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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As I look back on 2024, I'm reminded why the Kinsey Institute's work remains as vital as ever: people have countless questions about sex, relationships, and human connection, and we all deserve thoughtful, research-backed answers.

For nearly 80 years the Kinsey Institute has been at the forefront of sex research, working at the intersection of science, the humanities, and real-world impact. As technology evolves, social norms shift, and new health challenges emerge, our research adapts. Today, we're tackling urgent questions—how to navigate deepfakes and digital harassment, how online dating is changing intimacy, how to improve contraceptive use, and how to enhance menopause care—because understanding these issues directly affects people's lives. Scientific progress depends on asking bold questions and seeking meaningful answers.

Our work sits at a place of deep complexity. On one hand, we tackle challenges, like the need to reduce sexual violence, harmful online practices, and stigma. On the other, we recognize the power of pleasure, connection, and intimacy. Both are essential for understanding the fullness of our lives and improving well-being.

This year, our globally recognized experts published an incredible amount of peer-reviewed research and served as trusted advisors to academic institutions, cultural centers, news outlets, and health and technology companies in Indiana



Dr. Justin Garcia and his wife Michelle at their wedding in July 2024.

and around the world. We also said goodbye to extraordinary scholars and friends—Dr. Helen Fisher, Dr. Judith Allen, and Dr. Ruth Westheimer. Their contributions to our field, and to the Kinsey Institute itself, were immeasurable. I am honored their influence will continue to shape the way we understand sex, love, relationships, pleasure, sexual literacy, and history through their generous bequests to our Library & Special Collections. Our Collections benefited from several generous gifts this past year such as works by notable artists David Levinthal, Len Prince, and Patrick Alt. These are working collections and archives—supporting the production of everything from award-winning movies to museum exhibits to best-selling books.

As we look ahead, our commitment to academic freedom, scientific integrity, and historical preservation is unwavering. I am especially grateful to our remarkable community of supporters, donors, partners, and collaborators who make all these successes possible. Moving into 2025, I am excited that we are expanding our work in topics ranging from aging to online dating to gut-brain disorders as the result of this generosity and support.

The work we do today—asking tough and thoughtful questions, challenging assumptions, and expanding access to reliable information—shapes how people navigate their romantic and sexual lives. As we move forward, the Kinsey Institute remains committed to ensuring that research, education, and open dialogue continue to enable people to make informed choices on their own terms and deepen their understanding of human connection.

Sincerely, Dr. Justin Garcia

THE YEAR IN NUMBERS



\$43,730 RAISED IN MATCH-THE-MATCH CROWDFUNDING CAMPAIGN





MEDIA

500,000+ WEBSITE VISITS

175+ MEDIA PIECES IN CNN, FORBES, HUFF POST, INDY STAR, NEW YORK TIMES, WALL STREET JOURNAL, WOMEN'S HEALTH, AND MORE

200,000+ FOLLOWERS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

4 MEDIA TOURS









Dr. India Thusi talk on sex and the law



Kinsey Institute presents at SSSS

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

Dr. Maria Uloko talk on vulvar health



Kinsey Institute presents at B1G Government Relations Conference



Breaking Boundaries exhibition at WEAM

> The Joy of Connections book talk





Dr. Kirstin Mitchell talk on contemporary sexual health challenges





IN THE NEWS

Our experts contributed to hundreds of stories, podcasts, TV shows, and other news in 2024. Here are a few that hit the headlines.

The New York Times

The 'Orgasm Gap' Isn't Going Away for Straight Women

A new study suggests they still have fewer orgasms during sex than men do, even with age and experience.





Ozempic May Have Another Side Effect: Better Sex Drugs used for weight loss have helped millions of people take control of their physical health. But some patients are reporting unexpected improvements to their intimate lives.

The Washington Post

The 'love languages' are popular. Are they real?

Since the '90s, couples have turned to the theory of the five "love languages" to help navigate relationship pitfalls. But a new scientific paper suggests that the science behind the idea is shaky.



