Consent Summit

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| 2:30 pm – 3:45 pm | Panel  
Consent Activism: Past Present & Future  
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| 5:30 pm – 6 pm | Closing Statement  
NCSF Chairman | Kevin Carlson | Main Space     |
The goal of the NCSF Consent Summit is to bring people together to discuss consent in order to help promote consent in our own communities.

Please be aware that the presenters for the Plenary, Keynote and Panels will be broadcast on the internet. Do not cross the blue lines which indicate the camera angles if you don’t want to appear on camera. The Workshops are private and won’t be broadcast. To ensure confidentiality, ask everyone involved before you take a photograph.

If you have any special needs, please let us know and we will make efforts to accommodate you.

The NCSF Consent Summit is a safe space:

Everyone has equal worth in this discussion, and all knowledge and opinions are equally valid.

Respect others’ experiences and stories by not judging them personally, and acknowledging their emotions.

Respect the right to challenge ideas and practices.

Use “I” statements rather than “you” statements to avoid projecting your assumptions on others.

Avoid blaming people for the misinformation they have been taught.

Inquire about gender pronouns and treat everyone as an individual and not a representative of any specific group.

Practice active listening by keeping your attention focused on who is speaking and check your body language.

Respect confidentiality for anything that is shared during the private Workshops.

NCSF’s actions and philosophy support the unique and nuanced life experiences of those persons who are people of color; people with intellectual and cognitive differences, mental and emotional differences; and diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds that create and shape the meaning and practice of consent. NCSF respects and acknowledges these diverse perspectives through inviting those voices to the Consent Summit. We strive for knowledge, evolution, and growth in these areas. We seek solidarity and not conformity to alleviate power differentials that are implicit and explicit with consent between diverse groups.

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Presenters

Plenary | State of Consent

Exploring consent and the movements for social change that have fought against sexual violence.

Susan Wright founded the National Coalition for Sexual Freedom in 1997, and currently serves as Spokesperson as well as Director of Incident Reporting & Response, providing direct services to NCSF constituents. Susan has presented over a hundred seminars for professional organizations, colleges and community groups, and she has conducted several important surveys on the mental health of BDSM practitioners as well as the discrimination and violence they experience. Susan directed NCSF’s successful DSM-5 Revision Project that helped convince the American Psychiatric Association to depathologize consensual BDSM behaviors in 2013. She coordinated the SM Policy Reform Project for the National Organization for Women (NOW) which resulted in rescinding their anti-SM policy at their national conference in 1999. Susan is an author who’s written over 30 novels and nonfiction books on art and popular culture.

Luncheon | Keynote Speech

Consent has taken center stage in national conversations, but how do we move beyond sound bytes and buzzwords to create real change? Tristan Taormino will discuss what she’s learned about consent from her 15+ years speaking at college campuses, directing and producing porn, and being in the BDSM community.

Tristan Taormino is an award-winning writer, sex educator, speaker, filmmaker, and radio host. She is the editor of 25 anthologies and author of eight books, including The Ultimate Guide to Kink and The Feminist Porn Book: The Politics of Producing Pleasure. As the head of Smart Ass Productions, she has directed and produced twenty-four sex educational and erotic films. She lectures at top colleges and universities and teaches sex and relationship workshops around the world. She has been in the BDSM scene for over two decades and taught, keynoted, and emceed for over one hundred kink organizations and events around the world. She is the host of Sex Out Loud, a weekly radio show on the VoiceAmerica Network.
Panel | Consent & the Law

Join legal and policy experts for an overview of issues related to Federal and state laws involving consent to sexual activities, including those used to criminally prosecute consensual BDSM.

**Riddhi Mukhopadhyay** is the Coordinating Attorney of the Sexual Violence Legal Services, a program of the YWCA. Along with providing trauma-focused direct representation to victims of sexual violence in a wide variety of legal matters, she also staffs the SVLS’s legal hotline, providing free confidential legal information to survivors, and technical assistance to attorneys and advocates statewide. Riddhi provides bilingual legal services in Spanish, and also speaks Bengali and Hindi. She specializes in working with clients with challenges in accessing justice based on criminal history, mental illness, developmental disabilities, limited English proficiency, and immigration status. Previously, Riddhi worked at the Pierce County Department of Assigned Counsel (DAC) as a public defender. Before that, Riddhi was a Berkeley Law Foundation Legal Fellow and staff attorney with the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (NWIRP). Since 2001, she has volunteered and worked as a sexual assault and domestic violence advocate with local South Asian domestic violence advocacy groups in North Carolina, Texas and Washington. Riddhi received her Juris Doctorate from Seattle University School of Law and her Bachelor of Arts from Duke University.

**Rudy Serra** has 30 years of highly successful experience in the practice of law. He has earned multiple jury trial and bench trial victories and practices in court rooms all over Michigan. He is a nationally respected expert in the law and was appointed the first openly gay judge in the State of Michigan. He is also a long time Civil, LGBTQ and Sexual Freedom rights’ activist. He has authored numerous publications, including the book “Bag A Fag,” published by the Triangle Foundation and recognized as one of the most authoritative sources of information about anti-gay police misconduct.

