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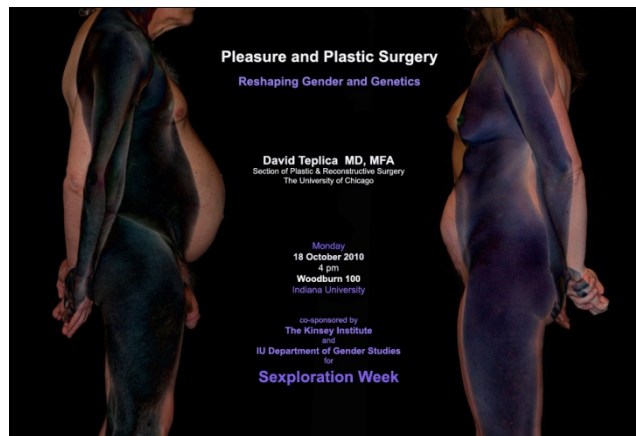
The mission of The Kinsey Institute is to promote interdisciplinary research and scholarship in the fields of human sexuality, gender, and reproduction. The Institute was founded in 1947 by renowned sex researcher Alfred Kinsey. Today, the Institute has two components, an Indiana University research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

## Fall Lectures at The Institute

### *Pleasure & Plastic Surgery: Reshaping Gender and Genetics*

**Monday, October 18.** Plastic Surgeon and Artist Dr. David Teplica takes us on a visual tour exploring the genetics of the face and the body and asks “What are the social, business and sexual implications of surgical manipulation?” Dr. Teplica is a clinical faculty member at the University of Chicago, Section of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery. 4:00 pm, Woodburn Hall 100.

This talk is presented as part of Sexploration Week at IU. Co-sponsored by Gender Studies Department.



### *Secret Historian - The Life and Times of Samuel Steward, Professor, Tattoo Artist, and Sexual Renegade*

**Thursday, October 21st.** Author Justin Spring's new biography of Samuel Steward has been widely reviewed and acclaimed as a riveting account of the underground world of gay men in the mid-20th century. Justin Spring used the Kinsey Institute library archives to research his book, and he will share his revelations during Sexploration Week. 7 pm, Fine Arts 105.

This Horizons of Knowledge Lecture is presented by The Kinsey Institute, the Indiana University Departments of English and Gender Studies, GLBT Student Support Services, the IU Health Center, and the Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs, as part of Sexploration Week at IU.

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## Kinsey Institute Researchers Contribute to 21<sup>st</sup>-century Study on Sexual Behavior

Researchers from Indiana University's Center for Sexual Health Promotion, with partners at The Kinsey Institute and the IU School of Medicine, released findings on the first wide-reaching study on sexual behavior in the US since 1994. Using a representative sample of Americans from ages 14 to 94, the research team uncovered important new information on condom use among adolescents, prevalence of same-sex behaviors, and the range and variety of specific sexual activities. These and other findings are reported in nine research articles in a special edition of the Journal of Sexual Medicine as part of The National Survey of Sexual Health and Behavior (NSSHB) (<http://www.nationalsexstudy.indiana.edu/>).

The part of the study focusing on adolescent behavior, lead by [Dennis Fortenberry, MD](#), found that partnered sex may not be as common as perceived by the media and the public. For example, though 40 percent of 17 year-old males report vaginal intercourse in the past year, only 27 percent report the same in the past 90 days. As expected, rates of penile-vaginal intercourse increased with age, with jumps in rates among 14 and 15 year old males (from 2% to 17%) and among 15 and 16

year old females, with rates rising from 12.5% to 32%. By the time adolescents are 17 years old, 21% of males and 22% of females report having had vaginal intercourse.



Kinsey Institute researcher [Stephanie Sanders, Ph.D.](#) was the lead author on the article documenting condom use in adults. Rates of condom use during the last sexual event were highest among younger people, blacks and Hispanics, and those having penile-vaginal intercourse with a “non-relationship” partner (someone who is not a spouse or primary partner).

The group also found that people did not rate the sexual quality of the experience differently if they were wearing a condom or not. Interestingly, the research team suggests that educational efforts for condom use for STI/HIV prevention might also be aimed today at the over-50 cohort, especially those who are single or have more than one sex partner. Only 25 percent of this group reported using a condom during their most recent sexual encounter.

In an unique evaluation of the data, [Debby Herbenick, Ph.D.](#), associate director at the Center for Sexual Health Promotion and sex educator at The Kinsey Institute, analyzed what people reported about a specific sexual event. More variety of sexual behaviors also went along with higher rates of orgasm. And though 85 percent of men reported that their partner had an orgasm at the most recent sexual event, 64 percent of women reported actually having had an orgasm at their most recent sexual event; same-sex encounters do not explain this difference. While vaginal intercourse is still the most common sexual behavior reported by adults, many sexual events do not involve intercourse and include only partnered masturbation or oral sex. Among the unique questions in this survey was on [pain during sex](#), with about one-third of women reporting experiencing pain during their most recent sexual encounter.



Image courtesy of Indiana University.



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On the subject of same-sex sexual behavior, though 8 percent of men identified as gay, lesbian or bisexual, 15% reported having received oral sex in their lifetime, and 10% reported having ever performed oral sex on another man. Women ages 20-24 reported higher rates of oral sex with women in the past year (about 9%) than in other adult age groups (less than 5%). [Dr. Michael Reece](#), director of the Center for Sexual Health Promotion, notes that though there are some findings on same-sex behavior, these initial data may not adequately capture sexual behavior among those who identify as gay, lesbian, or bisexual; future papers, using this rich dataset, will focus on behaviors by sexual orientation.