WebMD

Sex Drive: How Do Men and Women Compare?



You've probably heard things like this: Men get turned on at the slightest provocation and are ready to have sex anytime, anywhere, while women tend to want sex less often and have to be "in the mood." For years. that's been the widespread belief: Men just have higher sex drives than women

Los Angeles Times

Column: Taylor and Travis' whirlwind romance is the love story we've been waiting for





A clay model from Me

WIRED

Boomergasms Are Booming

Dating apps from Feeld to Match have become ground zero for aging singles to unlock their newfound sexual appetites-and a bolder sense of self.



The Guardian



US single people under 50 having less sex since Roe overturned, study finds

Annual study from Match Group of 5,000 single people finds shift in behavior since supreme court rulin abortion

OBSERVER

'Hidden Master' Rightfully Places George Platt Lynes in the American Photography Canon

Lynes was part of a cohort of Queer artists whose work helped



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Humanity's earliest recorded kiss adds new twist to the history of locking lips



opotamia dating to 1800 BC shows a nude couple intertwined on a bed, engaged in sex and kissing. The

SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN

When Will We Finally Have Sex In Space?

We're talking about the big bang—but not in the way you might think.



ZEIT

Sie erkennen das "Nein". Warum machen sie trotzdem weiter?

Wie hätte ich merken sollen, dass sie nicht wollte? Neue Forschung belegt: Die meisten überschreiten sexuelle Grenzen wissend. Und zeigt, warum sie dennoch nicht



VIGUE



Perché mi piacciono gli uomini più piccoli? Secondo uno studio, avere una relazione con un partner giovane rende le donne più felici



PODCAST DR. JUSTIN LEHMILLER





RESEARCH

WORKING TO END SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND EXPLOITATION

In 2024, the Kinsey Institute Sexual Assault Research Initiative collaborated with over 10 leading U.S. universities to release transformative updates to the Sexual Experiences Survey - Victimization (SES-V), published in a special edition of the Journal of Sex Research. Led by Dr. Mary Koss from the University of Arizona, the interdisciplinary effort modernized how sexual exploitation is measured by researchers to reflect contemporary experiences such as being targeted online or experiencing reproductive coercion. Available in English and Spanish, SES-V provides researchers worldwide with tools to measure and ultimately reduce sexual violence and exploitation.

THE JOURNAL OF SEX RESEARCH



WHAT SES-V SHOWED ABOUT TECHNOLOGY-RELATED EXPERIENCES **AMONG U.S. ADULTS**

- **15%** had someone threaten to share nude or intimate videos of them
- **12%** had nude or intimate videos shared with others or posted online without their permission
- **38%** were asked to do something sexual online when they did not want to
- **23%** were sent sexual materials after they asked the person to stop

RESEARCH ON THE ROAD

Ending sexual violence isn't just about research-it's about impact. From assessing training programs to identifying vulnerability factors to supporting victim recovery, the Kinsey Institute Sexual Assault Research Initiative helped share evidence-based ideas and strategies to tackle sexual violence at seven conferences in 2024.

- Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality Annual Conference, San Diego, CA
- American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Seattle, WA
- International Society for Research on Aggression Meeting, Munich, Germanv
- Violence Prevention Conference, Portsmouth, NH
- Indiana University Rural Engagement Conference, French Lick, IN
- Society for Sex Therapy and Research Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada
- Society for Public Health Education Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO



Indiana University PhD candidate Brianna Akers presents her research finding that people with autism spectrum disorders are 1.7x more likely to experience illegal sexual exploitation incidents

LET'S START THE CONVERSATION

Research reveals a troubling reality: individuals are far more likely to intervene during a medical emergency than to act against sexual exploitation.

