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
## Inaugural Institute Conference Program Expanded; Dr. Deborah Anapol Joins List of Presenters

The influx of exciting and well-considered presentation proposals for the Institute's inaugural Conference, **Building Bridges**, has required expanding the Saturday program to incorporate two additional 60-minute presentations.

Also, open lifestyles pioneer Deborah Anapol, Ph.D., has agreed to host an evening event at the Conference (see page 3). Dr. Anapol, author of *Polyamory: The New Love Without Limits*, is one of the best known figures in the field of alternative intimate relationships.

"These expansions give Conference attendees from every orientation/lifestyle even more value for the very modest registration fee," said Institute President and CEO James R. Fleckenstein, CAE.

Attendees can choose from 14 different sessions, plus hear a keynote address by Dr. Robert T. Francoeur and a closing address by Dr. Loraine Hutchins. As to quality, over half of the presenters hold relevant graduate degrees, and 5 hold terminal degrees. The Pre-Conference workshop on *Sacred Sex: Reuniting the Body with the Soul* promises to be a sellout, with attendance limited to the first 40 to sign up.

See the special section beginning on page 3. 

## Institute Advisory Council Adds Authors, Scientist

Three more members have been selected to join the Institute's Advisory Council in June, bringing that body to 9 members. The new members elected in June are:

### Barbara Foster, M.L.S.

Barbara Foster is an Associate Professor in the Library Department of Hunter College. She is a world traveler and has acted as a referee for the Royal Geographical Society (London). She is co-author of the biography *The Secret Lives of Alexandra David-Neel*. Her lectures on David-Neel, the French explorer of Tibet, at universities, museums and organizations are ongoing on an international basis. Barbara has published a wide variety of articles on Women's Studies, as well as poetry in every English speaking country. She is co-author of *Three In Love: Ménages a Trois from Ancient to Modern Times*. Her latest project is a biography of Adah Isaacs Menken, the original sex goddess.

### Michael Foster, M.F.A.

Novelist, biographer, and historian Michael Foster was born in Brooklyn and comes from a long line of story telling Russian blacksmiths. He graduated from Cornell with honors in philosophy, received an M.F.A. in writing from the University of Iowa, attended Harvard Law School, and did extensive graduate work at NYU. His published fiction includes *Freedom's Thunder*, set during the American Revolution. Biographies include *Forbidden Journey* and *The Secret Lives of Alexandra David-Neel*. Michael is co-author of *Three In Love* and theorist of the ménage a trois. He is presently writing an adult version of "Goldilocks and the Three Bears."

### George W. Sherouse, Ph.D.

Dr. Sherouse is a Medical Physicist, certified by the American Board of Radiology to practice Therapeutic Radiological Physics. He is well known in his field as an innovator in the use of advanced computing for the planning and delivery of radiation therapy, and as an

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## Institute Leaders Teach at Maryland Spiritual Gathering

ITCR Board members Anita K. Wagner and Kenneth Haslam, M.D. taught separate workshops on polyamory at the Beltaine gathering of the Free Spirit Alliance in Maryland in May. Wagner taught a program on "Polyamory for Women," while Haslam and his primary partner, Libby, delivered a well-received talk on "Will Polyamory Bring Peace to the Battle of the Sexes?"

The Free Spirit Alliance is a non-profit spiritual networking organization composed of pantheist groups and individuals. ☐



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### ITCR Mission Statement

Attaining a satisfactory level of love and companionship through intimate relations is an unalterable, fundamental need of all human beings. The Institute for 21st Century Relationships exists to facilitate the fulfillment of the human potential for relating, and to support the freedom of consenting adults to discover and to practice the intimate relationship structure that best meets their emotional and human needs. We champion the basic human right to do so free of governmental, societal or institutional coercion or favoritism.

We seek, through education, research, and support, to create a climate in which all forms of ethical, consensual and fulfilling relationship styles are broadly understood and are equally respected and honored as legitimate choices.

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outspoken commentator on the state of his profession. In the 1980s and 1990s he authored a large body of influential research software for the computer-aided design of radiation therapy, which he chose to distribute for free rather than commercialize. He holds a B.S. in Physics and M.S. in Medical Physics from the University of Florida, where he also did his clinical training. His Ph.D. is in Biomedical Engineering from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He has served on the faculties of the Schools of Medicine at UNC-CH, Duke University Medical Center and the Medical University of South Carolina. He is the author of approximately 30 peer-reviewed scientific papers and half a dozen textbook chapters. Since 1998 he has been in solo private practice as a consulting Medical Physicist. Since about 1991 Dr. Sherouse has brought his professional systems analysis skills to bear in the much more personal arena of non-traditional models for relationship and family.

