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Mathilde Hérouard, France. Woman posing with helmet, canteen, and flags of Allied nations, c.1917. Printed postcard.

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.

## Preservation and Access Through the New Digitization Lab

Since 2006, The Kinsey Institute has been exploring digital options to preserve the most fragile parts of our collection for historical record, and for use by future researchers and students. In 2009, Kinsey collections staff began work on a large preservation and digitization project to protect the archival and art collections, and to make them available and accessible to scholars, students and the public.

This year, our work continues with the establishment of a dedicated digitization lab for use by the Kinsey Institute staff in this project. Thanks to all who have made this a reality!

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We also want to acknowledge staff and students at Indiana University who contributed time and expertise.

### Installing and Using the New Digitization Lab:



Adam Fisher transfers from fragile film to digital

## Preservation and Access Through the New Digitization Lab (cont.)



Systems Analyst Thomas Albright explains the scanning options



Catherine Johnson-Roehr, Curator of Art, Artifacts, and Photographs, digitizing an artwork.

## Preservation and Access Through the New Digitization Lab (cont.)



Library Public Services Manager Shawn Wilson digitizing a vinyl recording of "Sex Instruction for Parents"



Adam Fisher and a delighted Director of Library and Archives Liana Zhou inspecting the digitization equipment for film.

## Preservation and Access Through the New Digitization Lab (cont.)



Liana Zhou cues a recording supervised by library assistant Taylor Dean

You can read more about the Collections Digitization Project and other preservation initiatives at the Kinsey Institute library in these newsletter articles:

- [Making It Happen: Digitization Project Update \(Spring 2011\)](#)
- [Bigger and Better Options for Kinsey Collections \(Winter 2011\)](#)
- [Gift from Hugh M. Hefner Foundation to Preserve Historical Stag Films \(Fall 2009\)](#)
- [American Response to “Kinsey Reports” Now in Digital Form \(Spring 2006\)](#)

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## Welcome Justin R. Garcia

The Kinsey Institute is pleased to welcome our newest postgraduate fellow, Justin R. Garcia, Ph.D.

Dr. Garcia holds a postdoctoral fellowship in "Common Themes in Reproductive Diversity," (CTRD), an interdisciplinary research training program at Indiana University. Research conducted by CTRD Fellows address key questions in the development and expression of sex differences and sexual patterns, as well as maternal and paternal effects on morphological, sexual, and social development.

Justin Garcia is a 2011 graduate of Binghamton University (SUNY) in Biological Sciences, with a Masters in Biomedical Anthropology and Phd in Evolutionary Biology. His dissertation is titled "Behaviorial Ecology of Contemporary Human Sexual Behavior."

His current research interests include evolutionary and biocultural models of human behavior, romantic love and intimate relationships, sexual/social monogamy, and uncommitted sex and hook-up culture in emerging adulthood.

Justin's research projects include:

-- Working on a book project with Peter B. Gray at University of Nevada in contract with Harvard University Press on evolution and human sexual behavior.

-- Conducting more research into 'hook-up' culture which is non-relational sex or uncommitted sexual encounters, happening especially during the developmental period of emerging adulthood (typical college age students). Justin is interested in understanding the motivations for this behavior. How do emerging young adults reconcile a desire for romantic relationships while living in a hook-up culture?

-- Exploring the evolutionary and biological foundations of monogamy and infidelity. Research in this area was the focus of Dr. Garcia's 2010 paper on the DRD4 gene which gained national and international media attention and opened up interesting popular discussions about how biology influences behavior. Media interest in infidelity research lead to a "cheating" gene misnomer that Dr. Garcia works to correct with his research - he reminds us we should not overgeneralize the influence of biology and stick to the data.

Since 2010, Dr. Garcia has served as Scientific Advisor/Consultant for the international online dating site Match.com. In particular, he has been a consultant for the annual SIA (Singles in America) study which is the most comprehensive ongoing study of single Americans which Match.com sponsors, but which is based on a randomly-selected, representative sample, including respondents from beyond Match.com. In 2011, the study had 5200 respondents, and the next study will be released in early 2012.



## Welcome Justin R. Garcia (cont.)

Working in such topical and accessible research areas, Dr. Garcia has been repeatedly approached for commentary on dating and monogamy/infidelity issues, and has made media appearances on CNN, MSNBC, CBS, and CTV.

