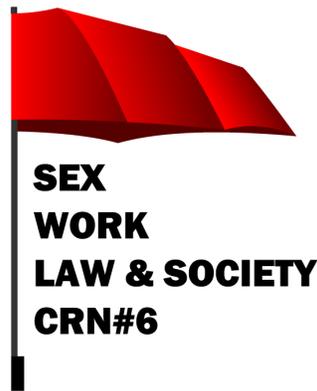


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Monthly Newsletter from CRN6: Sex, Work, Law and Society



Welcome to the CRN6 Newsletter

The CRN6 Newsletter will go out on the 15th of each month. Please send information on publications of interest, job postings, call for proposals (in Word format), grants or awards of interest to section members to CRN6newsletter@gmail.com. For books, please provide a link to your publisher's page rather than a summary.

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Publications of Interest

Cunningham, Stewart. Sex Work and Human Dignity: Law, Politics and Discourse.
<https://www.routledge.com/Sex-Work-and-Human-Dignity-Law-Politics-and-Discourse/Cunningham/p/book/9780367376512>

Jones, Angela. 2020. "It's Hard Out Here For a Unicorn:' Transmasculine and Non-binary Escorts, Cissexism, Embodiment, and Workplace Inequalities." *Gender & Society* 36(4).
Online First. <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0891243220965909>

Corinne Schwarz and Trevor Grizzell, "Trafficking Spectacle: Affect and State Power in Operation Cross Country X," in *Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies* 41.2:
<https://doi.org/10.5250/fronjwomestud.41.2.0057>

Corinne Schwarz, "'I Can Be Big Sister, Even If You Can't Be Big Brother:' Spectatorship and Punishment in Anti-trafficking Efforts," Online First in *Critical Criminology*:
<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10612-020-09530-4>

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Call For Papers: New Volume on the Sex Industry

Sex Work: Erotic Labor in the 21st Century

(Under consideration with NYU Press)

Editors: Bernadette Barton, Barb Brents, and Angela Jones

In the 21st century, sex work encompasses a wide array of temporary, professional, informal, formal, and entrepreneurial forms of work. Despite popular media reducing sex work to “prostitution,” commercial sex markets vary widely and include camming, full-service sex work in a range of contexts, (e.g., street-based, brothel work, and escorts), hostessing, phone sex, pornography, pro-dommies, stripping, sugar relationship, and other forms of individual sexual entrepreneurship. Due to rapidly changing technologies, growing inequalities, and precarious employment, people's experiences of the sex trades have changed. All this speaks to the need for a holistic, context-based volume to understand today's varied commercial sex-based services.

Sex Work is split into two sections—Basics and New Directions—and features the voices of sex workers, sex worker advocates, researchers, experts, and activists. The Basics section will introduce readers to the key dimensions of the sex industry. We invite you to submit your writing on the sex industry for consideration for the New Directions section of this volume. Your contribution should be short, readable, and appropriate for a student and lay audience. Submissions can cover any major sector of sex work, including new and emerging forms of individual entrepreneurship such as content production and findom on social media and other sites. While not a sex work sector, we also welcome submissions on sex trafficking.

We accept first-person accounts and research that explore a wide range of themes, including but not limited to: immigration/migration, the gig economy, new forms of digital sex work, BDSM, changes related to online pornography, sex trafficking, raunch culture, the rescue industry, faith-based interventions in sex work and the national and transnational impact of SESTA/FOSTA and other legislation as well as writing about market organization and commercial sex economies. Sex workers often discuss the importance of examining what they colloquially call the “whorearchy,” a stratification system within the sex industry that privileges certain forms of sex work over others. We

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seek essays that examine how worker subjectivity and social position in the whorearchy affect consent, risks, access to resources, autonomy, and pleasure. Finally, we are especially interested in work centering underrepresented groups such as Black, Indigenous, and other people of color; transfeminine, transmasculine, and non-binary people; LGBTQIA+ sex workers; people with disabilities; and workers outside of the US.

Please submit a 250-500 word abstract and 150-word author biography by 1/15/21 to b.barton@moreheadstate.edu, barb.brents@unlv.edu, and jonesa@farmingdale.edu. The editors will review abstracts and invite full manuscripts for consideration by 6/15/21. Full manuscripts should not exceed 5000 words. An invitation to submit a full manuscript does not guarantee acceptance. If you have questions, please email any of the editors.

