



LEGACY, CHALLENGE, AND HOPE:

Looking Back and Moving Forward

To mark the 60th anniversary of The Kinsey Institute, we spoke with the current and three former directors about their experiences and their hopes for the future. Paul Gebhard was the Institute's second director from 1956 to 1982. June Reinisch served as director from 1982 to 1993. John Bancroft led the Institute from 1995 to 2004 and Julia Heiman began her tenure in 2004.

by Nadine Pinede

How would you describe your legacy as a director of The Kinsey Institute?

Paul Gebhard: First, the Institute had to be kept alive. We were rapidly using up our savings (these were the book royalties — all of which went to the Institute). Then, we had to begin the analysis and publication of the vast amount of data, which otherwise would simply have been lost to science and society. We managed to solve both by getting a man from the National Institute of Mental Health so interested that he promised to help, even though everyone said the government would never fund sex research. He had no authority to do so, but the officials felt they had to back him up. I felt that until we were on solid footing and beginning to digest our mass of data, we should not start any new projects, but later that became possible.

June Reinisch: In terms of research, I brought biology and psychology as major themes into

the research of the Institute and extended the focus of the Institute's research interests to encompass a broader lifespan perspective and sexual and psychosexual development from conception onward. Other projects on high-risk sexual behavior and AIDS helped to broaden the Institute's research focus to more fully include women. The Institute experienced its largest period of physical growth. The physical plant was tripled, the library quadrupled, and the Institute was renovated, including library, archives, gallery space, and work space for scholars and students. The first real effort was made toward restoration, conservation, and preservation of the artworks, and the first curators were appointed. I feel that an important part of my legacy was hiring Dr. Stephanie Sanders as Associate Director; Liana Zhou as Head of the Library; and Thomas Albright as Head of Data Services, all of whom have continued to be invaluable assets to the Institute through three directors.

John Bancroft: A significant part of my legacy was involving the Institute in a new approach to sex research, measuring and exploring individual differences in sexuality, which builds on Alfred Kinsey's pioneering

work on individual variability. We developed a theoretical approach that allows us not only to measure that variability but also more readily explore its determinants and its consequences. I believe that Kinsey would have strongly approved and am proud to have got that started.

We also had, for the first time, a clinical service paired with training in the management of sexual problems. And working with an outstanding team of colleagues, we opened the doors of the Institute to the public, allowing us to share with others many of the treasures in the collections.

Julia Heiman: I would be happy to leave a legacy of innovation, not for its own sake, but innovation for really substantive growth that has strength and flexibility to it. Even with personal creativity and a creative staff, innovation can prove ephemeral and the results of your efforts can vanish. So the real challenge is to move forward in a way that is innovative, constructive, and ultimately sustainable. Innovation should lead towards the public good and serve the best interests of

Pictured above: Alfred Kinsey, Paul Gebhard (photo by Ellen Michel), June Reinisch (photo by Jennifer Bass), John Bancroft (photo by Jennifer Bass), and Julia Heiman (photo by Steve Raymer).

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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.

Director's Column

By Dr. Julia R. Heiman

The meanings of 60 years of age



Shawn Spence

A historical perspective would view 60 years as a mere three human generations. In sex research it is a mark of longevity. There is no other sex research institute that has reached this age and is surviving today. Those of you reading this column can only do so because of that beginning that was born out of an unlikely trio: an intensely dedicated and persistent sex researcher, Alfred C. Kinsey; his stunningly perspicacious and broad thinking university president, Dr. Herman B Wells; and the reserved yet intellectually alive Indiana University located in, of all seemingly out of the way places, Bloomington, Indiana.

As we expand the intellectual 'capital' of the Institute today, this legacy is a reminder that it takes ideas, funding, and will to make even a small change. But the payback is remarkable. The new faculty members who have just joined us, Heather Bradshaw

and Sari van Anders, remind us of how much basic research is needed and how little is really well-understood. What are the interactions between social contexts (relationship status for example) and hormones for people of different ages and genders? How might this impact general health and well being, especially in a world with increasing background levels of hormones present in the general environment? Dr. van Anders is exploring these among other questions.