**Robyn Friedman** is a Criminal Defense Attorney currently residing in Seattle, Washington, with a practice mainly consisting of criminal defense, high conflict dissolution and family law, and some estate planning for those in sexual alternative relationships. She has been doing presentations for the National Coalition for Sexual Freedom since 2000, and from 2002 through 2005, she acted as the Director of their Legal Education Outreach Program. She has presented throughout the nation, and Canada, at several SM oriented conferences, such as LIL, Folsom Fringe, Kinkfest, Wicked Womyn, Tribal Fire, Family Ties, Thunder in the Mountains, Leather Reign, Desire, Southwest Leather Conference, Paradise Unbound, Kinky Carnival, as well as for various groups and organizations, such as PLA, Avatar, APEX, RAWW, OCLA, SSLA, and others.
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Judy Guerin is a well-known activist, writer, speaker and educator on issues of sexual freedom and gender expression. She is also a long-time practitioner of BDSM and sex educator on BDSM activities. She is a former board member of GenderPAC, the Woodhull Freedom Foundation, Forum 21 and the Black Rose. She is a former steering committee member of the National Policy Roundtable of GLBTQ/HIV groups, former executive director of the National Coalition for Sexual Freedom and former advisor to the European Union Human Rights Commission on issues of sexual freedom and GLBTQ issues. She currently directs NCSF’s Consent Counts Project to decriminalize consensual BDSM in the U.S.

Workshop | Consent & Negotiation

An introduction to what it means to be a part of the Sex-Positive Culture through an interactive discussion about getting and giving informed and enthusiastic consent.

Sar Surmick is a Sex Positive Marriage & Family Therapist and Educator located in Seattle and Redmond, WA. Sar specializes in working within the Poly, Kink, Queer, and Trans* communities, seeing couples, individuals, moresomes, and families for relationship difficulties, mental health issues, non-monogamy work, gender, sex, and all identity concerns. Sar speaks and educates about consent, the importance of communication in relationships, understanding the role identity plays in a person’s life, and working from a sex-positive perspective. Sar is a board member for the Foundation for Sex Positive Culture, volunteers for Camp Ten Trees, and writes in their off time. More information about Sar's practice can be found at: www.significantconnections.com
Ruby B. Johnson received her Bachelors of Social Work in 2003 from Texas Women's University and her Masters of Social Work in 2004 from the University of Texas at Arlington. Since 2003, Ruby's roles have included clinical practitioner, community and professional development educator, and graduate and under graduate adjunct professor. In private practice, her areas of expertise are substance use disorders, obsessive and compulsive sexual behaviors, attachment disorders, multi-cultural families and couples, gender expression/gender identity issues, consensual nonmonogamous partnerships/families, and Kink/BDSM. In August 2015, she received her certification as a master forensic social work and is listed as an expert with addiction disorders. Ruby is CEO and Sole Practitioner with Inamorata LLC (www.inamorata.me) and Inamorata Forensics (www.inamorataforensics). Ruby B. Johnson is CEO and organizer for PolyDallas Millennium© LLC.

Panel | Consent Activism: Past, Present and Future

Hear from consent activists who are making a difference in their own communities what they're doing and what's in the works.

Kitty Stryker is porn's riot grrl, striving to bring consent culture and feminism to the forefront of her work as a performer and producer. Particularly interested in the intersections between explicit materials, politics, and ethics, Stryker is the marketing manager for Harlot Magazine and has written for the Guardian, the Daily Dot, Buzzfeed, Fleshbot, and more. She blogs at KittyStryker.com.

Ashley Haymond believes sexuality is an integral part of life, influencing everything from public policy to the arts. She strives to highlight these influences in evidence-based interventions for diverse audiences. She holds a Master in Public Management with a specialization in social policy from the University of Maryland. Her interests include the intersection of public policy and sexuality, Kink/BDSM issues, and generational changes in sexual attitudes. Ashley is a doctoral student at Widener University's Center for Human Sexuality Studies. For more information, contact her at ahaymond@mail.widener.edu.
Doris O’Neal, Director for the Domestic Violence Specialized Services at the YWCA in Seattle. The YWCA mission is to advance the quality of life for women of all ages, races and faiths, and their families. In support of this mission, the YWCA provides services to meet critical needs, promote self-sufficiency, reduce violence, eliminate racism and achieve equal opportunities for all people. With more than 100 years experience, the YWCA is the leading organization for moving women and families out of crisis and empowering them to achieve lasting independence. www.YWCAworks.org

Mercy Stackhouse is a cosplayer, costumer, burlesque performer, writer and the founder of Causeplay. Causeplay is a group of cosplayers who help folks through spreading awareness as well as charitable acts, through events, performance, and social networking. Mercy's "muggle" name is Eryc. They have been performing since the age of eight and have considered themself an activist since twelve. When Eryc is not doing cool stuff in costume, they teach one and two year olds and have an awesome family including two awesome kids (10 and 12).