These new members join the previously elected members of the Advisory Council:

- **Robert T. Francoeur, Ph.D., A.C.S.** (Chair)
- **Deborah A. Harriss, R.N., M.S.N., FNP**
- **Kenneth R. Haslam, M.D.**
- **Andrew Herman, Ph.D.**
- **Robert H. Rimmer, M.A.**
- **Valerie White, Esq.** ☐

## Founders Club Members

The Founders Club is an elite group of key Institute supporters. Members contribute \$500 to help lay the groundwork for this new voice for the freedom to choose intimate relationship styles that work. Founders Club membership closes on September 1, 2001. Founders Club members as of June 1, 2001 are listed below. We thank them for their generosity and encourage others to join them.

- **James R. Fleckenstein – Herndon, VA**
- **Lisa Geoffrion – Negaunee, MI**
- **Deborah A. Harriss – Vacaville, CA**
- **Kenneth R. Haslam – Galena, MD**
- **Betsy E. Lehrfeld – Washington, DC**
- **James S. Turner – Washington, DC**
- **Anita K. Wagner – Herndon, VA**

## Detailed Program for *Building Bridges*

Find the complete up-to-the-minute schedule of all Conference activities and speaker bios on the Institute web page at <http://www.lovethatworks.org/conference.html>

**Friday, August 24 - 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

### **Pre-Conference Workshop - *Sacred Sex: Reuniting the Body with the Soul***

Presenters: C.T. Lawrence Butler and Diana Bradley, M.Ed.

The body is sacred. Honoring, nurturing, and pleasuring the body are sacred acts. Often, spiritual healing and personal growth are a result of engaging in sacred acts. The purpose of this workshop is creating a safe, comfortable space where a group of caring people can explore touching the body in a variety of ways as a means of awakening the sacredness of the body and connecting with its inner wisdom. This workshop will provide beginning level experiential exercises designed to explore the sacredness of the body and sexuality and how this affects our relationships with our sexual partners, our family, our community, our world, and ourselves. Because this workshop will be held in a semi-public venue, it will not include nudity or overtly sexual contact. Nonetheless, in entering into this ritual, participants will be entrusting their sacred bodies into the care and nurturing of others. When others respond with love and care, we can experience our own sacredness in a deeper, fuller way. There is a profound connection between the body and the spirit. If you are interested in exploring this connection with us, please consider attending this workshop. **(Optional event: Separate registration fee of \$65.)**

**Saturday, August 25 - 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.**

### **Opening General Session and Keynote Address - *Building Bridges***

Presenter: Robert T. Francoeur, Ph.D.

The quest for sexual fulfillment and relationship happiness is a human universal. Unfortunately, so is a tendency to fear that which is different, and to exalt conformity to established group norms. As we learn better to value diversity, and more about the beautiful array of ways that adult human beings express love and caring through sexuality and in relationships, the imperative for tolerance and for working together rather than continuing to foster divisions among us grows stronger. Nowhere is this more true than among sexual/relationship minorities. Drawing on a truly unique global perspective on sexuality and relationships, Dr. Francoeur, the editor of the *International Encyclopedia of Sexuality*, will address the Conference theme of Sharing Our Similarities while Celebrating Our Differences.

8:00 - 10:00 p.m.

### ***The Sacred Union of Opposites - An Evening with Dr. Deborah Anapol***

Why is the balance between male and female energies of critical importance in today's world? What happens when this balance is lost? What makes sex sacred? What is the role of sex in love and the role of love in sex? The evening may include meditation, discussion, intuitive reflection, and group sharing designed to open the heart and heighten your awareness of erotic energy. The exact format will emerge in response to those present. **(Optional event: Separate registration fee of \$25.)**

**Sunday, August 26 - 12:55 - 1:55 p.m.**

### **Closing General Session - *Coming Out: What We Can Learn From Lesbians, Gay Men, Transgendered and Bisexual Folk***

Presenter: Loraine Hutchins, Ph.D.