Pelvic pain conditions in women remain difficult to diagnose precisely, with few effective treatment options. So, Dr. Bradshaw is beginning at a more basic level, using a rat model, to clarify brain processes and the role of endogenous, or self-producing, hormones in pain and pain relief. We are hopeful about this direction and its potential value for human health.

Along with the extensive group of collaborators at Indiana University and nationwide and a growing cadre of international adjunctive faculty, The Kinsey Institute's strength is increasingly collective and vibrant. And more importantly, these working alliances are essential to our commitment to *advance sexual health and knowledge worldwide*. We are lucky to have the Institute and its living parts so alive and poised for new action at 60 years. <



Sari van Anders

The Kinsey Institute welcomes new faculty in Neuroscience!

Sari van Anders and Heather Bradshaw joined The Kinsey Institute and the Department of Brain and Psychological Sciences at Indiana University this fall as assistant professors.



Heather Bradshaw

Dr. van Anders holds an M.A. in Psychology from the University of Western Ontario and a Ph.D in Psychology from Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, Canada. Dr. Bradshaw received her Ph.D. in neuroscience from Florida State University in 2001, and completed post-doctoral training at Brown University and at Indiana University in 2007.

Drs. van Anders and Bradshaw spoke to us about their current and future research:

KI: What are your research interests?

Sari van Anders: As a social neuroendocrinologist, I am interested in how hormones are influenced by, and influence, social behaviors like partnering, sexuality, and nurturance. My focus and approach includes attention to gender/sex and evolution. I study hormone-behavior

associations in humans, generally contextualized within the broad animal literature.

Heather Bradshaw: My interests are in chemical signaling mechanisms of uterine and vaginal neurophysiology. During the reproductive years the uterus and the vagina are in a continuous state of physiologic flux. For example, the uterus is contracting all the time at different rates and amplitudes, though, thankfully most of us do not sense that this is happening. It is hypothesized that these erratic contractions lead to chronic conditions such as endometriosis that lead to chronic pain and sexual dysfunction. Lipid signaling molecules, present in very high amounts in the reproductive tract, is one place to gain a better understanding of these processes.

KI: What will you be working on here at the KI?

Dr. van Anders: I am focusing on how partnering and androgens (such as testosterone) are linked, and the implications of this association for health, evolutionary understandings of pair bonding, and new conceptualizations of relationships.

I will also be studying how androgens are related to sexuality, including orgasms, desire and activity, and

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A Season of Recognition for KI donor Dr. Leah Schaefer

by Ellen Michel

Dr. Leah Cahan Schaefer, a pioneer in the study of women's sexuality and of transgender health, is being recognized this fall for her many accomplishments. A longtime supporter of The Kinsey Institute, she is also a major contributor to its collections.

"This is Leah Schaefer's season," said Liana Zhou, Director of Library and Archives at the Institute. In October, Dr. Schaefer received a Distinguished Alumni Award from Columbia University Teachers' College in NYC, where she earned her Ed.D. working with Margaret Mead and Ernest G. Osborne, on the first study there on the topic of sex.

In September, Schaefer was awarded the first Harry Benjamin Life Achievement Award from the World Professional Association for Transgender Health at its biennial symposium in Chicago. WPATH is a professional organization devoted to the understanding and treatment of gender identity disorders; Schaefer was president of HBIDGA (the former name of WPATH) from 1991-1995.

Schaefer will also be honored at the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality in Indianapolis in November 2007. She was the first woman president of that organization, from 1978-1979.

Schaefer's donation to the Kinsey collections includes the extensive archive of Dr. Harry Benjamin, with whom she worked

for many years. Benjamin was an early researcher in transgender health, and the first medical practitioner in the U.S. to focus on using hormonal treatment to improve the lives of transgendered individuals. When his practice was closed after his death at the age of 101, Schaefer safeguarded his archive for many decades.