Tobi Hill-Meyer is a multiracial trans woman with well over a decade experience working with feminist and LGBTQ organizations on a local, state, and federal level, having served on several boards and offering support as a policy consultant. She currently serves as board chair at Gender Justice League and works as Communications Coordinator at Gay City focusing on the End AIDS Washington Campaign. With her background in activism, she operates her own media production company, Handbasket Productions, creating stories and entertainment that reflect community needs and values.

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Workshop | Consent in Power Exchange Relationships

An interactive discussion of what consent looks like within power exchange relationships, and how to maintain and affirm consent.

Brett Houghton has been doing public education for over 20 years. He leads workshops on BDSM he wishes someone would have been teaching when he was younger in his kink journey. Brett is keen on talking about consent, especially consent for risky things. He has been having intentional structured power imbalanced relationships for over a decade--some of which have gone quite well. While his community volunteer work is usually behind the scenes he has been involved in some more visible community projects, include curating the Education Through Voyeurism series for GLPW at the Blood, Sweat, and Queers Party at Seattle's Center for Sex Positive Culture, co-chairing the program committee for the 2013 KinkLINCS leadership conference in Seattle, and participating in planning the Leather Reign Conference for the past four years.

Kevin Carlson is the current Chairman of the Board for the National Coalition for Sexual Freedom, having been involved with the NCSF for a decade in one capacity or another. In addition to his involvement with the NCSF, Kevin has been involved with several other nonprofits. Kevin has been in a M/s relationship for 12 years. Kevin has a passion for consent and its operations within the power exchange dynamic. Over the years in addition to teaching about consent, Kevin has taught many other classes such as interrogation, caning, and fire play.

Panel | Affirmative Consent and College Campuses

“Yes means Yes” is replacing the old paradigm of “No means No” on college campuses and in state assault laws. What does that mean for you?

Cassie Lawrence is a student in her final year at San Jose State University, where she has made a difference in the lives of others in many ways: as the leader of the Alternative Amory and Kink Union (AAKU), a campus group that provides a safe space for students interested in alternative relationships and BDSM, as a campus sex educator, and as a volunteer domestic violence and sexual assault counselor with the YWCA. Cassie's passion is to provide education and empower young people to have healthy, safe, and sexy relationships. In what little free time she has, Cassie enjoys watching bad television, making low-carb pizza, and rope bondage.

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**Allena Gabosch**, Executive Director of both the Center For Sex Positive Culture and Foundation for Sex Positive Culture from their creation until retiring January 1, 2015, producing educational and social events for the sex-positive community since 1990. She is currently the Development Director for the Center and on the Foundation board, and she is a frequent speaker on many sexuality related subjects at colleges and conferences around the US and Canada, with an emphasis on Sexuality, Relationships, BDSM and Polyamory. She is a frequent guest on local and national radio and television, has been in numerous documentaries and quoted in many articles online and in print. She was a former Producer of the Seattle Erotic Art Festival, a past board member of NCSF and a former commissioner with the Seattle Commission for Sexual Minorities. Her Sex Positive Blog is www.allenagabosch.wordpress.com/ Her coaching website is: www.eroticcoaching.com Follow her on Twitter @Ladysun333

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Workshop | Train the Trainers: Speaking about Consent

An interactive discussion teaching educators how to include consent issues in their presentations.

Jim Duvall is a sexuality activist who teaches on a variety of topics from erotic photography to rope bondage all over North America. He is a founder of the Center for Sex Positive Culture (CSPC) and the Seattle Erotic Art Festival. He is a past President and Board member of the National Coalition for Sexual Freedom and CSPC, and a current Board member and past Board President for the Foundation for Sex Positive Culture. Mr. Duvall began his career as an erotic photographer in the early days of the World Wide Web when he started janesguide.com with his former partner. He provided content for many online endeavors including bondage.com. His art has been shown at the Seattle Erotic Art Festival and many other art festivals around North America. He helped start The Betty Pages, an LGBT magazine, and was a writer and magazine for 5 years. Currently, he works as a fine art photographer in Seattle WA.

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The National Coalition for Sexual Freedom is committed to creating a political, legal and social environment in the US that advances equal rights for consenting adults who engage in alternative sexual and relationship expressions. NCSF aims to advance the rights of, and advocate for consenting adults in the BDSM-Leather-Fetish, Swing, and Polyamory Communities. We pursue our vision through direct services, education, advocacy, and outreach, in conjunction with our partners, to directly benefit these communities.

www.ncsfreedom.org

The Center for Sex Positive Culture encourages the exploration and celebration of the many facets of human sexuality. Through an encompassing variety of events, created by and for its membership, the CSPC seeks to educate, to facilitate consensual open sexual expression and dialog, and to provide a venue for fellowship and community. As proponents of sex positive culture, we believe that the appropriate uses of sex extend beyond reproduction. They include creating personal pleasure, bonding interpersonal relationships, promoting spiritual growth, and enhancing emotional and physical health. In a sex positive world, everyone has the freedom and resources to pursue a fulfilling and empowering sex life.

www.thecspc.org

Seattle Erotic Art Festival encourages the creation, enjoyment, and purchase of erotic art—sparking conversations to ignite personal and cultural evolutions.

www.seattleerotic.org