In the Journal’s editorial, Dr. Irwin Goldstein praised the culture of scientific inquiry at Indiana University that encourages collaboration and research on human sexuality.

Other authors are [Brian Dodge, Ph.D.](#), [Vanessa Shick, Ph.D.](#), and [Susan Middlestadt](#) from the Center for Sexual Health Promotion at Indiana University. The study was funded by Church and Dwight Co, Inc. Additional information about the study can be found at this web site: [www.nationalsexstudy.indiana.edu](http://www.nationalsexstudy.indiana.edu), where papers from this special issue are also available for free download for a limited time.

You can listen to an interview with Drs. Herbenick, Sanders and Fortenberry on [NPR's Radio times](http://www.npr.org) (<http://www.npr.org>).

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## Nature & Nurture Exhibit Opens at KI Gallery



Featured artist Yara Ferreira Clüver (right) mingling with reception guests after her lecture on opening night.

***Nature & Nurture: Exploring Human Reproduction from Pregnancy through Early Childhood*** is the first exhibition from The Kinsey Institute to highlight its collection of fine art, books, and other materials on the subject of human reproduction. The exhibition uses fine art photographs, paintings, prints, sculptures, and books to illustrate pregnancy, birth, child rearing, development of gender identity, and parent/child relationships.

The opening reception was held on Friday, September 10, following a lecture presented by featured artist Yara Ferreira Clüver on "The Female Body Transformed Through Experience: Personal Truth, Public Controversy."

Featured artists in the show include Deena des Rioux, David Teplica, Yara Ferreira Clüver, Matthew Weir, Osamu James Nakagawa, Tom Stio, Michael Wenzler, Les Sattinger, Jeffrey Rothenberg, George Platt Lynes, Leonor Fini, Julie James, Grace Benedict, Brad Miller, Kim Murak, Herbert Ascherman, Cara Judea Alhadef, Niki Grangruth, Michael Rosen, Ani Garrick, Angela N. Hunt, Arkady Tzykun, Garry Trudeau, Dovrat Amsily-Barak, Karl Gustav Kroeppler, Mariette Pathy Allen, Judy Dater, Mia Beach, JeongMee Yoon, Shen Wei, John Lucas, Sofiya Inger, and video artists Adam Trowbridge and Jessica Westbrook.



The wide variety of artifacts in the collection met with definite approval from this show visitor.

*Nature & Nurture: Exploring Human Reproduction from Pregnancy through Early Childhood* is showing in the Kinsey Institute Gallery from September 10 through December 22, 2010.



Left: Untitled, photograph, Les Sattinger. Right: *Gravid Torso*, photograph, Tom Stio.



Left: *Cole and his Blue Things*, photograph, JeongMee Yoon. Right: *Celine and her Pink Things*, photograph, JeongMee Yoon. Photographs by JeongMee Yoon are on loan from the Jenkins Johnson Gallery, NY

The Kinsey Institute Gallery is open 1:30 pm to 5:00 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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## The Kinsey Institute Student Research Grant Program – Call for Proposals

The Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender, and Reproduction at Indiana University is pleased to announce a Call for Proposals for The Kinsey Institute Student Research Grants 2010-2011. This program confers sexuality research grants to emerging scholars and seeks to fund significant and innovative research, from a wide array of disciplines and perspectives, that deals with human sexuality. The program is supported by donations from Friends of The Kinsey Institute.

The Kinsey Institute will fund up to six proposals at \$750 each, half of which will be from graduate students at Indiana University and the other half from graduate students enrolled at other universities in the United States. It is an expectation that results from the funded studies will ultimately be submitted for publication in peer-reviewed scientific journals. In addition, descriptions of the research will be posted on The Kinsey Institute's website.

Applications for funding should include a clear and concise research description (study rationale, methods, and planned data analysis), a budget, and a letter of support from a faculty mentor/advisor. The maximum length is three pages for the research description and one page for the budget. All applicants must be registered as full time graduate students at accredited universities in the United States. In one year's time following the funding award, we require awardees to submit to The Kinsey Institute preliminary findings of the study in the forms of a one page final report. In addition, the awardees will send the institute any presented/accepted abstracts for presentations at scientific meetings and/or submitted/accepted publications in peer-reviewed journals that are based on the funded research.

**Applications are now being accepted electronically. Upon completion, all materials must be emailed directly to [KISRG@indiana.edu](mailto:KISRG@indiana.edu). The deadline for submission of application materials will be November 1, 2010.**

Questions regarding the forthcoming grant cycle may be directed to Dr. Brian Dodge at (812) 856-0792 or [KISRG@indiana.edu](mailto:KISRG@indiana.edu).

## Announcing the 2011 John Money Fellowship for Scholars of Sexology

The John Money Fellowship for Scholars of Sexology was established in 2002 by Dr. John Money. The fellowship is to support graduate students whose scholarly work would benefit from the use of library and archival materials at The Kinsey Institute for Sex, Gender, and Reproduction. Applications are encouraged from all students enrolled in a graduate program in the United States and whose interests concern the history, politics, methodology of sexology and sexuality studies.

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. Examples include, but are not limited to, the creation of annotated bibliographies, collection guides, finding aids, and digital presentations or media productions which highlight or showcase The Kinsey Institute collections.

### Guidelines and application for the 2011 John Money Fellowship:

Interested students may download the guidelines and application on our website at <http://www.kinseyinstitute.org/library/Pdf/JohnMoneyFellowshipApplication2010.pdf>.

The application deadline is **December 22, 2010**. The fellowship announcement will be made by January 29, 2011.

For further information, please contact Liana Zhou at The Kinsey Institute, email: [zhoul@indiana.edu](mailto:zhoul@indiana.edu).

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