Coming out as a participant in a new relationship style isn't exactly the same as coming out as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT for short) but there are a lot of similarities. Members of the general public often have inaccurate and derogatory stereotypes about people in both groups. Our coming out about our differently-defined relationship(s) is often met with hostility, misunderstanding, or dismissal. If we can meet these reactions with good humor and aplomb, however, it is also often possible to use these instances as occasions for education and expanded awareness. Taking inspiration from what LGBT people have learned about coming out in defense of their own orientations is a good start. Social justice activist and author Loraine Hutchins, Ph.D., who's been out as a polyamorous bisexual in the Washington, DC area for over 30 years, tells the brave and humorous story of how she continues to come out and how others can do it, one small (or large) step at a time, too.

## Saturday, August 25

### Opening General Session and Keynote Address - *Building Bridges*

9:00 - 9:30 a.m.

### Concurrent Sessions Block 1

9:40 - 10:40 a.m.

#### **Pollyanna or Poly-Shadow: The Relationship Between Polyamory and Swingers, Sadomasochists, and "Machiavellian Polyamorists"**

Presenter: Leigh Davis, M.A.

This presentation attempts to provide a Jungian framework for understanding the relationships between the polyamory community and other practitioners of non-monogamy or alternative sexual lifestyles. By presenting the Jungian concept of the personal and collective shadow and applying it to other "sexual minorities," it is hoped that, rather than taking a condemnatory or negative position regarding others who do not practice the polyamory-prescribed form of non-monogamy, participants will be able to appreciate their collective shadow in a nonjudgmental way.

#### **Children Raised In Alternative Families - What Do We Really Know?**

Presenters: James R. Fleckenstein, CAE and Carol Morotti-Meeker, M.S., M.L.S.P., A.C.S.W.

Lesbian author E. J. Graff writes in her book, *What Is Marriage For?:* "Whenever a previously forbidden family arrangement starts to look reasonable, those who still recoil - and can't find a rational argument - thump their chests about 'the children,' projecting anxieties onto a cultural ideal so pure and shiny we can't squint past it to see the particular facts..."

This approach is used against same-sex parents, and is now being turned on those in other unconventional intimate relationships. "Child abuse" allegations were used to destroy the polyamorous relationship of April DeVilbiss in Tennessee, and to blacken the reputation of religious polygamist Tom Green in Utah. Many in alternative intimate relationships remain closeted, fearing that their lifestyle will be used against them in custody battles - thanks to unfounded but unchallenged prejudices. This session provides a layperson's review of the large body of research on children raised in non-traditional households and a professional counselor's views on child development issues and outcomes.

### Concurrent Sessions Block 2

10:55 - 11:55 a.m.

#### **Living Apart Together - Living Together Apart, and Other Relationship Flavors for the New Millennium**

Presenter: Robert T. Francoeur, Ph.D.

This session will explore why in the future we will all experience a variety of intimate relationships, sometimes singly and sometimes simultaneously, and also how residential circumstances will become increasingly less important as a measure of the strength and nature of a given relationship. We need new models of relationships for people who seek to live rich, emotionally satisfying lives in an ever smaller, yet ever more disjointed and segmented, world. The session will explore some of these alternatives, the social trends supporting them, and some successful adaptations to the fundamentally changed environment in which we are all destined to live and to love.

### Managing Jealousy

Presenter: Clara Griffin

Jealousy is a biochemical response. In the same way we have different sex drives, appetites, and basal metabolic rates we also have different jealousy responses. Jealousy shows up as a collection of physical sensations (aka feelings) out of which we create meaning - and there lies the problem. Learn how the distinctions between the physical experience of jealousy and our interpretations of that experience can make a world of difference. You will discover a simple straightforward approach that will give you new possibilities for intimacy, communication, and your relationships.

### Concurrent Sessions Block 3

1:25 - 2:55 p.m.

#### **Panel Discussion on Sex and Politics**

Discussants: Judy Guerin, Executive Director, National Coalition for Sexual Freedom, and Jonathan Krall

Sex is coming out, but where is the LGBTQ movement? The radical right has declared a war on sex, and we're (all sexual/relationship minorities) their target. Almost fifty years after the American Bar Association recommended decriminalizing consensual sodomy, thirty-three states still penalize people for having sex in their own homes. A growing number of LGBTQ activists feel that LGBTQ groups need to talk about sex rights, not just civil rights. Heterosexuals are becoming politically active on sex issues, especially as police arrest SM'ers, swingers, and others who engage in alternative sexual expression on charges ranging from "lewd and lascivious conduct" to felonious assault and battery with a "dangerous" wooden spoon. When we shift the discussion to sexuality, LGBTQ can form strategic political alliances with heterosexuals in civil liberties groups and feminist organizations, to fight the radical right and to set the agenda for sexual freedom.