In The Conversation, Dr. Zoë Peterson, Director of the Sexual Assault Research Initiative at the Kinsev Institute, teamed up with Dr. Mary Koss (University of Arizona) and Dr. RaeAnn Anderson (University of Missouri-Kansas City) to spotlight the silent epidemic of bystander inaction. Their article broke down three categories of bystanders who facilitate sexual exploitation:

- Enablers: Ignore, rationalize, or minimize exploitation, often out of fear, denial, or misunderstanding, allowing harm to continue through inaction.
- Complicit Participants: Actively assist perpetrators by facilitating the exploitation, silencing victims, or covering up evidence, sometimes risking legal culpability.
- Co-Perpetrators: Directly join in the abuse, often in cases involving incapacitated victims, escalating harm through collective perpetration.

The takeaway? Silence isn't neutral.



Our research shows that 19% of Americans who experienced an act of illegal sexual exploitation reported that at least one of the sexual crimes against them included more than one perpetrator.



This news article examines why it is common for people to observe sexual exploitation and not try to intervene or stop it from happening



Zoe Pet

"We want people to never attempt sexual assault in the first place. We need to think in new and novel ways about how to prevent perpetration."

Dr Zoë Peterson, Director of the Kinsey Institute Sexual Assault Research Initiative speaks with Guni Dias on the #NoExcuse podcast, which has been viewed more than 30.000 times.



DEMYSTIFYING MENOPAUSE

Menopause shouldn't be a mystery. We helped drive evidence-based conversations around menopause in 2024 in partnership with Womanizer through surveying 1,500 U.S. women aged 40 to 65.

Did you know? Menopause is more than just hot flashes—yet many people remain unaware of its full impact. In a U.S. demographically representative survey, we found that while 60% of Americans could identify hot flashes as a menopause symptom, far fewer knew about other common symptoms such as concentration or memory difficulties, vaginal dryness, bladder issues, and disrupted sleep.

SYMPTOMS REPORTED

Survey respondents reported a wide variety of menopause symptoms, with just 13% reporting no symptoms:

- Hot flashes: **46%**
- Night sweats: **41%**
- Difficulty getting to sleep: 44%
- Difficulty staying asleep: 46%
- More tired than usual: 44%
- Difficulty concentrating: 30%
- More irritable than usual: 30%
- More anxious than usual: 27%
- More depressed than usual: 26%
- Mood swings: 37%
- Headaches: 36%
- Vaginal dryness: 28%
- Vaginal pain: 9%
- Pain when urinating: 6%
- Bloating or weight gain: 36%
- Joint pain: **48%**
- Other symptoms: **1%**

REAL-LIFE REMEDIES

We asked women how they manage their menopause symptoms. Here's what they said:

- Physical exercise: 24%
- Healthy diet: 20%
- Relaxation and stress reduction techniques: 19%
- OTC supplements/vitamins: 17%
- Regular sleep schedule: 15%
- Using lubricant: 14%
- Regular masturbation: 11%

- Antidepressants: **10%**
- Kegel exercises: 9%
- Regular partnered sex: 8%
- Using sex toys: 8%
- Using vaginal moisturizers: 8%
- Doctor prescribed hormone therapy: 3%
- No management: **40%**





Womanizer held three pop-ups across the country with Dr. Shamyra Howard answering questions and sharing insights from the menopause survey; for more information visit www.womanizer.com/us/menopause

Did you know? 46% of women would follow advice from their doctor to try masturbation as a way to treat symptoms related to menopause.





RX FOR REAL TALK

With interest building in menopause care, there's no reason the beneficial effects of masturbation should remain a secret. Our survey found 46% of perimenopausal and 32% of post-menopausal women reported they noticed positive effects of masturbation on at least one menopause symptom.

My doctor has talked to me about:

- Menopause: 44%
- Sex: 31%
- Masturbation: 5%

"Self-pleasure offers an effective, accessible tool for menopausal symptom relief, which is important to integrate with existing care strategies."

KINSEY INSTITUTE SENIOR SCIENTIST DR. CYNTHIA GRAHAM

Sex doesn't stop after 60.

Check out our special edition partnership with Cosmopolitan magazine at knsy.in/SexAfter60





Kinsey Institute Senior Research Fellow Dr. Justin Lehmiller appeared on the Daily Show to discuss how to help the country come together.