"I knew that what Harry Benjamin would love more than anything would be to have his historical records sent to The Kinsey Institute," said Dr. Schaefer, noting that Kinsey introduced Benjamin to his first patient, a young person who was anatomically male, but insisted he was really female.

Schaefer has also donated the archive of her own career, including professional records, publications, correspondence, media productions, and an oral history. She is the author of *Women and Sex: Sexual Experiences and Reactions of a Group of Thirty Women as Told to a Female Psychotherapist* (1973).

Schaefer began her career in the arts, moving to Hollywood with a female jazz trio called 'The Berries' and recorded for Capitol Records. In California, Schaefer met Kinsey



Leah Schaefer accepts Distinguished Alumni Award

Ryan Brenizer

researcher Wardell Pomeroy, who, after Alfred Kinsey's death, worked with Harry Benjamin, treating individuals with gender dysphoria. He met Schaefer and was impressed with her gift for putting people at ease. "Wardell told me he hired me because I was non-judgmental," Schaefer recalled.

"Dr. Schaefer advised her clients to embrace life and live a rich life," said Zhou. "She was not focused on surgical solutions to gender dysphoria, but on helping people see themselves as extraordinary in their own right, giving them the cognitive skills and life skills to focus positively on their unique differences."

"It's wonderful that she has entrusted us with her archives, and that she is receiving so much recognition for her exceptional career." <



Dr. Stephanie Sanders Receives Top Honors from SSSS

We are very pleased to announce that Associate Director, Dr. **Stephanie Sanders**, has been awarded the **2007 Distinguished Scientific Achievement Award** from the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS). Professor

Sanders is honored for her outstanding research on sexual risk factors, condom use, women's sexual arousal, sexual orientation, sexual fantasy, sensation seeking, HIV issues, menstruation, sexual knowledge, and prenatal hormonal contributions to development. Also noted is her service as both past president of SSSS and her commitment to community education. Dr. Sanders is also recognized for her teaching and mentoring, skills noted by excellence in teaching awards from Indiana University in both 1997 and 1999. Dr. Sanders received her award at the 50th Annual meeting in Indianapolis, November 10.

New Faculty Member Wins Young Investigator Award

Dr. **Sari van Anders** was recognized in June by the Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology with a Young Investigator's Award. Dr. van Anders spoke on "Associations between testosterone and partnering in humans".



Liana Zhou, head of the library at The Kinsey Institute, has been elected councilor-at-large to the council of the American Library Association, the oldest and largest organization of librarians worldwide. Zhou served for five years as a member of the steering committee for the first Joint Conference of Librarians of Color and chaired its awards and scholarship committee. She has served as head of the KI library since 1997.

“It Takes Two:” Researching Couples

by Ellen Michel

When it comes to sex, it is often hard to reach a consensus about an experience, even between couples. Recent research at The Kinsey Institute aims to better understand the behavior and improve the health and well-being of individuals in relationships.

“Most people find that they have to work at relationships, especially one-to-one exclusive relationships,” says Julia Heiman, Kinsey Institute director. When it comes to married couples, for example, “We tend to discuss sex inside of marriage in terms of how, and sex outside of marriage in terms of why. One thing we do know is that there has been very little research about what happens between couples, as most sex research has focused on individuals.”

Heiman is part of a Kinsey Institute team working on an investigator-initiated international study funded by Bayer. Researchers in the United States and Germany constructed a questionnaire in which heterosexual couples answered nearly the same set of questions, responding independently. J. Scott Long and Shawna Smith, from the IU Department of Sociology, are now analyzing data collected from Brazil, Germany, Japan, Spain, and the United States.

“With this sample, we are asking a few key questions that should help us consider such things as which parts of a person’s sexuality are separate and autonomous, and which are connected to the relationship,” says Heiman. “We are trying to gain a better understanding of how sexuality fits into the lives of couples — or not. In many ways this is new territory and we don’t have one single set of presumptions about what we are going to find.”

