Explore changing attitudes towards human sexuality, gender and sexual behaviours in America and beyond, throughout the twentieth century.

Overview

This unique collaboration begins with Research Collections from The Kinsey Institute Library & Special Collections, making available essential primary sources from the tenures of the first three Institute directors: Dr Alfred C. Kinsey, Dr Paul H. Gebhard and Dr June Reinisch.

Carefully selected in partnership with The Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender, and Reproduction, the first module of Sex & Sexuality provides unprecedented access to collections from prominent sex researchers and sexologists. Papers from Dr John Money and Dr Harry Benjamin document advances in areas as diverse as biology, health and medicine, sociology, anthropology and psychology, whilst collected research from Alice Withrow Field and James W. Edwards offers important investigations into criminology and global attitudes towards sex. This is supplemented by extensive Director correspondence, Institute reports, conference programmes and collected materials from sex research organisations, associations and societies around the world.

About the Archive

The Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender, and Reproduction

Established in 1947, the Kinsey Institute owes its origins to Dr Alfred Kinsey’s 1938 course ‘Marriage and Family’ at Indiana University. Founded as the not-for-profit ‘Institute for Sex Research’, its twin goals were to safeguard research resources and facilitate continued study into human sexual behaviour. Now known as the Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender, and Reproduction, it is the premier research authority on human sexuality and relationships, seeking to foster and promote greater understanding of the most intimate aspects of our lives through research, outreach, education, and historical preservation.

“I am pleased to be working with Adam Matthew Digital to bring Sex & Sexuality to scholars of sexology all over the world. This collaboration will make widely available the rich resources of The Kinsey Institute Library & Special Collections.”

Shawn C. Wilson, Associate Director, The Kinsey Institute Library & Special Collections
Key Research Topics

- Gender Identities
- Sexual Preferences
- Sexual Behaviours
- Sexual Health
- Global and Regional Perspectives on Sex
- Sex Education
- Reproduction
- Organisations, Societies and Advocacy Groups
- Relationships, Marriage and Family
- Academic and Professional Research

Highlights

- Research files by sexologist Dr Harry Benjamin provide key insights into the study of prostitution, gender dysphoria and transsexualism during the 1960s and 1970s.
- Extensive notes and research discussions from sex researcher and criminologist, Alice Withrow Field focusing on the New York City Sex Offender Study (1951-1956), the Women’s Court and the Wayward Minors’ Court under the New York City Department of Probation (1940-1945).
- The Kinsey-Era (1939-1959) and Gebhard-Era (1960-1969) Correspondence Collections document changing research interests, Institute donations and guidance provided to thousands of individuals and organisations across three decades.
- Papers from sex researcher James W. Edwards examine attitudes towards sexual orientation, birth control and sexual behaviours across South, East and Southeast Asia.

Module II

Sex & Sexuality: Self-Expression, Community and Identity continues to explore the rich history of human sexuality, focusing on LGBTQ+ activism and autobiographical experiences. Contributing archives include:

- The Kinsey Institute Library & Special Collections
- ONE National Gay and Lesbian Archives
- The National Archives, UK
- University of Sydney

FEATUREING HANDWRITTEN TEXT RECOGNITION (HTR):

This resource has been enhanced with Handwritten Text Recognition (HTR) to enable full-text searching of the manuscript material.
The Kinsey Institute Library collection is a destination collection for students and scholars of human sexuality. I'm so pleased that this digital project makes it more accessible and available.

Liana Zhou,
Director, The Kinsey Institute Library & Special Collections

Material Types

- Correspondence
- Conference and Workshop programmes
- Pamphlets
- Ephemera
- Reports
- Newsletters
- Research Briefs
- Advice Columns
- Newspapers
- Statistics

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