INSIGHTS ON LOVE & POLITICS

The pivotal 2024 election year saw politics shape personal relationships, influencing everything from online dating to long-term marriages. Our Singles in America study, conducted in collaboration with the Match Group, offered insights into how over 5000 Americans across the country were feeling as the nation approached the polls.

Finding: Political views can impact your dating **pool.** Our research showed singles are most open to potential partners who aren't politically-minded.

Survey Question: How likely are you to consider getting into a committed relationship with someone who:

- Doesn't care about politics: 43%
- Is a Democrat: **40%**
- Is a Republican: 29%

2 Finding: While financial concerns were top of mind for single adults, more than 1 in 10 experienced significant stress from political events. Research shows that stress in one area of life often transfers over into relationships.

Survey Question: What are the significant sources of stress in your life?

- Personal finances: 24%
- Economy: 21%
- Inflation: 21%
- Political events: 13%

In case you missed it, we spoke with the Wall Street Journal about how politically mixed couples found this election season tough to navigate.

"About 15% of Republicans and Democrats who are single say they would seriously date someone from the other side of the political divide."



They're Happily Married, They Just **Can't Stand Each Other's Candidates**

A BREAKTHROUGH FOR GUT-BRAIN DISORDERS

Researchers at the Kinsey Institute and Indiana University are advancing treatment for gut-brain disorders like inflammatory bowel disease and cyclic vomiting syndrome with the ANSTracker, a software that monitors autonomic nervous system signals in real-time. Grounded in polyvagal theory, the device helps reset the brain-body feedback loop. With funding from the National Institutes of Health and partnerships with the Medical College of Wisconsin, Ohio State University, and NeurAxis, clinicians are being trained to personalize treatments with the device and improve patient care.

HOW STATE POLICIES IMPACT MENTAL HEALTH

In collaboration with The Trevor Project, the Kinsey Institute contributed to a study published in Nature Human Behavior that analyzed online survey data from over 61,000 people. The study showed that suicide risk increased significantly for transgender and non-binary youth in states enacting anti-transgender laws between 2018 and 2022, with incidents of suicide attempts rising by as much as 72%.

WHAT EMOJI USE COULD SAY ABOUT **ATTACHMENT**

Kinsey Institute researchers revealed in a study published in PLOS One that individuals with avoidant attachment styles tended to use emojis less frequently. As technology continues to shape how we connect, understanding subtleties in digital communication is more important than ever.

UNDERSTANDING USER **EXPERIENCES WITH LORALS**

The Kinsey Institute launched a study to assess user experiences with Lorals, an FDA-cleared latex underwear product designed to reduce the risk of sexually transmitted infections during oral sex.

This device could be a game changer for clinicians as it changes their way of thinking in making diagnoses and helps *improve patient outcomes.*

DR. SUJATA PUNAIT, KINSEY INSTITUTE **POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW**

Seeing increases of this magnitude sends alarm bells ringing about the realworld impacts anti-transgender policies are having on mental health.

DR. MYESHIA PRICE, KINSEY INSTITUTE ASSOCIATE **RESEARCH SCIENTIST**

It is not just a smiley face or heart emoji: it's a way to convey meaning and communicate more effectively.

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Jennifer Barber

2024 Mentor of the Year Award, Department of Sociology, Indiana University Bloomington

Elected Chair, American Sociological Association's Section on Social Psychology.

Honorable Mention, Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship in Population, ASA Section on Sociology of Population

Sue Carter

Bruce McEwen Lifetime Achievement Award, International Society for Psychoneuroendocrinology

Justin Garcia

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Lester A. Kirkendall Outstanding Mentor Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality

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2024 Master Teacher Finalist, Midwest Academy of Legal Studies in Business

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Distinguished Pioneer Award, The Association for Comprehensive Energy Psychology

Mental Health Hall of Fame, 4th World Congress on Psychology and Psychotherapy

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AWARDS FROM THE KINSEY INSTITUTE

Alfred C. Kinsey Distinguished Researcher Award

Dr. Aleksander Štulhofer, University of Zagreb. "Sexual aging: A conceptualization and evolving operationalization."