Kinsey Institute researcher Erick Janssen is also working on couples research. In a recently completed study of treatment outcomes for



“Juliet and Victor” by David Steinberg was featured in The Kinsey Institute Juried Erotic Art Show, 2006.

mild to moderate erectile dysfunction using sildenafil (Viagra), Janssen and his co-investigators considered the role of psychological and interpersonal factors in heterosexual men and their partners.

“Previous studies of sildenafil have been largely limited to measuring its physiological effects on individual men, without looking at the drug in the context of relationship,” says Janssen. “This study considered how treatment changes the sexual experience of both the men and their partners.”

In another, ongoing study, Janssen and colleagues are using digital devices (smartphones) to gather data from newly married couples about their daily activities, mood, sexuality, and sexual satisfaction.

To researchers, marriage and sexuality have long been two areas that are intimately related, but empirically separate. “In the large and growing research literature on relationships

and relationship therapy, a strong focus is given to communication patterns, but very little attention is being paid to sexuality,” says Janssen.

Some long range questions include: What happens if there are marked individual differences in sexual preferences or in how mood influences sexual desire in couples? Can we predict future relationship difficulty on the basis of sexual compatibility? What happens when there is sexual aggression or a refusal to engage physically? And how do sexual interests, preferences, and practices change over time, within relationships and at different life stages?

“We certainly see people all the time who may have very good relationships, but not necessarily sexual relationships,” observes Heiman. “Though challenging, chances for success in therapy are greater if you involve both people, regardless of who reports sexual difficulties,” observes Heiman. “We have a similar challenges, along with potential for greater understanding, in researching couples.”

“The work we are doing on intimate relationships indicates an exciting new direction for research at The Kinsey Institute,” says Erick Janssen. “We are laying the groundwork for this new area of inquiry and are trying to build bridges between relationship and sexuality research.” <

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the Institute. It is not about making a splash, but rather being open to opportunities that will grow and protect The Kinsey Institute.

What were the greatest challenges you faced during your tenure, and how did you meet these challenges?

Paul Gebhard: The major challenge was getting grant monies to allow us to continue to prove our worth. We also had to prove ourselves. Most of the university and world thought of Pomeroy, Martin and myself as “Kinsey’s boys.” Martin and Pomeroy did not have faculty status, but I had a doctorate from Kinsey’s alma mater and was a member of the newly formed department of Anthropology, so the university made me the director and continued the Institute’s affiliation with Indiana University. Another big challenge was the “zeitgeist”. Religious fundamentalists were gaining power and denounced Kinsey and the Institute (even Billy Graham did so). National ultraconservative groups sprang up, such as the Citizens for Decent Literature, Nathan Hale society and others. McCarthy claimed we “pinko professors” were undermining national morality and making a communist takeover likely. Politicians saw it was easy to gain votes by attacking us. We countered all this by making our first post-Kinsey book coldly statistical, boring, and devoid of anything implying a plea for sexual freedom.

June Reinisch: Prior to my being hired, there was a question of whether the university should continue to support The Kinsey Institute. An institutional review and then a search committee handed me the mission of re-enlivening the Institute, which, for the previous 10 years, had gone into eclipse from the public. My greatest challenge was to bring it back on all fronts. With the help of the staff, the Board of Trustees and our Science Advisory Board, we expanded the research, the physical plant, and launched a public education campaign. This education effort included the syndicated newspaper column “The Kinsey Report” and the best seller *The Kinsey Institute New Report on Sex*. Through multi-disciplinary research conferences and publications, we facilitated more interaction with the wider academic community. However, as a result of our raised

profile, just as in Kinsey’s time, we were attacked by the far right. This was another challenge that will probably have to be met again by directors in the future.

John Bancroft: There were two main challenges. The religious right challenged me from my first day in the office with its ongoing campaign to demonize Alfred Kinsey. Our response was to confront them with the facts to counter their many fictions. The second and probably the biggest challenge was research funding. We made some progress, obtaining NIH funding and foundation support, but when I left I knew that my successor still had a big challenge ahead of her.

