



**SSTAR 2025 Conference Program**

**Meeting Learning Objectives:**

- **Expand conceptual understanding of trauma:** Participants will explore diverse theoretical frameworks for conceptualizing trauma and critically examine the strengths and limitations of various definitions.
- **Examine the intersection of trauma and sexuality:** Participants will engage with the latest empirical findings and theoretical insights into how trauma and sexuality interact and influence one another.
- **Discover innovative trauma-informed interventions:** Participants will gain knowledge of evidence-based approaches to addressing sexual difficulties within a trauma-informed framework.
- **Enhance clinical practices in trauma-informed care:** Participants will learn about recent advancements in clinical strategies designed to provide effective and compassionate care for trauma survivors.

<b>Thursday, April 24, 2025</b>	
<b>7:30 AM - 4:30 PM</b>	Conference Registration Open
<b>7:30 AM – 8:30 AM</b>	Continental Breakfast
<b>9:00 AM – 12:00 PM</b>	Pre-conference Morning Workshop
<b>Workshop Title:</b> Developmental Trauma and Sexual Problems: Existential Approaches to the Assessment and Treatment of Men’s Sexual Difficulties <b>Workshop Presenter:</b> Daniel N. Watter, EdD	
<b>12:00 PM – 1:30 PM</b>	Lunch (on your own)
<b>1:30 PM – 4:30 PM</b>	Pre-conference Afternoon Workshop
<b>Workshop Title:</b> Awakening the Body: Integrating Somatic Awareness into Sex Therapy <b>Workshop Presenter:</b> <i>Amanda Adili, LCSW-R, SEP, KAP</i>	
<b>4:30 PM – 6:00 PM</b>	Poster Session
<b>6:00 PM – 7:30 PM</b>	<b>Celebrating SSTAR’s 50-Year Anniversary!</b>
Welcome reception and 50th Anniversary celebration.	
<b>7:30 PM – 9:30 PM</b>	<b>Special 50th Anniversary Event</b>
Film Screening: <i>Learning To Be Naked - Healing Through Burlesque</i>	
Movie screening to start at 7:30pm Followed by Q&A with Director Susan Wolf	

**Friday, April 25, 2025**

<b>8:00 AM - 9:00 AM</b>	Continental Breakfast
<b>9:00 AM - 9:30 AM</b>	Welcome Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speakers: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Morag Yule, SSTAR President</li> <li>2. Uzma Rehman, Conference Scientific Chair</li> <li>3. Thomas Wood, Local Host</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<b>9:30 AM - 10:30 AM</b>	<b>Plenary Talk #1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Talk title:</b> Sexual Violence and Wellbeing in the Context of War</li> <li>○ <b>Presenter:</b> Ateret Gewirtz-Meydan, PhD</li> </ul>
<b>10:30 AM – 10:50 AM</b>	Morning Break Options: Participate in somatic exercises or relax on your own
<b>10:50 AM – 12:30 PM</b>	<b>Research/Clinical Presentations Block #1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Transforming Trauma: Insights into Sexuality and Healing</li> </ul>
<b>12:30 PM – 2:00 PM</b>	Student Lunch and Learn (for students only) Lunch on your own for non-students
<b>2:00 PM – 3:15 PM</b>	<b>Invited Debate:</b> Different Conceptualizations of Trauma <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Moderator: Sophie Bergeron, PhD</li> <li>○ Speakers: Karen Caffee, PhD and Thomas Murray, PhD</li> </ul>
<b>3:15 PM – 4:15 PM</b>	<b>Plenary Talk #2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Talk title:</b> Cultural Betrayal, Sexual Abuse, &amp; Black Women: Promoting Change in Gynecological Healthcare through Institutional Courage &amp; Dreamstorming</li> <li>○ <b>Presenter:</b> Jennifer M. Gómez, PhD</li> </ul>
<b>4:15 PM – 4:30 PM</b>	Afternoon Break Options: Participate in somatic exercises or relax on your own
<b>4:30 PM – 5:30 PM</b>	<b>Research/Clinical Presentations Block #2</b> Treatment Innovations for Comorbid Sexual Problems and Trauma
<b>7pm onward: Social Event</b>	<b>Night out in Philadelphia</b> – there will be dance, music, and more! (more details will be coming) Organized by Thomas Wood, local host

<b>Saturday, April 26, 2025</b>	
<b>8:00 AM - 9:00 AM</b>	Breakfast and Member Business Meeting
<b>9:00 AM - 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Plenary Talk #3</b> <b>Talk title:</b> Introduction to Kink <b>Presenter:</b> Midori
<b>10:20 AM - 10:50 AM</b>	<b>SMSNA Invited Lecture</b> <b>Talk title:</b> Trauma and Beyond: Integrating Medical Perspectives in Treating Sexual Dysfunction <b>Presenter:</b> Rose Hartzell-Cushanick, PhD
<b>10:50 AM – 11:10 AM</b>	Morning Break Options: Participate in somatic exercises or relax on your own
<b>11:10 AM – 12:30 PM</b>	<b>Panel Plenary on Reproductive Trauma</b> <b>Presenters:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Elizabeth Grill, PsyD</li> <li>○ Natalie Rosen, PhD</li> <li>○ Leiszle Rae Lapping-Carr, PhD</li> </ul>
<b>12:30 PM – 2:00 PM</b>	Lunch, Poster Awards, and an interactive program featuring the SSTARs of SSTAR ( <b>in honour of SSTAR's 50<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary</b> )
<b>2:00 PM – 3:15 PM</b>	<b>Clinical Case Presentation</b> <b>Case Presentation Title:</b> Saving My Life or Saving My Sex Life <b>Presenter:</b> Anne Katz, PhD, RN
<b>3:15 PM – 4:20 PM</b>	<b>Research/Clinical Presentations Block #3</b> Focus on the Intersection Between Diversity and Trauma
<b>4:20 PM – 4:30 PM</b>	Afternoon Break (Options: Participate in somatic exercises or relax on your own)
<b>4:30 PM – 4:50 PM</b>	Sandra Leiblum Award Announcement and Presentation
<b>4:50 PM – 5:00 PM</b>	Consumer Book Award Winner Presentation
<b>5:00 PM – 5:10 PM:</b>	The Sexual Tipping Point Award presented by the MAP Education and Research Foundation
<b>5:10 PM – 5:20 PM</b>	Welcoming New President and New President Remarks
<b>5:20 PM – 5:30 PM</b>	Closing Remarks and Passing the Torch to Marie-Pier Vaillancourt-Morel
<b>6pm onward</b>	<b>Student Social</b> For those not attending the student social, restaurant recommendations and reservations will be made available

<b>Sunday, April 27, 2025</b>	
<b>8:00 AM - 9:00 AM</b>	Continental Breakfast
<b>9:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b>	<b>Post-Conference Ethics Workshop</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health and Resilience in Kink-Involved Communities: Confronting Stigma and Addressing Disparities</li> </ul> Presenters:

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Richard A. Sprott, PhD</li><li>○ Anna Randall, LCSW</li></ul> |
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