### Selected Publications

Maryanne L. Fisher, Justin R. Garcia, and Rose Sokol Chang (Editors). (In preparation). *Evolution's Empress: Darwinian Perspectives on the Nature of Women*. Oxford University Press, New York.

JR Garcia, G Geher, B Crosier, G Saad, D Gambacorta, L Johnsen & E Prancikitas. (2011). The interdisciplinary context of evolutionary approaches to human behavior: a key to survival in the ivory archipelago. *Futures*, 43, 749-761.

JR Garcia, J MacKillop, EL Aller, AM Merriwether, DS Wilson & JK Lum. (2010). Associations between dopamine D4 receptor gene variation with both infidelity and sexual promiscuity. *PLoS ONE*, 5, e14162.

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## Dr. Virginia J. Vitzthum Honored as AAAS Fellow

In December, Kinsey Institute Senior Scientist and Professor of Anthropology [Dr. Virginia J. Vitzthum](#) was elected a Fellow by the [American Association for the Advancement of Science \(AAAS\)](#), the world's largest scientific society. Dr. Vitzthum was one of a record 10 Indiana University faculty selected as a fellow.

Dr. Vitzthum was recognized by the AAAS membership, "for distinguished contributions to anthropology, particularly for evolutionary models of women's reproductive function and for international work bridging science and policy."

Congratulations Dr. Vitzthum!

More about AAAS Fellows, from IU Home Pages:

"The tradition of AAAS Fellows began in 1874. AAAS includes 262 affiliated societies and academies of science, serving 10 million individuals. *Science* magazine has the largest paid circulation of any peer-reviewed general science journal in the world, with an estimated total readership of 1 million. The nonprofit AAAS ([www.aaas.org](http://www.aaas.org)) is open to all and fulfills its mission to "advance science and serve society" through initiatives in science policy, international programs, science education and more."



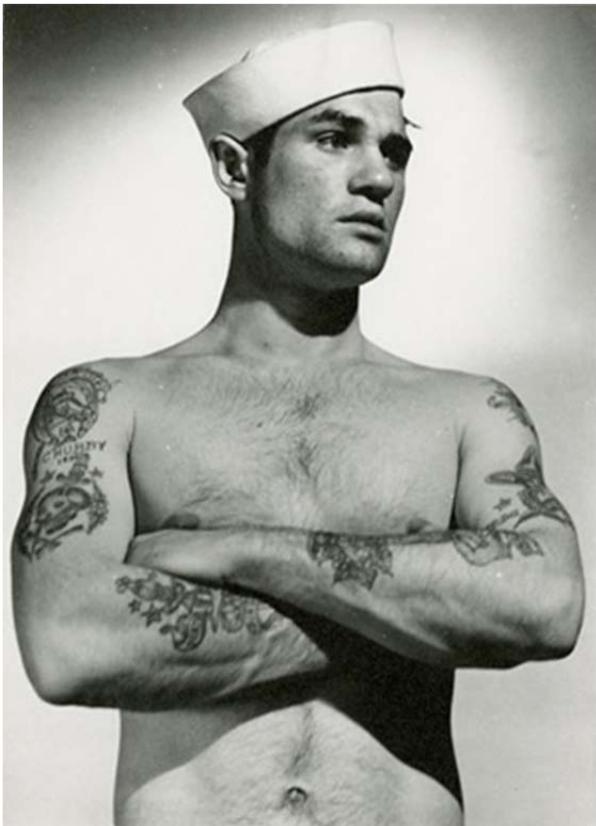
KI Director of Library and Archives Liana Zhou and Dr. Virginia J. Vitzthum at IU faculty recognition event.

## Love & War: New Exhibition in The Kinsey Institute Gallery

This exhibition, drawn entirely from The Kinsey Institute's art and library collections, features visual material from the American Civil War to the present day. Highlighted in *Love & War* are popular items from the WWII era collected by Dr. Alfred Kinsey and his colleagues during their research travels across the U.S. in the mid-20th century, collecting a variety of research material as well as data for their study of human sexual behavior.

