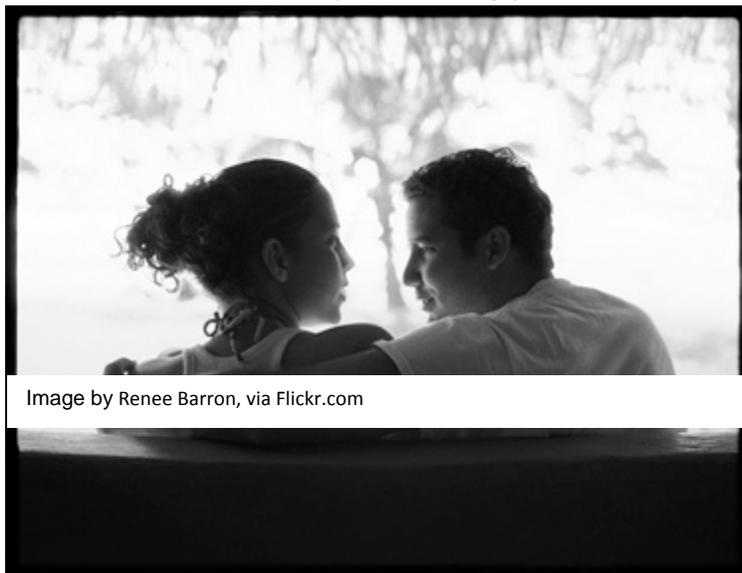


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Rehman, U., Janssen, E., Hahn, S., Heiman, J., Holtzworth-Munroe, A., Fallis, E., & Rafaeli, E. (2010). Marital satisfaction and communication behaviors during sexual conflict discussions in newlywed couples: A pilot study. *Journal of Sex and Marital Therapy*, accepted for publication.

What’s In A Name? – Misclassification Bias in Sex Research

New research from The Kinsey Institute revealed that people are not in agreement on what constitutes ‘having sex.’ Using a random sample of adults ages 18-96, men and women were asked to clarify which sexual behaviors fit the definition. The researchers were interested in knowing if men and women had different definitions, or if certain outcomes, such as orgasm in women, ejaculation in men, short duration, or wearing condoms, would change the meaning of the sexual activity.

Generally, there was not a significant difference between men and women, and there was no real consensus on which behaviors qualify as sex.

New Research Highlights from The Institute (continued)

Though nearly all concurred that penile-vaginal intercourse fit the criteria, two out of ten people did not concur that penile-anal intercourse was sex, and three out of ten said 'no' to oral-genital activity, as did half of the respondents about manual-genital contact.

When the question added a qualifier, the oldest and youngest men responded similarly, answering 'no' more frequently. And fewer people agreed that having penile-vaginal intercourse without the man ejaculating could be called "having sex." Findings demonstrate the need to use behavior-specific terminology in sexual history taking, sex research, sexual health promotion, and sex education. Researchers, educators, and medical practitioners should exercise caution and not assume that their own definitions of having 'had sex' are shared with their participants, students, or patients.

Sanders, Stephanie A., Hill, Brandon J., Yarber, William L., Graham, Cynthia A., Crosby, Richard A. and Milhausen, Robin R. (2010). Misclassification bias: diversity in conceptualisations about having 'had sex.' *Sexual Health* 7(1): 31–34. DOI:10.1071/SH09068.

See also, "New IU study finds no consensus in definitions of 'had sex'" from IU News Bureau.

Does it Fit OK? Problems with Condom Use as a Function of Self-reported Poor Fit

In the latest research from the Condom Use Research Team, men who reported wearing condoms that didn't fit just right also reported a number of related problems. Compared with men who did not have problems with condom fit, those who did had more breakage, more slippage, and were more likely to report irritation of the penis. They also were more likely to report reduced sexual pleasure, and more difficulty reaching orgasm, both for themselves and for their sexual partner. Furthermore, these men felt that condoms interfered with their erection, and contributed to dryness during intercourse.

