CENTER FOR
SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION
SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH - BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Center for Sexual Health Promotion – Research Assistant Call Out – Fall 2015

The Center for Sexual Health Promotion (CSHP) is a collaborative of sexual health scholars from across the campuses of Indiana University and strategic partner academic institutions around the globe who, in partnership with practitioners from community-based health organizations, government and industry, work toward advancing the field of sexual health through our research, education and training initiatives. At our core is a commitment to the active engagement of graduate students in our work; we view this as essential to growing the next generation of sexual health scholars and practitioners. The CSHP is based in the Department of Applied Health Science, in the School of Public Health-Bloomington.

The Center is led by *Drs. Debby Herbenick and Brian Dodge*. In addition, we are pleased that *Dr. Jane Fu* has recently joined our team as a Postdoctoral Fellow in Sexual Health. We are currently looking for help with these research studies. Graduate students may apply for paid position (see application). Volunteer and for-credit opportunities are also available. We ask that graduate students commit to at least 5 hours/week whether working in a paid, volunteer, or course credit role. Please email cshp@indiana.edu for more information.

1. **National Survey of Sexual Health and Behavior (NSSHB)**
The NSSHB is now an annual nationally representative survey of Americans' sexual lives. Participants are recruited online and data collection also occurs online. *What we need on this project:* conducting literature searches and reviews on topics such as (a) condom use, (b) sexual behavior in very long-term relationships, (c) sexual pleasure and orgasm, (d) affectionate behaviors (kissing, cuddling, etc.) and (e) childbirth delivery mode and women's sexual function. Also: translation of data through creating charts, graphs, tables, infographics.

2. **Campus Sexual Health Survey**
In early 2015, CSHP faculty conducted a probability survey of IU students' sexual health and behaviors. *What we need on this project:* help with literature reviews, data cleaning and analysis. We also creative need insight on ways to share data in engaging ways (such as making tables, charts, infographics, slides, etc.).

3. **Bisexual Parents Study**
Recent studies provide evidence that parenting among bisexual women and men is very common, but relatively little research exists on their life experiences. This qualitative project will explore patterns of discussion among self-identified bisexual parents with their children under 21 years of age. Interviews will be conducted with 30 U.S. parents (15 mothers and 15 fathers). *What we need on this project:* help with scheduling participants (for phone/online interviews), transcribing interviews, coding interviews, and assisting with data organization.

4. **Bisexual Health @ IU Initiative**
We recently established a multi-institutional academic-community based partnership focusing on health research among bisexual men and women in collaboration with colleagues at The Fenway Institute in Boston: the *Bisexual Research Collaborative on Health (BiRCH)*. We are actively planning our next *BiRCH* meeting in Boston in July 2016. We have also launched an IU-based component which focuses on bringing expert guest speakers on bisexuality to share their work in Bloomington. *What we need on this project:* an outgoing, task-oriented and enthusiastic assistant who may help with event planning, coordinating communications, and routine activities.

5. **Grant Writing for Sexual Health Promotion**
We regularly develop and submit grant proposals for funding of new and exciting sexual health research projects with a wide range of federal, private, and corporate agencies. We are always in need of eager students who are seeking to gain hands-on experience with this important aspect of research. *What we need on this project:* committed volunteers with attention to detail, ability to sometimes work on tight timelines, knowledge of citation software programs such as EndNote.