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Special Issue: Cooptation, Complicity, and the 'Helping Relationship' in Sex Work

Special Issue Editors: Chrysanthi Leon, University of Delaware; Erin O'Brien, Queensland University of Technology; Corinne Schwarz, Oklahoma State University; Corey Shdaimah, University of Maryland

This special issue of *Ethics & Social Welfare* complicates the prevailing discourse and public policy surrounding sex work. The authors raise questions about sex workers' personal agency, the importance of environmental and individual-level factors, and the introduction of new policy regimes, such as hybrid penal and therapeutic approaches and the impact of sex trafficking discourse. We focus on the helping relationship, broadly defined, between those involved in sex work including: the voluntary and mandated engagements between service providers and their sex-working clients; and the interpersonal care exchanged between those who sell and purchase commercial sex. We also seek to critique the helping relationship as established through the language and framing of policies that may compel encounters with representatives of the state. We seek both scholarly papers for peer review and contributions in first-person or other non-traditional formats. To showcase diverse voices, we seek reflective essays written by sex workers, activists, and criminal justice personnel who implement sex work policy with scholarly work. In dialogue, these voices shed light on the changing discourse, policy, and day-to-day landscape of sex work in a variety of contexts.

We invite manuscripts to consider the following questions, though submissions are not limited to these:

- How do evolving understandings of race, class, gender, ability, and other positionalities inform or challenge the helping relationship? (E.g., renewed attention to the racist and colonial legacies of social work systems; sex workers with disabilities and/or clients with disabilities who purchase commercial sex; faith-based intervention models in traditionally secular spaces).

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- What “-isms” or “-phobias” are embedded in or perpetuated by current modes of assistance, outreach, service provision, and commercial sexual exchange?
- What is the role of sex worker-led movements for safety and equity--like mutual aid funds, healthcare access, harm reduction services, and policy advocacy--in resisting and transforming the current discourse?
- What possibilities for collaboration, resistance, and social justice emerge and are constrained by different terminologies and labels? What do terms like "agency," "consent," and "choice" mean to the different actors involved in sex work?
- How do the tensions between macro-level structural inequalities and micro-level individual experiences affect interventions and outreach efforts from criminal justice systems, non-profits, and volunteer organizations?
- How do policies and practices manifest "on-the-ground" and impact the routine, lived experiences of individuals engaged in commercial sex? How do sex workers, trafficked persons, and migrant laborers experience criminal justice or social service-based interventions differently?
- What is the role of academics and researchers in shaping the helping relationship? How are different ideologies used to promote protection, surveillance, regulation, and/or management of sex workers?
- What ideological orientations, practices, and policies remain untapped in thinking through new forms of justice?

Academic papers should be no more than 8,000 words, inclusive of tables, references, figure captions, footnotes, endnotes. Practice papers may range from 2,000-3,000 words for written papers or up to 1,000 words for other contributions (e.g. case studies, curricula, training materials, creative works).

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Authors' Instructions

Please direct questions or submit abstracts of 200-450 words (for both academic papers AND practice papers) on or before February 1, 2021 to Corey Shdaimah
cshdaimah@ssw.umaryland.edu

Abstracts should contain a short statement detailing the essential information of the submission, including what you see as your main goal or your main contribution to our understanding. Authors of academic papers may want to look at the journal requirements before submitting abstracts.

The abstracts will be considered by February 15, 2021. In the event that more submissions are received than can be accommodated in this Special Issue, any paper that referees and editors agree is publishable will be included in a general issue as soon as possible after the Special Issue - and may be published electronically before then.

Timeline for completion of papers:

Deadline for receipt of first draft of papers June 15, 2021

Revised pieces reviewed and edited November 1, 2021

Any additional edits requested to be received by December 1, 2021

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Call For Papers: Special Issue 2

Call for Papers: Disability and Sex Work

Editors: Lindsay Blewett, Angela Jones, and Milo Obourn

Disability Studies Quarterly is inviting abstracts for a special issue on Disability and Sex Work. We seek papers using a wide range of methods and especially welcome autoethnographic submissions from authors with disabilities and/or sex work history. We also strongly encourage articles that use intersectional and transnational frameworks and which foreground the experiences of Black, Indigenous, and other people of color (BIPOC) throughout the world, as well as transgender, non-binary, agender, intersex and other gender expansive sex workers. All submitted work must use accessible language and images.