*(Right) Mathilde Hérourard, France. Woman posing with helmet, canteen, and flags of Allied nations, c.1917. Printed postcard.*

Items in the exhibition include cartoons, propaganda leaflets, postcards, photographs, magazines, pin-up calendars, drawings, prints, and a variety of novelty objects are featured, as well as a selection of contemporary images by Garrie Maguire, Len Prince, Herbert Ascherman, and Karen Baldner whose work addresses war in the modern age.



*(Left) Anonymous photographer; Sailor with tattoos, mid- 20th century. Gelatin silver print.*

The Kinsey Institute Gallery is open 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm weekdays or by appointment. Admission is free.

Due to adult content, visitors should be 18 years of age or older, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Guided tours of The Kinsey Institute may be scheduled by calling 812-855-7686.

## Love & War: New Exhibition in The Kinsey Institute Gallery (cont.)



(Left) Len Prince, United States. *Patrick and Roger*; undated; Gelatin silver print. Copyright © Len Prince.



(Right) EMK, United States; *Well—what the hell are you staring at?*, mid-1940s; Ink, colored pencil.



(Left) Anonymous artist. *That's a mighty handy little gadget you have there, sailor*, mid-1940s. Printed cartoon on card.

## *Love & War: New Exhibition in The Kinsey Institute Gallery (cont.)*



*George Platt Lynes (1907-1955), United States.  
W.E.I. Bigelow, Dora Harrison and Jonathan Tichenor, c.1943;  
Gelatin silver print.  
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## 2012 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.

### 2012 Fellow

The 2012 John Money Fellowship for Scholars of Sexology has been awarded to **Eli Vitulli**, a doctoral student in the Department of American Studies at the University of Minnesota.

**Eli Vitulli's dissertation project**, "Carceral Non-conformities: The US Prison System, Normativity, and the Gender Deviant Subject", traces the history of the incarceration and criminalization of gender non-conforming and transgender people in the United States across the twentieth century. Gender non-conforming people have long made up a small but significant part of US prison populations to whom jail and prison administrations as well as medical and social scientific scholarship on prisons have paid special attention.



Through an investigation of jails, prisons, and departments of corrections' official and unofficial policies and practices regarding gender non-conforming prisoners, Eli's research critically examines the gendered logics of the US prison system as well as how the US prison system has affected transgender and gender non-conforming people's lives and constructions of identity and community both inside and outside prison walls. The project will also examine the relationship between the policies and practices of jails and prisons and legal, social scientific, and medical practices and knowledge production that have constructed understandings of gender non-conformity outside prison walls, particularly those that have produced understandings of certain kinds of gender non-conformity as criminal, pathological, and abnormal.

The John Money Fellowship will support his research in the Kinsey Institute's archival holdings of prison-related materials as well as the Harry Benjamin collection.

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## KI Student Research Grants Winners

The Kinsey Institute Student Research Grants are awarded annually to up 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 2012 grant awardees are:

- **Elizabeth Pfeiffer**, Indiana University
- **Nicole Smith**, Indiana University
- **Amanda Denes**, University of California, Santa Barbara
- **Kristina Gupta**, Emory University

### Honorable Mentions:

- **Gopinath Kannabiran**, "Human Computer Interaction and Sex Toys"
- **David Lick**, "Physiological Stress Responses Following Exposure to Gay-Related Prejudice"

### About Our Awardees:



**Elizabeth Pfeiffer** is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Anthropology and the African Studies program at Indiana University. Her research interests are HIV/AIDS, women, marriage, sexuality, and Kenya.

Using intensive ethnographic methods in a small town located along the trans-African highway in western Kenya, Elizabeth's dissertation research explores shifting gender, marital, and sexual relations within the context of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. More exactly, she investigate the trajectories through which women come to identify themselves as commercial sex workers (CSWs) and thus, come to experience AIDS-related stigma and

discrimination.

**Nicole Smith** is a doctoral student in the Department of Applied Health Science and also Project Coordinator for the Center for Sexual Health Promotion at Indiana University. Her research project, "Assessing the Sexual Experiences of Infertile Couples Who Have Utilized Assisted Reproductive Technologies," seeks to explore the emotional, psychological, and sexual effects of infertile couples who are currently undergoing or who have undergone infertility treatment.



Using a cross-sectional survey design, Nicole hopes to gain new knowledge on how infertility and the utilization of Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ART) affect the sexual functioning and relationship dynamics of couples.