Finally, men who reported wearing poorly fitting condoms were also more likely to report removing condoms before penile-vaginal sex ended, a problem reported in earlier condom error research from this team, and may have significance for public health initiatives promoting condom use. Researcher Bill Yarber suggested that, "Efforts to promote improved condom fit may increase consistent and correct condom use among men and their female sex partners."

This research was conducted using a convenience sample of men recruited through advertisements and through a condom website. The participants completed a survey on The Kinsey Institute website.

Study authors Richard Crosby, Professor of Health Behavior at University of Kentucky and Bill Yarber, Professor of Applied Health Science at Indiana University, both Senior Research Fellows at The Kinsey Institute, were quoted widely in the press about the need for different sized condoms, and public health campaign to promote correct condom use. You can listen to Dr. Yarber's podcast about this study on the *British Medical Journal* website.

Crosby, R.A., Yarber, W.L., Graham, C.A., and Sanders, S.A. (2010). Does it fit okay? Problems with condom use as a function of self-reported poor fit. *Sexually Transmitted Infections*, 2010;86:36-38. DOI:10.1136/sti.2009.036665.

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KI Director Receives SSSS Kinsey Award

Dr. Julia Heiman has been selected by the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality as the 2010 recipient of the Kinsey Award, granted for lifetime accomplishment in the field of sex research.

Candidates for the award are nominated and voted on by members of the Society based on their lifetime record of research, publication, teaching and service. One nominee is selected for the award each year.

Previous winners of the award include many notable sex researchers. Kinsey Institute recipients include Kinsey Institute founder Dr. Alfred Kinsey (posthumously), and former directors Dr. Wardell Pomeroy, Dr. Paul Gebhard, and Dr. John Bancroft. A complete list of previous award winners is available on the Society website.

The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality is an international organization dedicated to the advancement of knowledge about sexuality. Founded in 1957, it is the oldest organization of professionals interested in the study of sexuality in the United States.

SSSS brings together an interdisciplinary group of professionals who believe in the importance of both the production of quality research and the clinical, educational, and social applications of research related to all aspects of sexuality. (Adapted from the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality website.)



Right: Kinsey Institute Director, Dr. Julia Heiman

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Recent Podcasts & Videos from The Institute

Podcasts / Audio

Kinsey Institute Presents: [Director Julia Heiman Discusses the Kinsey Institute Today](#)

Dr. Heiman discusses her the events of her tenure so far as KI Director, and future directions for the Institute. [mp3; 11:09 mins]

Kinsey Institute Presents: [Women and Pleasure - An Interview with Dr. Debby Herbenick](#)

Dr. Herbenick discusses the importance of pleasure as a factor in women's sexual experience, the impact of cultural differences on sexuality, and the relevance of western sex research in other cultures. [mp3; 8:55 mins]

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Videos

[Vintage Sex Toys from the Kinsey Gallery Show, *Private Eyes*](#)

A quick peek at a selection of home-made sex toys featured in the Kinsey Gallery show, *Private Eyes*, showing until April 22, 2010. [video; 2:02 mins]

You can also view a larger version of this video on our YouTube channel, KinseyInstitute at Youtube.com.



The following videos are hosted courtesy of SexSmartFilms.com, and are available on our website.

[An Evening with Paul Gebhard and Elizabeth Mooney](#)

A chat with Dr. Paul Gebhard, former KI director and colleague of Alfred Kinsey, and Dr. Elizabeth Mooney, Professor of Anthropology and Sociology at IU South Bend about their days at the Institute. [Flash; 41:42 mins]



[The Kinsey Institute Presents: NICHD 25th Anniversary: Dr. John Money's Presentation](#)

From the Kinsey Institute collections. Video production courtesy of Sex Smart Films. [Flash; 19 mins]



Recent Podcasts & Videos from The Institute (continued)

Harry Benjamin Memorial, New York Academy of Medicine, January 10, 1987
Speakers at a memorial for sexology pioneer Dr. Harry Benjamin including several eminent sex researchers, medical practitioners, and previous patients of Dr. Benjamin. [Flash; 13:11 mins]



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