There is a dearth of research at the intersections of disability and sex work studies. There are a few excellent accounts of full-service sex workers providing sexual services to clients with disabilities in both academic texts (Sanders 2006, 2007, 2010; Wotton and Isbister 2010; Liddiard 2014) and mainstream press (Williams 2017). However, what research exists focuses on how (mostly white) cisgender women trade sexual services with cisgender men with disabilities, and on sexual assistance and surrogacy programs (Sanders 2007, 2010; Liddiard 2014). As a result, there is also a paucity of published research about sex workers with disabilities (Fritsch et al. 2016; Jones 2020). The research that does exist frames the issues regarding disability and sex work around cis men's entitlement or what Jefferies (2007) has called "the male sex right." Finally, available research often fails to use an intersectional framework, which would help to situate race and gender alongside disability (Obourn 2020). Writing about disability and sex work uses a binary cissexist framework of gender only and centers on white people's experiences. These limitations have adverse consequences on the development of meaningful social policy, as well as theoretical and material articulations of intersecting systems of ableism, racism, sexism, cissexism, transmisogyny, misogynoir, classism, and dyadism.

Thus, for this special volume, we seek contributions that address these limitations, and that will chart new directions for future lines of inquiry and invigorate this burgeoning subfield.

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Papers of interest include but are not limited to work that focuses on

- labor experiences of sex workers with disabilities
- forms of sex work other than full-service work such as camming, pornography, prodommework, sexual massage, and stripping
- binary and non-binary transgender and other gender-expansive people with disabilities
- BIPOC who trade sex and have disabilities
- what Milo Obourn calls “racialized disgender” or other intersectional frames in disability studies, which focus on race, gender, sexuality, and disability as mutually constitutive
- technology and its use by sex workers with disabilities as it contributes to liberation, community, oppression, social control, and/or alienation
- first-person and autoethnographic accounts of sex work and disability
- historical accounts of the intersections of disability and sex work
- disability and ableism in legal frameworks about and policing of sex work
- advancing social policy regarding sexual citizenship and sexual assistance programs
- advancing social policies that will directly benefit sex workers with disabilities and especially those from racially and other socially marginalized groups

To respect the time and labor of authors, we ask that you first submit an abstract of approximately 500 words for consideration by January 15th, 2021.

In your abstract, please include a rationale for inclusion in the special issue, information regarding research sample/demographics, methods (if applicable), and central arguments. Please send abstracts and author(s) CV(s) to Lindsay Blewett, lblewett@yorku.ca, Angela Jones, jonesa@farmingdale.edu, and Milo Obourn, mobourn@brockport.edu.

The editors will review the abstracts and invite authors to submit a full manuscript for consideration by February 15th 2021. Final MS drafts will be due by May 1st 2021. An invitation to submit a full manuscript does not guarantee acceptance. All papers will still go through double-anonymous peer review.

If you have questions, email Lindsay Blewett lblewett@yorku.ca, Angela Jones, jonesa@farmingdale.edu, or Milo Obourn, mobourn@brockport.edu

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LSA Announcements

Call for Papers – Deadline January 7th, 2021

The Sex, Work, Law and Society Collaborative Research Network (CRN#6) seeks submissions for the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting

CRISIS, HEALING, RE-IMAGINING

Chicago, Illinois

May 27 – May 30th, 2021

The Sex, Work, Law, and Society Collaborative Research Network invites you to participate in panels and other sessions at the Law and Society Conference in Chicago, Illinois USA. This CRN seeks to broaden the conversation on sex work by bridging it with considerations of issues relating to sex in labour contexts, bringing together socio-legal scholars and experts to examine the intersections of sex, work, and law.

LSA's theme for the 2021 meeting is Crisis, Healing, Re-Imagining. We interpret the meeting theme as an invitation to explore issues related to the intersecting crises we have faced in 2020, including a global pandemic; economic marginalization and displacement; endemic social inequality and violence, especially for BIPOC folx; and crises in our democratic system. The burdens of these crises are disproportionately placed upon marginalized groups, including sex workers. These unusually challenging and life-threatening circumstances are the latest in a long history of crises for sex workers, from the AIDS epidemic to FOSTA/SESTA. In this context, we ask: How have such 'crises' created new regulatory systems to police gender, race, and sexuality? How do these types of crises, both exacerbate and reinforce existing social inequalities? Who has access to resources to survive or thrive amid crisis? How are sex workers and the sex workers' rights movement reimagining the 'crisis' and 'healing'? Papers that innovatively re-imagine approaches to the study of sex work, its regulation, and the repercussions of the widespread absence of rights to sexual citizenship are especially welcome. We aspire to foster dialogue regarding new visions for sex work and new opportunities for sex workers in the post-pandemic world. Rather than a return to the pre-pandemic status quo, we invite proposals that explore what a more egalitarian and just future could look like. How might we pivot in strategic and transformative ways to build a better social world for sex workers?

