

Winter 2022
TASHRA Training
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Emerging Research on Unique Fetish Interests and Communities

Live Online Workshop

4 hours

9am - 11am Pacific Standard Time

First session: Saturday, January 22nd

Second session: Sunday, January 23rd

Training level: Intermediate

Research on BDSM and Kink has exploded in the past two decades, as academic researchers and health practitioners have come to better understand the lives, experiences, motivations, needs, and communities of people who practice mainstream BDSM and kink activities. However, smaller, niche fetish communities have also sprung up in this same time, especially facilitated by the internet, but have received comparatively less attention. In this workshop, we will explore recent academic research focused on the psychology and social dynamics presented by these less well-understood fetish interests, identities, and communities. Communities and fetish interests that will be covered include: Pup play, Erotic Hypnosis, ABDL/Ageplay, Furies, Haircut Fetishism, and Cuckolding. Participants will also be invited to analyze and discuss hypothetical clinical case examples involving people who hold these interests, in an effort to improve clinical skills and competencies with these less well-understood communities.

Learning objectives:

After completion of the webinar, attendees will be able to...

1. Participants will be able to describe a variety of unique fetish interests and communities, and the psychological dynamics behind them
2. Participants will be able to discuss the unique role of the internet and online spaces in the development and proliferation of these unique fetish communities
3. Participants will be able to analyze the role of social stigma, minority stress, and discrimination against these communities, in comparison and contrast with more mainstream kink interests and communities.
4. Participants will be able to apply knowledge learned about these unique interests and communities to hypothetical case examples designed for a clinical context

Format:

The workshops will combine didactic instruction, case examples, and group discussion to demonstrate the practice of working with kink-involved clients.

Cost: \$150 for 4 APA CE credits, \$75 without APA CEs; All attendees receive AASECT CEs.

Instructor Bios:**Sam Hughes**

Sam Hughes, M.S., is a PhD student in social psychology at the University of California, Santa Cruz, who studies kink, BDSM, and sexual fetishism. He has 4 publications so far, with several others on the way. He is currently in the process of completing his dissertation proposal and working to prepare for the academic job market.

Richard Sprott:

Richard Sprott received his Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology from UC Berkeley in 1994. His early work was on social and language development in early childhood. Throughout the 1980s, he conducted program evaluations for educational programs for migrant farmworker families and worked in other areas of migrant farmworker education. As a researcher he has examined in detail the relationship between professional identity development and the development of professional ethics in medical doctors, ministers and teachers, and professional identity development in emerging fields of work. He is currently directing research projects focused on identity development and health/well-being in people who express alternative sexualities and non-traditional relationships, with a special emphasis on kink/BDSM sexuality, and polyamory or consensual non-monogamy. He is the President-Elect of the Society for the Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity (APA Division 44) for 2020-2021. He is also the co-author of *Sexual Outsiders: Understanding BDSM Sexualities and Communities* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2013). Along with Dr. Elisabeth Sheff, he is co-editor of a new book series *Diverse Sexualities, Genders, and Relationships* from Rowman & Littlefield. All of these efforts highlight the ways in which stigma, prejudice, minority dynamics, health, language, identity development and community development all intersect and affect each other. Richard currently teaches courses in the Department of Human Development and Women's Studies at California State University, East Bay and graduate level courses at various universities in the Bay Area, including UC Berkeley and Holy Names University.

Continuing Education

The complete two-day event of two hours each day is eligible for 2 CE units. CE credit is APA and/or AASECT credit. 4 CE credits are available total.

CARAS is the organization that will sponsor the CE credit. CARAS is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. CARAS maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

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Many states honor APA CE credits for other licenced health professionals, please check with your own state licensing board.

This program meets the requirements of the American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors and Therapists (AASECT) and is approved for 2 CE credits per module. These CE credits may be applied toward AASECT certification and renewal of certification. Completion of this program does not ensure or guarantee AASECT certification. For further information please contact info@assect.org.

For further information on CE credit, please contact Richard Sprott at richard@tashra.org directly.

Scholarship Opportunities

TASHRA offers scholarships for attendance to our classes for select applicants. Use the link below to apply for a scholarship to attend this continuing education opportunity.

Applications must be submitted at least 1-week prior to the start of the training. We are only able to offer 3-6 scholarships per course. Scholarships will take the form of 50% of tuition being covered. Applicants will be evaluated per their level of need and purpose for pursuing continuing education.

[Scholarship Application](#)

(<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSer0jnLFpFLHv8U0Ysfy6Z2dtlSpBTmWDe8c-IAPlwE2B-eUg/viewform>)

Group Rates

TASHRA offers discounts on tickets purchased for different sized groups. These can be groups of professionals or community members. For groups of 4-9, members will receive a discount code for 10% off tickets. For groups of 10 or more, members will receive a discount code for 15% off tickets.

Recordings

Recordings of the webinar will be made available to individuals who have purchased tickets to the live event. Recordings are typically made available to attendees within 2

weeks of the end of the training. The recordings will be released with a content evaluation that ticket-holders may use to earn CEs asynchronously. Once they are released, asynchronous recordings will be available for one month. Attendees will receive access to the asynchronous materials within two weeks from the end of the webinar.

Cancellation Policy

You may cancel up to ten days before a scheduled workshop without penalty and receive a credit for another workshop or a refund minus \$7 for processing costs. If you cancel less than ten days before, you will be responsible for payment. TASHRA reserves the right to cancel any event that does not meet our minimum registration within 4 business days of the class. If TASHRA cancels an educational event, you will receive a credit toward another workshop.

CARAS Complaint Resolution Procedures

CARAS is committed to conducting all activities in compliance with the American Psychological Association's Ethical Principles of Psychologists. CARAS will adhere to all legal and ethical responsibilities to be nondiscriminatory in promotional activities, program content, and the treatment of program participants. Monitoring and assessment of these standards will be the responsibility of the Continuing Education Administrator. While CARAS makes every attempt to assure fair treatment for all participants, occasionally complaints will arise about continuing education programs. The procedures for addressing complaints are as follows:

When a participant files a complaint, either orally or in written format, and expects action on the complaint, the following actions will be taken.

1. If the grievance concerns a speaker, the content presented by the speaker, or the style of presentation, the individual making the complaint will be asked to put his/her comments in written format. The on-site CE Coordinator will then pass the comments on to the speaker, assuring the confidentiality of the complainant.
2. If the complaint concerns a workshop offering, its content, level of presentation, or the facilities in which the workshop was offered, on-site CE Coordinator will mediate and attempt to resolve the complaint on-site. If the participant requests action, the Coordinator is empowered to:
 - a. attempt to move the participant to another workshop, or
 - b. provide a credit for a subsequent year's workshop, or
 - c. provide a partial or full refund of the workshop fee.

Actions 2b and 2c will require a written note, documenting the grievance, for record keeping purposes. The note need not be signed by the grieved individual.

3. If the complaint is made after the program has occurred or concerns the CARAS CE programming more generally, the CARAS Complaint Panel will address it as follows:

- a. Request that the complainant submit a written complaint and propose an appropriate remedy,
- b. provide the instructor(s) with the opportunity to respond to the complaint and propose an appropriate remedy,
- c. review these documents, make a final determination, and decide on any remedy.

For further information, contact the Executive Director of CARAS, Richard A. Sprott, at richard.sprott@carasresearch.org or at 510-919-4488. You can also contact us at CARAS, P.O. Box 812, Rio Vista, CA 94571