Julia Heiman: There are the day-to-day challenges. For example, we need to grow our staff. The trend is to have everybody do as much as possible, but at a certain point that becomes inefficient. A second area is funding. We are currently funded from a multitude of places, all of which can pull back, or suddenly disappear. This has always been true but is more obvious in a time of economic fluctuation, particularly in a country at war. Funds are being spent for all sorts programs, but not necessarily for things that might benefit basic sex research and sexual health worldwide. Beyond these day-to-day challenges is the question of how we focus on key ideas and priorities to establish a new leading edge in research. One of these key ideas is on the impact that we want to have — that is to advance sexual health and knowledge worldwide.

How do you see the Institute evolving over the next 60 years? What are your greatest hopes for its future?

Paul Gebhard: I see the future as having fewer behavior surveys and more neurophysiological projects, much like the most recent book, *The Psychophysiology of Sex* [edited by Dr. Erick Janssen, associate scientist]. There are still so many questions: What brain areas mediate sexual arousal? How does our genetic makeup influence our sexuality? What determines the strength of sex drive and what factors weaken it? And of course, the realm of psychology remains full of questions.

June Reinisch: I would like to see the Institute evolve into a multidisciplinary research center and think tank where scientists and academics, visiting scholars and members of the media could meet and exchange information. One of my goals as director was to raise \$10 million for an endowment so that the Institute would be able to support its basic expenses regardless of the political climate. Because of the taboo nature of sexuality in our culture and the demands of the many disciplines on any university campus, it would be ideal for the Institute to have an endowment that could support basic salaries, the library and the art collections, and also provide seed money for research.

John Bancroft: The special character of The Kinsey Institute, which sets it apart from other sex research institutes, is its history and the extraordinary gathering together of so many facets and aspects of the study of sexuality: its library, archives, art collection, and research. These combine to make the work of the Institute “holistic” in some important way. I believe that we are in the early stages of a new era of sex research, which will use new technologies, ask new questions, and help us take a leap forward in our understanding of human sexuality. The Kinsey Institute will need to grow, but in a coordinated and not fragmented manner. The growth of the Institute may not be on a very large scale, but it will be intensely productive. Regrettably I will not see it in 60 years, but I will fantasize about it.

Julia Heiman: One of my hopes is to develop international partnerships with people interesting in advancing sexual health and knowledge. We need to expand work with partners in South America, in Asia and in Africa. The key is doing this in a meaningful way, as opposed to just a symbolic or token way. Another related goal is to address diversity in all its facets. We must collaborate with researchers and practitioners from a wide range of backgrounds, cultures, and ethnic groups. I am hopeful that we can change in an intelligent way with thoughtful planning. Finally, I have hopes for an endowment to sustain the Institute. We are now 60 years old, and by the time the Institute is 100, there is no question that we’ll have an endowment. None of us will be here to applaud it, but the Institute will have it.



Visiting Scholars at The Kinsey Institute



Dr. Aleksandar Stulhofer

This summer and fall the Institute welcomed two visiting scholars from Europe: Dr. Aleksandar Stulhofer of the University of Zagreb in Croatia, and Dr. Pedro Nobre of Trás-os-Montes University in Portugal.

Dr. Stulhofer was supported by the scholars' exchange program between Indiana University and the University of Zagreb, where he is a Professor of Sociology in the faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. During his stay, Dr. Stulhofer completed two studies, one on macro-level predictors of negative attitudes towards homosexuality in Europe, and the other examining the mediated effects of exposure to pornography on sexual satisfaction among young men.



Dr. Pedro Nobre

Dr. Nobre, who is an Assistant Professor of Psychology and Director of the Master

Program in Clinical Psychology at Trás-os-Montes University, visited the Institute in September, with the aim of collaborating with KI researchers in common areas of interest.

Dr. Nobre conducts cross cultural studies, examining an individual's psychological vulnerability and the role of these factors on sexual dysfunction. He is currently collecting data in Portugal, US, Italy, Turkey, and Brazil. Working with Drs. Erick Janssen and Julia Heiman of The Kinsey Institute, he will be setting up the first sex lab in Portugal. He is also conducting a longitudinal study using scales developed at The Kinsey Institute (Sexual Inhibition and Sexual Excitation scales) and measures of sexual beliefs and cognitive schemas to predict sexual satisfaction and dysfunction.