Scholars of Sexology Fellowship

Fiona Bell, Yale University. Sexuality in Russian literature.

Louise Ferrall, Indiana University. Fertility clinics, sex education, and artificial reproductive technology.

Bruna Kalil Othero Fernandes, Indiana University. South American Indigenous eroticism.

Ben Maldonado, Harvard University. Gerontology, sexology, and biological age.



	Dr. Marcy Brink, <i>Research Fellow at Bar-Ilan University</i> . Navigating desire through Curated Erotica
	Dr. Christopher Walling, Associate Professor at the California Institute of Integral Studies. An embodied psychoanalytic approach to the 4-D Model.
Kenneth R. Haslam Relationship Diversity Research Award	

Gina Ogden Curatorial Scholarship

Dr. Christopher Gleason, Georgia State University. A history of American polyamory.

> **Kinsey Institute** researchers and affiliates at the International Academy of Sex **Research Conference** in July 2024.



LECTURE EVENTS

- Dr. Olivia Adams, University of Florida medical mistrust and healthcare avoidance experiences
- Dr. James Brooks, Indiana University the intersection of race with sex and relationships
- Dr. Christopher Gleason, Georgia State University and Common Good Atlanta - the history of polyamory in the United States
- Hettie Judah, curator and author of Acts of Creation: On Art and Motherhood – how motherhood influences art and artists careers
- **Dr. Wendy Kline**, Purdue University 20th century gynecology and the history of pelvic exams
- David Levinthal, artist and photographer perspective, focus, and framing in photography

- Dr. Kirstin Mitchell, University of Glasgow contemporary sexual health challenges
- Tyler Patton, Indiana University personal stories and literature from the 1980s AIDS crisis
- **Dr. Myeshia Price**, the Kinsey Institute and Indiana University – evidence-based protective factors or risks to LGBTQ+ mental health
- Dr. India Thusi, the Kinsey Institute and Indiana University – sex work and the law across countries and cultures
- **Dr. Maria Uloko**, VULVAi urology, the vulva, and healthy aging
- Allison Gilbert and Pierre Lehu, co-authors of The Joy of Connections – loneliness and cultivating connection

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Dorian the scientists gathered. We need category, they said, for the winds of our But what is this for? By now we know we will die. I am no meteorologist I do know storms. In a dream I saw my own body at Race Point beach, bloated and I looked good for a dead man, I'll tell you that. was a hurricane forming on the clouds throwing their gray tendrils down. isn't it odd? For I took pleasure in seeing my body, one, tumesce and float away: my balloon. It entered the eye and I resolved ease, to take solace in the motion of my whirling somewhere offshore.

> Writer Tyler Patton created poems "penetrated" with testimonies from men with HIV/AIDS held in the Kinsey Institute archives

Kinsey Institute Senior Scientist and Senior Director of the Rural Center for AIDS/STD Prevention Dr. William Yarber presents photojournalist Michael A. Schwarz and journalist Steve Sternberg with the Ryan White Distinguished Leadership Award for their profound August 1989 Atlanta Journal-Constitution feature "When AIDS Comes Home: The Life and Death of Tom Fox" and its continuing legacy.

Kinsey Institute Executive Director Dr. Justin Garcia shares his perspective on the importance of academic

freedom at the B1G Government

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Conference.







Scholars visit the Kinsey Institute as part of "Content Warning: Engaging Trauma and Controversy in Research Collections," a National Endowment for the Humanities program that trained higher education faculty on navigating traumatic and controversial histories with care and resilience.





COLLECTIONS

DR. RUTH FINDS A HOME AT THE KINSEY INSTITUTE

The world had questions, and she gave them answers for more than 50 years: Sexually Speaking. On January 25, the Kinsey Institute held an event in NYC recognizing the legacy of "Dr. Ruth" Westheimer in what would be her final public appearance. During the event, moderated by Christie Hefner, Dr. Ruth announced the donation of her life's work to the Kinsey Institute. This generous gift provides a permanent home for her archives, which will be preserved and made accessible for future generations.