#### **Sexual Consensus: Achieving Peace in the War Between the Sexes**

Presenters: C.T. Butler and Diana S. Bradley, M.Ed.

The human need for companionship is even more basic

than the sex drive. Both are deeply interconnected. As a species, we spend enormous resources to create and maintain relationships, especially sexual ones. Throughout the effort, we make decisions. Some we make unilaterally; some we must make with others. The process we use to make decisions and how this process is structured has enormous influence on the results. However, many people have never considered that the way they make decisions about and within their relationships may be the primary reason why relationships are so difficult and often don't unfold as they would like. This workshop explores a method for decision-making regarding sexuality and intimacy that will improve communication, support cooperation, enhance intimacy, and increase mutual sexual satisfaction. *(This workshop addresses gender/sex roles, not merely issues tied to biological gender; it is equally valuable to both GLBTs and heterosexuals.)*

#### **Concurrent Sessions Block 4**

3:25 - 4:55 p.m.

#### **Panel Discussion - Sex and the Bible: How and Why Christianity "Reinterpreted" Healthy Sexuality Out of "God's Word"**

Discussants: The Rev. Ken and his wife Juliana, and Jim and Betsy (partners)

This panel discussion will address seven major areas of biblical controversy concerning the practice of healthy sexuality, and examine the way in which Christian teaching evolved over time to depart from the original Biblical meanings and guidelines. The topics to be covered include nudity; adultery; lust and fantasy; fornication; masturbation; pleasure; and homosexuality. In each area, the influence of other cultural traditions (e.g., Judaism, Greco-Roman) and the reality of the changing world in which Christianity sought to achieve and maintain its position as the dominant religious doctrine, will be examined and explained.

#### **Finding Unity In Diversity**

Presenter: Tony Oliveri

No community is truly monolithic. That is, real individuals, rather than stereotypical representatives of "groups of interest," actually differentiate each community. The facilitator will administer a simple personality-typing instrument, and briefly explain the relevance of the four continuums used in the system. Finally, there will be facilitated discussion around the value of honoring and recognizing each individual's strengths as highlighted by the exercise, and the implications for building community across different segments of the unconventional lifestyles population.

#### **Concurrent Sessions Block 5**

5:05 - 6:05 p.m.

#### **The GLBT Experience and What Other Sexual/Relationship Minorities Can Learn From It**

Presenter: Richard Sincere, M.Sc., President, Gays and Lesbians for Individual Liberty

#### **Polyamory: An Exploratory Study of Responsible Multi-partnering**

Presenter: Jasmine Walston

Polyamory is a new term for a collection of non-monogamous lifestyles including group marriage, sexually open marriage, and non-monogamy among singles. A polyamorous subculture is emerging, similar to that of swingers or homosexuals. This study provides an introduction to this new field of research and demographic information based on a survey sample of 428 self-identified polyamorists.

#### **The Sacred Union of Opposites - An Evening with Dr. Deborah Anapol (Optional event)**

8:00 - 10:00 p.m.

### **Sunday, August 26**

#### **Concurrent Sessions Block 6**

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

#### **Polyamory and the Law**

Presenter: Valerie White, Esq.

Polyamorous families face special legal problems. Custody of children is one area of concern. Access to beloveds at times of illness or accident is also problematic. Joint ownership of property can be fraught with difficulties for people in multiple relationships. The law is often not very friendly to multiple-partner lifestyles - and these examples do not consider the fact that some polyamorous behavior, such as "adultery" or "fornication" may even be punishable as a crime. However, there are steps you can take in order to protect yourself. Incorporation, health-care proxies, guardianships, contracts and other legal methods can be used to smooth that otherwise rough interface where polyamory meets the law. Learn the legal pitfalls that may threaten a polyamorous person, how to avoid them, and how to climb out of such a pit if you have fallen in.

*This information may also be useful to people in other non-conventional relationships.*

#### **Good Health=Good Sex; Good Sex=Good Health**

Presenter: Suzann Robins, M.A.