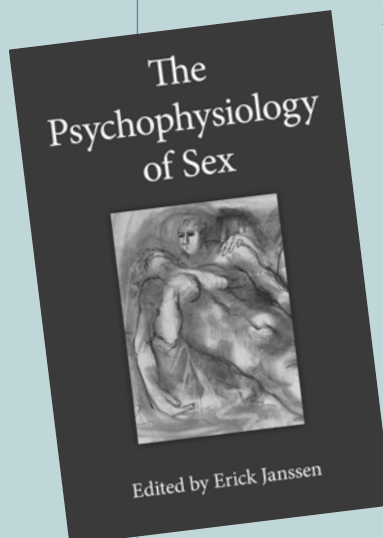
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NEWS FROM THE KINSEY INSTITUTE ART COLLECTIONS

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Through December 21, 2007

Inspired by the Kinsey Institute's syndicated newspaper column titled "Kinsey Confidential," the new exhibit in the Kinsey Institute Gallery looks at commonly asked questions about sexual health and behavior. Questions are answered and illustrated using artworks, photographs, objects, and print materials from the Institute's extensive art and library collections.



Deena des Rioux, *Odalisk Disk*, from the *Robotic Erotica* series, 1999

Women of Pleasure
January 18 – April 4, 2008
The Kinsey Institute Gallery

Women of Pleasure will explore the depiction of women in 18th and 19th century European erotic art and literature, using artworks, artifacts, books, and other printed materials from the Institute's art and library collections.



William Hogarth, *Before and After*, 1736

Dana Rabin, Ph.D., a historian from the University of Illinois, will present a lecture titled "The Sorceress, the Servant, and the Stays: Sexuality, Race, and Politics in Eighteenth-Century Britain" on Friday, February 22, 2008 at 5:30 pm in Morrison 007. A guided tour of the exhibit will follow the lecture.

Expressive Bodies: Contemporary Art Photography from The Kinsey Institute

will be shown in the Contemporary Gallery on the Indiana University Northwest campus in Gary this winter. The exhibit opens on February 11 and runs through March 7, 2008. For more information about the venue, visit our gallery web page or go directly to the IUN gallery website: www.iun.edu/~gallery/gallforcontpart.shtml.



Michal Macku, *Untitled*, 1999

Call for Artists:
The Kinsey Institute's 2008 Juried Art Show
The Kinsey Institute Gallery
April 11–July 25, 2008

The Kinsey Institute is now accepting submissions for its third annual juried art show. The competition is open to all artists 18 years of age and older creating works exploring sex, sexuality, gender, reproduction, the human figure and anatomy, and/or romantic relationships. All entries must be original works in the following categories: painting, drawing, printmaking, photography, sculpture, ceramics, fibers, mixed media, or computer based artworks that do not require additional equipment.

Visit The Kinsey Institute website to download a PDF version of a flyer with additional details about how to enter and the official entry form. Deadline for entries is January 28, 2008.

www.kinseyinstitute.org/gallery

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the broader implications of these interrelations for health and relationship intimacy and quality. As an ongoing research interest, I am looking forward to addressing human biological rhythms in hormones — like seasonal or daily rhythms — and how these interact with my main social variables of interest.

Dr. Bradshaw: My focus is to more fully understand how different chronic conditions in humans might be due to the loss of the regulation of uterine and vaginal neurophysiology. There are very little data on vaginal neurophysiology in humans and that is something I'll be working on. By crossing-over into human studies of the regulation of vaginal smooth muscle tone my goal is to provide a better framework for understanding chronic conditions involving vaginal function and pain.

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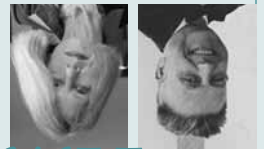
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