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We encourage full panel session proposals and individual papers relating to the overall conference theme and our CRN's aims and scope. Submissions that use intersectional and transnational frames are particularly welcome. We ask participants to consider forms of resistance, particularly in the current political context, which explore sex worker and activist strategies of resistance. Finally, we are especially interested in abstracts related to the list of

themes below:

Anticipated Session Themes:

Methodology & ethics of sex work research

Decriminalization

Labor experiences of BIPOC

Labor experiences of trans, non-binary, gender-non-conforming, and other LGBTQIA+ sex workers

Labor experiences of sex workers with disabilities and chronic illness

Transnational impacts of FOSTA-SESTA

Trafficking

Effects of Crisis

Sex work in Latin and Central America

African, and South Asian countries

New forms of digital entrepreneurship (e.g., Onlyfans)

Ethnographic insights into sex work

Economic marginalization and survival

Resisting policing and regulation

Sex work activism

When submitting abstracts, please note that your primary key words should be 'Sex, Work, Law and Society'

Secondary key words should come from the following list:

Access to Justice

Citizenship, Migration, and Refugee Studies

Class and Inequality

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Secondary key words should come from the following list (continued):

Economic and Social Rights

Economy, Business and Society

Gender and Sexuality

Labor and Employment

Policing, Law Enforcement

Race and Ethnicity

Race, Critical Race Theory

Regulation, Reform, and Governance

Rights and Identities

Social Movements, Social Issues, and Legal

Mobilization

Social Networks, Personal Relationships

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Law and Society requires a 100-250-word abstract for paper presentations, and panel (salon) sessions, 100-200 word abstract for roundtable presentation to be submitted for conference presentation vetting. The deadline for submission to this CRN is January 7th 2021 5PM EST OR 10PM BST.

All proposals for paper presentations, panel (salon) sessions, roundtable discussions are accepted through LSA's automated submission system. You can find more details about the conference generally and the automated submission system here:

<https://lsaannualmeeting.secure-platform.com/a/organizations/main/home>

When creating your submission, please be sure to select CRN 6 from the dropdown menu to ensure inclusion in Sex, Work, Law and Society sessions.

If you wish to publicize your book through CRN 6 Author Meets Reader sessions, please submit the following to Menaka Raguparan at co-chairs@sex-work-law-and-society.org

- The book title and author's name;
- Names of a minimum of three and a maximum of five Readers (people who will attend and commit to the role);
- An abstract of 100-200 words (850 characters), which summarizes the significance of the book for the socio-legal community. The description must include the name of the publisher and the date of publication. Please also indicate here if you prefer to present in a Salon format;
- Keyword selection(s).

You do not have to be a member of LSA or any of the co-sponsoring organizations to participate in the meeting generally. However, after notification of acceptance registration is required.

Please email us at co-chairs@sex-work-law-and-society.org if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to hosting you virtually.

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Other Announcements

This is a call for support for a legal action against the arbitrary, discriminatory and unfair closures of strip clubs in Ontario by Work Safe Twerk Safe (WSTS), a by-and-for strippers group based in Toronto with membership across Ontario. On September 26, 2020 the Government of Ontario closed down strip clubs without warning or consulting strippers. At the same time, other similar businesses such as bars continued to be allowed to operate. Strippers are not demanding to be given exceptional treatment in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic – only to be treated fairly. This means being consulted about the implementation of prevention and other occupational health and safety measures, rather than government officials assuming strippers are vectors of disease that pose particular risk to public health. Like other workers, strippers do not want to get or transmit COVID-19; only to make money under reasonable safety conditions.

Help support WSTS in working towards this goal! Any donation amount helps.

Donate to the Go Fund Me page here: <https://gf.me/u/y9b3fm>

Find updates as the judicial review progresses on the WSTS website:

<https://worksafetwerksafe.com/>

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