## KI Student Research Grants Winners (cont.)



**Amanda Denes'** project explores “pillow talk,” or conversations after sexual activity, by looking at the relationship between physiology and communication. She is interested in whether individuals’ genotypes for a certain oxytocin receptor gene are related to their communication patterns during times when oxytocin is known to increase, such as during sexual activity. “Pillow talk” provides an ideal context for exploring the relationship between communication and the body, and I hope this project will provide valuable insights on the unexplored intersection of sexuality, physiology, and communication.

Amanda is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Communication at University of California, Santa Barbara with a Feminist Studies Doctoral Emphasis.

**Kristina Gupta** is pursuing a Ph.D. at Emory University in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies.

Kristina is investigating asexuality as a minority sexual identity by conducting in-depth qualitative interviews with people who identify as asexual. She believes her research will help individuals who experience low levels of sexual desire and medical professionals to determine when low sexual desire is a condition in need of treatment and when it simply an alternative way of being in the world.



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.

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## Condom Team Featured as Guest Editors

Members of The Kinsey Institute's CURT - Condom Use Research Team - are the guest editors for a special issue of *Sexual Health*. This edition of the journal focuses on global condom use to prevent sexually-transmitted infections.



Above, left to right: *Dr. Richard Crosby, Dr. Cynthia Graham, Dr. William Yarber, Dr. Robin Milhausen, Dr. Stephanie Sanders - the Condom Use Research Team*

The articles appearing in this special issue of *Sexual Health* include:

- "Condom Use: Still a Sexual Health Staple" (Richard Crosby and Ward Cates)
- "Condom Use Around the Globe" (Lee Warner and Maria Gallo)
- "Condom Effectiveness: Where are we now?" (Rick Crosby and Sarah Bounse)
- "Effectiveness, acceptability and use of the female condom for dual protection" (Maria Gallo, Maggie Kilbourne-Brook, Patricia Coffey)
- "Condom use in China: prevalence, policies, issues and barriers" (Huachum Zou)
- "Review of HIV vulnerability and condom use in Central and Eastern Europe" (Yuri Amirkhanian)
- "Condom social marketing in sub-Saharan Africa and the total market approach" (Steven Chapman, Krishna Jafa, Kim Longfield, Nadja Vielot, Justin Buszin, Charoendej Ngamkitpaiboon, and Megan Kays)
- "Progress and challenges to male and female condom use in South Africa" (Mags Beksinska)
- "Condoms in Sub-Sahara Africa" (Eleanor Matitka-Tyndale)
- "Dual use of condoms and contraceptives in the United States" (Jenny Higgins)
- "Condom Use Errors and Problems: A Global View" (Stephanie Sanders, William Yarber, Erin Kaufman, Richard Crosby, Cynthia Graham, Robin Milhausen )
- "Condom Migration Resulting From Circumcision, Microbicides, and Vaccines: Brief Review and Methodological Considerations" (Rick Crosby, J. Ricks, and A. Young)
- "Condom Use in the Context of Sex Research" (Cynthia Graham)

## Condom Team Featured as Guest Editors (cont.)

The CURT researchers have been working together for over a decade to investigate patterns of condom use and problems and errors in condom application in a variety of populations. Their findings have implications for new public health initiatives worldwide.

Members of CURT include Dr. Rick Crosby (University of Kentucky), Dr. Cindy Graham (University of Southampton ), Dr. Stephanie Sanders (The Kinsey Institute), Dr. William Yarber (Indiana University, Rural Center for AIDS/STD Prevention) and Dr. Robin Milhausen (University of Guelph).

You can read more about the work of the Condom Use Research Team on the CURT Ongoing Research page and in these *Kinsey Today* newsletter articles:

"Does it Fit OK? Problems with Condom Use as a Function of Self-reported Poor Fit," (Winter 2010)

"Team of Kinsey Researchers Dedicated to Study of Condom Use," (Fall 2008) **pdf**

"New Research from The Kinsey Institute: Condom Use and Erection Loss," (Fall 2007)

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## Kinsey In The News

This winter, there's been a rise in interest in the [Kinsey Heterosexual/Homosexuality Rating Scale](#) or "Kinsey Scale" in media and popular culture, ranging from mentions in television programs to blog entries, to surveys and polls in online chat forums.