Guests attend an event with Dr. Ruth Westheimer and the Kinsey Institute in NYC

"We are extremely fortunate that Dr. **Ruth's archives** will be here at the **Kinsey Institute...As** a Holocaust survivor, she appreciated so much this idea that materials needed to be somewhere, they had to be preserved." **DR. JUSTIN GARCIA** SPEAKING TO n p r









LEAVING A LASTING LEGACY

The Kinsey Institute mourns the loss of two esteemed colleagues, Dr. Helen Fisher and Dr. Judith Allen, whose passing in 2024 has left a profound void in both our institution and the broader academic and research communities.

DR. HELEN FISHER

True to her own scholarship, the world's expert on romantic love Dr. Fisher loved a good love story - a trait which resonated throughout her life's work and helped her bridge the gap between academic and popular science. As Senior Research Fellow at the Kinsey Institute and Chief Scientific Advisor to Match, she co-founded the pivotal Singles in America study, which continues to provide groundbreaking scientific insights into dating and relationship trends in its 13th year. She felt strongly about sharing her work beyond the walls of academia and was a true public intellectual. Her numerous books, including Anatomy of Love and Why We Love, articles, op-eds, talks, and interviews have been widely consumed by multiple generations, and she is perhaps the most quoted source on the science of romantic love. Her TED talks alone have more than 22 million views. Her innovative ideas about love and sex will continue to shape the field and public discourse for many years to come.

DR. JUDITH ALLEN

An internationally renowned feminist historian and leading authority on the history of sexology, Dr. Allen held a unique role as both a Senior Research Fellow and Historian at the Kinsey Institute. Dr. Allen was a Distinguished Professor and Walter Endowed Professor of History at Indiana University and Associate Editor of the Journal of American History. During her more than three decades at the Kinsey Institute and Indiana University, she made profound contributions as a champion for the scholarly study of gender and sexuality. Notably, she led the creation of the Department of Gender Studies and established the first doctoral program in gender studies in the United States. Her work spanned diverse realms such as mid-Victorian prostitution, historical representations of masculinity, 19th century abortion trials in Australia, and American sexual histories from the Salem witch craze to the age of Viagra.

"Nowhere in the world has anything close to what we have here with the Kinsey Institute."

DR. JUDITH ALLEN

The Kinsey Institute received the archives of Dr. Judith A. Allen and Dr. Helen E. Fisher, providing a rich resource for ongoing research and scholarship in human sexuality and relationships.









NO LONGER A HIDDEN MASTER

At the premiere for the award-winning documentary *Hidden Master: The Legacy of George Platt Lynes* in Quad Cinema, NYC, the Kinsey Institute hosted a special reception to recognize Lynes' life and work, including the Institute's extensive collection of his masterful photography. Kinsey Institute Curator Rebecca Fasman was featured in the film and director Sam Shahid led a Q&A for guests following the screening. The event highlighted Lynes' enduring artistic legacy and deep connection to the Kinsey Institute.

"Lynes' legacy transcends his fashion and portrait commissions. He harnessed his mastery over posing, lighting, and large format cameras to capture the minute details of his subjects to establish the erotic male nude as its own genre within fine art photography."

BEFORE MAPPLETHORPE, HUJAR, AND WARHOL, GEORGE PLATT LYNES ELEVATED THE MALE NUDE TO HIGH ART – SURFACE

SURFACE



Kinsey Institute Executive Director Dr. Justin Garcia and Curator Rebecca Fasman (above) attend the Hidden Master NYC movie premiere, along with members of the documentary team John MacConnell, Sam Shahid, O'Brien Kelley, Matthew Kraus and Nando de Carvalho (left).