This presentation will focus on the concept of "integrative health" - the healthful, emotionally supportive and liberating understanding of the complete human, which includes sexuality (which may go beyond sexually-exclusive monogamy). A discussion of "how the mind works" will assist attendees in creating better multi-relationships through self-knowledge and a greater understanding of the role played by jealousy and its opposite, compersion. The presentation will include the results of documented studies on the subject, and will conclude with facilitated discussion.

**Concurrent Sessions Block 7**

11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

**STD Awareness and Prevention**

Presenter: Andrea S. Barna, R.N., B.S.N., M.A.

This session will offer a comprehensive look at common STDs, including HIV, gonorrhea, syphilis, chlamydia, herpes, genital warts, hepatitis B & C, trichomonas, pubic lice, and scabies, their modes of transmission, "risky" behaviors, and how to reduce the risks of transmission.

**Poly-BDSM: Reconciling Power Exchange Relationships and Polyamory**

Presenter: Leigh Davis, M.A.

This presentation is intended to educate polyamorous participants about BDSM/power

exchange relationships; disabuse them of erroneous or stereotypical beliefs about BDSM practitioners; and examine the ways that practitioners of the various forms of BDSM incorporate polyamory into their lifestyles, and alternately, the ways that some polyamorous individuals might choose to incorporate aspects of BDSM into their relationships. Through didactic presentation and guided discussion, participants will develop a new understanding of the intersections between polyamory and BDSM/power exchange.

**Closing General Session**

12:55 - 1:55 p.m.

**Coming Out: What We Can Learn From Lesbians, Gay Men, Transgendered and Bisexual Folk**

Presenter: Loraine Hutchins, Ph.D., Director, Erotic Spirits Institute

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# The View from the Front Lines

By Jim Fleckenstein, ITCR President and CEO

## **“No More Casual Sex!”**

My primary partner Anita is fond of a humorous reggae song with that title. I consistently encounter this term - “casual sex” - in both professional and popular works. It set me to wondering, because I think it is one of those terms that have crept into wide usage without a lot of thought as to what it *really* means, and what it *really* says about the conduct it purports to describe.

Just what is “casual sex” and why is it so often referred to in such a harsh and pejorative manner? Why do the opponents of relationship choice also so belabor the “evils” of “casual sex?”

“Cas-ual: (kazh'oo~ al) *adj.* [ME & OFr *casuel* < LL *casualis*, by chance < L *casus*, chance, event: see CASE] **1** happening or governed by chance; not planned; random; incidental [a *casual* visit] **2** happening, active, etc. at irregular intervals; occasional [a *casual* worker] **3** slight or superficial [a *casual* acquaintance] **4** a) careless or cursory [far too *casual* in his methods] b) nonchalant; dispassionate [affecting *casual* unconcern]” – *Webster's New World Dictionary, Third College Edition*

What I believe is *properly* described by the term “casual sex” is sex occurring under definition 1. We do indeed at times find ourselves *choosing* to be sexual without a lot of advance preparation. Nothing inherently negative in that. Unfortunately, common usage among both scientific and popular writers has perniciously centered on definition 4, especially 4b.

I believe this constant drumbeat about “casual sex” it is a more or less conscious effort to trivialize and devalue *all* sexuality other than that which the mainstream considers appropriate. In Western and Western-influenced cultures (which is to say, virtually all cultures with any significant proportion of general literacy) “appropriate” means sexuality (almost always *heterosexuality*, and *always* involving a pair, never more) occurring within a long term, sexually-exclusive, “committed” relationship.

This is terribly damaging to anyone living outside the norm. And we collaborate in this propaganda every time we unthinkingly use the term ourselves.

Given the huge burden of sex-negativity that our culture places upon all of us, especially on women, and given our culture's oppressive and distorted emphasis on sexual exclusivity as an indicator of a relationship's worth and importance, I find it *extremely* hard to believe that *any* sex not involving a commercial transaction or an incapacitated or judgment-inhibited person, is *ever* really “casual.”

With the exception of a small percentage of deviants or the grossly socially immature (like the infamous “Spur Posse”) we just aren't emotionally or socially conditioned for truly reckless sexuality. This doesn't even consider the concerns, both valid and exaggerated, about STD's, which lurk in the background of *every* sexual encounter between even moderately informed people today.

