

Call for Proposals: Special Section of *Archives of Sexual Behavior* on Innovative Knowledge Translation in Sex Research

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Sex researchers have long shared our findings via traditional academic avenues of conference presentations, journal publications, book chapters, and in press interviews. More recently, many have also taken to social media to share results with non-academic audiences, including educators, policy-makers, science writers, clinicians, patients, and the general public. Still, expectations and innovations in knowledge translation (KT) are fast-growing and we don't want to be left behind. Indeed, there are many sexual topics for which the general public still lacks knowledge and understanding, or for which the implementation of empirically-supported interventions has lagged far behind despite strong evidence. We are organizing a special section of *Archives of Sexual Behavior* to highlight some of the work being done in our field to bridge these important knowledge gaps related to sexuality. Our hope is that this special section will stimulate a broader conversation about effective knowledge translation of sex research. We hope it will encourage other researchers to invest in novel KT strategies, ultimately ensuring that our science translates into benefits and action for as many people as possible.

At this time, we are inviting proposals for submissions. Submissions must centre knowledge translation activities—that is, the dissemination of research findings to other knowledge users (e.g., educators, policy-makers, clinicians, patients, the public)—beyond the traditional outlets of journal publications, book chapters and conference proceedings. One helpful definition of KT is that forwarded by the Society for Social Sciences and Humanities of Canada (SSHRC): “*The reciprocal and complementary flow and uptake of research knowledge between researchers, knowledge brokers and knowledge users—both within and beyond academia—in such a way that may benefit users and create positive impacts within Canada and/or internationally, and, ultimately, has the potential to enhance the profile, reach and impact of ... research*” (SSHRC, 2018). This special section will not, however, cover implementation science (i.e., testing the implementation of new interventions into real-world settings). Submissions should be on KT activities related to the researchers' own work.

We welcome submissions using a variety of approaches to knowledge translation including, but not limited to, use of social media, videos, performances or plays, public lectures, print media, policy briefs, and more. The topic of the KT activities can relate to anything in the field of sex research. We are especially interested in submissions that have attempted to reach marginalized groups. Submissions must include an evaluation of the KT activities (e.g., evidence of uptake/reach, attitude or behavior change) via quantitative or qualitative metrics. Although the traditional structure of an empirical study report may not be warranted, authors will be expected to describe a methodologically rigorous approach to their knowledge translation activities in sufficient detail that other researchers may learn from and replicate the methods.

Proposals will be a maximum of 400 words. There is no specified format for the proposal. As a general guideline, please include a brief introduction of the research conducted, followed by a description of the KT activity itself, its evaluation, and expected outcomes/potential impact. In

addition, please consider saying something about how your report will contribute to informing and expanding knowledge translation activities in sex research.

We realize that this proposal and eventual submission might differ from typical empirical reports that you have written before. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any inquiries or questions. You can contact one or both of us with any questions: Natalie Rosen, nrosen@dal.ca; Lori Brotto, Lori.Brotto@vch.ca

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