GEORGE PLATT LYNES PRINTS FOR SALE

Experience the artistry of George Platt Lynes with an exclusive limitededition series of platinum prints, available for purchase individually or as a complete portfolio. Proceeds support the Kinsey Institute's mission to preserve its Library & Special Collections.



THE INTIMATE ALCHEMY OF DAVID LEVINTHAL'S PHOTOGRAPHY

This year, the Kinsey Institute expanded its collection of David Levinthal's meticulous and imaginative work with a gift of 60 dolls from the artist that were used to create his iconic XXX Polaroid series. A subsequent exhibition co-curated by Rebecca Fasman, IU Professor Emeritus Claude Cookman, and Miami University Teaching Professor of Art History Jennifer Pearson Yamashiro at the Grunwald Gallery showcased both his XXX and *Netsuke* photographic series, offering viewers a rare opportunity to examine his process for transforming objects into art.







Photos of Intimate Alchemy: David Levinthal's XXX Polaroids at Grunwald Gallery and dolls donated by the artist.





Guests attend Mariette Pathy Allen: Breaking Boundaries during Miami Art Week, with almost 2,000 people registered for the opening on December 2nd.



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MASTERPIECES IN MIAMI

Kinsey Institute Curator Rebecca Fasman participated in Miami Art Week, where she organized a retrospective at the Wilzig Erotic Art Museum, in collaboration with curators Jesse Egner and Orestes Gonzalez, showcasing five decades of Mariette Pathy Allen's photographs of transgender communities around the world.

During Miami Art Week, Rebecca Fasman also explored Kinsey Institute artifacts on display at the newly opened Museum of Sex and spent time speaking with artists and gallerists about emerging trends in erotic art, evolving representation, and the integration of themes such as intimacy, desire, and social issues into contemporary visual culture.

Works by Jared French (top right) and Pavel Tchelitchew (bottom right) housed in the Kinsey Institute Library & Special Collections. Other pieces by these artists were spotted for sale during Art Basel Miami.





A GLOBAL GALLERY

The Kinsey Institute frequently loans items from its Library & Special Collections to museums and cultural institutions all over the world.

In 2024:

- **55** items
- **3** countries (Australia, Germany, United States)

FEATURED BOOKS AND DOCUMENTARIES

The Kinsey Institute serves as a vital resource for researchers, writers, filmmakers, and other creators, supporting a wide range of published books, documentaries, movies, and other works from its archives.

- In 2024, the archives received:
 - 638 visitors
- 7630 user requests









Items from the Kinsey Institute archives on display at the recently opened Museum of Sex Miami.

> A selection of books and documentaries published in 2024 using materials in the Kinsey Institute's archives



Plainclothes, which was selected for the 2025 Sundance Film Festival, accessed footage from 1960s undercover operations in bathhouses from the Kinsey Institute archives



FUNDING AND SUPPORT

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The Kinsey Institute is a trusted research partner for a wide range of corporations, foundations, associations, and other grant-making institutions seeking to improve people's everyday lives. In 2024, we received funding for projects related to menopause, loneliness reduction, pregnancy planning, and gut-brain interactions totaling more than \$1.7 million. Kinsey Institute experts share findings widely through peerreviewed journal publications, special reports, conferences, media interviews, and other channels.

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- Gift size range **\$5 to \$5000**

We take great pride in the trust placed in us by our supporters. To demonstrate our commitment to ethical rigor, transparency, and accountability, accounting firm Plante Moran completed an independent audit of the Kinsey Institute in accordance with attestation standards established by the AICPA. Their report is publicly available at finance.iu.edu.

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A selection of Jessie Mann "Self Possessed" photographs by Len Prince that were donated to the Kinsey Institute by Seth L. Harris and Laurie E. Gregory-Harris. Copyright © Len Prince.



A selection of *Nude in the Natural World, Man Made* photographs by Patrick Alt that were donated to the Kinsey Institute by Melissa Alt.

In 2024, the Kinsey Institute Library & Special Collections received works from fine art photographers Len Prince and Patrick Alt.









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