The image of people randomly hopping from bed to bed, blithely engaged in anonymous and uncaring sexual interaction with whomever happens to be next in line, exists today only in the fevered fantasies of a few pornographers and a somewhat larger number of credulous consumers of their wares. I doubt that it ever really existed much in the past, either, except in a small number of highly structured environments, well-lubricated by alcohol or other “recreational drugs.”

Yet this is the image that the term “casual sex” conjures up in the minds of most “mainstream” people. It implies sexuality run amok, pursued untempered by any of the nobler emotions of humankind, without regard to consequences or context. It is a synonym for “reckless sex.”

Neither our increasingly well-documented biological predisposition toward sexual non-exclusivity, nor our evolving awareness of the destructive effects of past social conditioning about appropriate relationship constructs and gender roles actually contributes to an increased frequency of “casual sex” in the sense of “reckless sex.”

Controlling the language of a debate is a crucial advantage. Many political and social change movements grasp this fact and strive mightily to shape the debate by seizing the terminology that puts their position in the best light. Think of “pro-life” vs. “pro-choice.” Who's going to stand up and admit being “anti-life?” Or even “anti-choice?”

I have no great expectation that we are going to be able readily to change the common usage of the term “casual sex” as a synonym for “reckless sex.” Still, let's not feed the beast of negative public perception ourselves anymore. I'm not going to use it that way myself, and I encourage those in this movement for protecting choice in intimate relationships to avoid doing so as well. ☞

# Calendar of Events

## July

- 11-14 – International Academy of Sex Research – Montreal, Canada  
(Info: Ken\_Zucker@camh.net)
- 14-21 – Thornfield 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop on Sexuality – Cazenovia, NY  
(Info: www.sexualityworkshop.com)
- 14-20 – Family Pride Coalition and Children of Gays & Lesbians Everywhere (COLACE) Family Week – Saugatuck/Douglas, MI  
(Info: www.familypride.org/events/familyweek2001.htm)
- 25-29 – The Lifestyles Convention – Las Vegas, NV (Info: lifestyles-convention.com/)

## August

- 9-12 – North American Conference on Bisexuality, Gender and Sexual Diversity (Includes BiNet USA Annual Meeting) – Vancouver, BC, Canada  
(Info: bi.org/~binetbc/2001/)
- 10-12 – The Eulenspiegel Society 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event – Somerset, NJ  
(Info: www.tes.org/)
- 12-15 – The 2001 National HIV Prevention Conference – Atlanta, GA  
(Info: www.2001hivprevconf.org/)
- **24-26 – Institute for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Relationships Conference – Washington, DC** (Info: www.lovethatworks.org/conference.html)

## September

- 12-15 – Association of Reproductive Health Professionals 38<sup>th</sup> Annual CME Conference – Washington, DC  
(Info: www.arhp.org/arhpframeconf.html)
- 15 – 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Poly Pride Day – New York, NY (Info: www.poly-NYC.com)
- 21-23 – Gay, Lesbian, and Straight education Network Annual National Conference – Alexandria, VA (Info: www.glsen.org)

## October

- 12-13 – Midwest Institute of Sexuality 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference – Farmington Hills, MI  
(Info: www.MWSexual.com/services/events.htm#misconference)
- 18-21 – American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy – Nashville, TN  
(Info: www.aamft.org/resources/conferences/denver/annconf.htm)

- 24-28 – 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality - San Diego, CA (Info: www.ssc.wisc.edu/ssss/meetings.htm)
- 31-November 4 – 17<sup>th</sup> Biennial International Symposium on Gender Dysphoria – Galveston, TX (Info: www.hbigda.org/conference.html)

## November

- 2-4 – Black Rose 2001 – New Carrollton, MD (Info: www.br.org/br2001/)
- 7-11 – 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Creating Change Conference of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force – Milwaukee, WI (Info: www.creatingchange.org)
- 8-11 – 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations – Rochester, NY  
(Info: www.ncfr.org/conference\_info/index.htm)

## December

- 2-4 – 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference of Advocates for Youth – Washington, DC  
(Info: www.advocatesforyouth.org/news/events/conference.htm)

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### April

- 12-14 – Leather Leadership Conference VI – Manhattan Beach, CA  
(Info: www.leatherleadership.org/llc6/2002.htm)

### July

- 5-8 – 11th International Conference on Personal Relationships – Halifax, NS, Canada  
(Info: www.medicine.dal.ca/ahprc/ISSPRconference.html)

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