You will find highlights of that media coverage below, as well as news articles on other Kinsey Institute research. More complete and updated list is on the Media webpage at [http://www.kinseyinstitute.org/about/news\\_media.html](http://www.kinseyinstitute.org/about/news_media.html)



**Kinsey Institute Director Dr. Julia Heiman** was featured in the *New York Times* Sunday Review, January 22, 2012.

"Talking with Julia Heiman" is a brief and personal interview on what Dr. Heiman is currently reading, watching, and pondering...

*Left: image © New York Times.*

**Dr. Justin R. Garcia**, our new CTRD postdoctoral fellow, participated in the development of the 2nd Singles in America Study conducted by the online dating site, Match.com. The study is popular with newspapers and blogsites looking for attention-grabbing headlines.

[PR Newswire](#), February 2, 2012. "Match.com Releases Its Second Annual Comprehensive Study on Singles." Match.com press release.

[IU News Room](#), February 2, 2012. "Cupid's Political Inclinations." Indiana University press release.



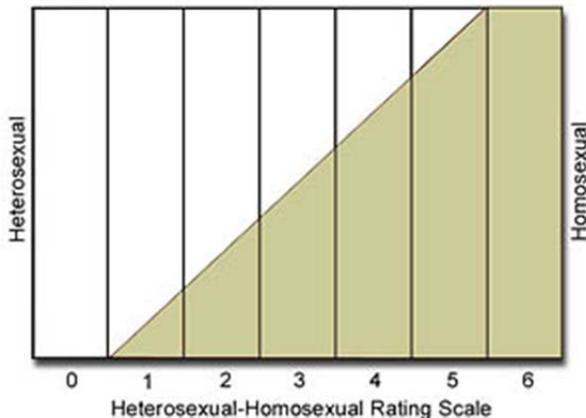
[USAToday.com](#), February 2, 2012. "Many singles looking for love, not marriage."

[The Daily Beast](#), February 2, 2012. "Republicans Have More Orgasms, According to Match.com Sex Survey."

You read more about Dr. Garcia's research in this issue's article, "Welcome Justin R. Garcia."

## Kinsey In The News (cont.)

The **Kinsey Heterosexual/Homosexuality Rating Scale** appears steadily in online mentions, but the fall of 2011 saw an upsurge in its popularity.



With a mention by a character in a popular TV show, "Revenge", and a high-profile parody in the *New Yorker* magazine, the 'Kinsey Scale' popped up in many more blog posts and forum discussions, as well as offhand references in newspaper articles and posts.

[Kinsey Confidential](#) blogger Eric Grollman explained the significance and use of the scale to a new public in his [Kinsey Confidential](#) blogpost.

[Revenge](#) (ABC), Nov 2, 2011. "Charade."

In this episode, in response to a comment from Tyler, Nolan responds, "Ah, ambiguous sexual identity, I get it. I'm about a three on the Kinsey scale." This episode spawned numerous entertainment news blog and forum posts discussing the character's sexuality and what the rating meant.

[The New Yorker](#), Dec 12, 2011. "Pick A Number."

Columnist Paul Rudnick creates an expanded comic version of the Kinsey Heterosexual-Homosexual Rating Scale. This comic article was very popular and spawned a variety of blog and website replies and commentaries.

[Bisexual.com](#), Nov 4, 2011. "Where Do You Fall On The Kinsey Scale?"

A forum poll on [Bisexual.com](#) leading to a discussion of the fluidity of sexuality, and how to best measure that. Participants also commented on what they liked or disliked about the 0-6 rating style of the Kinsey Scale. This is typical of the many forum posts mentioning the Kinsey Scale, especially in the wake of the *Revenge* TV episode.

[Slate.com](#), Jan 30, 2012. "Homemade Infographic: What were the gayest (and straightest) Super Bowl halftime shows?"

A comedic rating article uses Kinsey Heterosexual-Homosexual Rating Scale to rate halftime shows from past Super Bowl broadcasts on their (assumed) sexuality. Features a hand-drawn infographic.

More information on The Kinsey Homosexuality-Heterosexuality Rating Scale can be found on our website at [www.KinseyInstitute.org/research/ak-hhscale.html](http://www.KinseyInstitute.org/research/ak-hhscale.html).

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