

Sex week



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We're doing it again.

Welcome back to a week open minds, learning, art, critique, and sensuality; a week of words, ideas, and explorations. It is our safe space.

Week in Brief: Notes from the Sex Week Team.

- 1) Registration is free(!) and open to the public. You'll be able to show appreciation through donations, active participation, raffles, and contributions to art/writing projects.
- 2) Food is provided for most events. We'll fuel you, but be conscientious.
- 3) All events are for everyone. Be inclusive. Don't let abundance/lack of knowledge limit you.
- 4) Ask questions. Be responsible. Laugh, take notes, and speak up.



NOTICE: Sex Week aims to create an open, safe, and supportive space to discuss sex. We are proud to provide inclusive information and conversations around sex to our diverse community here at the University of Chicago. Discussions and events may involve explicit material that may make some individuals feel uncomfortable; audience members are welcome to exit the event at any time. Sex Week Team members are present to provide referral services. The University Counseling Center can offer additional support surrounding these issues.

Website: sexweekuchicago.com

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Sexweek event schedule

SATURDAY 28TH

09:00PM LASCIVIOUS BALL

Ida Noyes

It's back! Start off Sex Week by partying into the night. There will be a DJ, dance performances, finger food, fashion shows, and more. No shirt, no shoes, no problem. \$5 in advance, \$8 at the door. Selling at Cobb [DATES TBA]. (EMAIL TBA)

MONDAY 2ND

4:30 PM WHAT'S APP-ENING

Home Room
International
House

Tinder, Grindr, Skout, Tingle, MeetMe, Swoon, Bang With Friends, Pure. What do they all have in common: hooking up? Come learn about safety and consent in the world of hook up apps with RSVP (Resources for Sexual Violence Prevention). (paigemorehead10@gmail.com)

6:00 PM DRAWING IN THE GUTTER: SEX AND SEXUALITY IN COMICS

Stuart 105

Who doesn't love sexy, sexy comics? Join us for a panel conversation with comic artists that deal with all things sex, including erotica and sex-ed. (misha.grifka@gmail.com)

7:30 PM (A)SEXY SYMPOSIUM

Stuart 105

How do people who do not experience sexual attraction form meaningful relationships, and how do these relationships resemble or differ from sexual ones? Join us for an informative discussion about asexuality from a panel made up of members from the UChicago community and the greater Chicago area. (costampos@uchicago.edu)

8:00 PM SEX WEEK LET'S SPEAK

McCormick
Lounge
Reynolds Club

Come one, come all, to this open mic and sharing space for love, sex, relationships, gender and sexuality, and above all identity. Bring your coming out stories, your love poems, your literotica, your identity monologues, and yourselves. Dance, music, poetry, stories - everything and everyone is welcome. Featuring: Memento, Memoryhouse magazine's performance ensemble. (amw1@uchicago.edu)

8:00 PM SUPPORT SEX WORKERS

Stuart 102

Members of the Sex Workers Outreach Project will lead activities to inform, challenge, and build allies for individuals who engage in the diverse and complex occupation of sex work. (yjwu@uchicago.edu)



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TUESDAY 3RD

- 7:30 PM** **SEX AND PAIN: FROM OW TO WOW!**
Harper 130 Sometimes, tight can be too tight. But that shouldn't stop anyone from having good sex! Learn more about sexual pain and the ways to manage it at this session on vulvodynia, vaginismus, and more. (oadams@uchicago.edu)
- 7:30 PM** **DIRTY TALKING, ETC.**
Harper 130 They say the most powerful sex organ is the one that resides between your ears! Keep your mind engaged during awesome sex with this peer-led how-to on dirty talking, roleplay, and fantasy. (szeichner@uchicago.edu)
- 8:30 PM** **POSITIONS 101**
Stuart 105 Tea Time and Sex Chats presents a tutorial on different ways to spice up your sex life. Covering a variety of positions, you are guaranteed to find one to suit your fancy! (szeichner@uchicago.edu)

WEDNESDAY 4TH

- 6:00 PM** **THE INTERCOURSE**
Stuart 105 If you're having sex, thinking about having sex, or even just want to learn more about sex, InTouch has you covered with this presentation. We'll talk about everything from consent and communication to STIs, condoms, and hormonal birth control. (mburla@uchicago.edu)
- 8:00 PM** **A CONSUMER'S GUIDE TO SEX**
Stuart 105 Come learn about sex toys from the owner of one of the most popular sex toy shops in Chicago! Searah Deysach, owner of Early to Bed, will answer all your questions on the best toys to buy, the questions to ask when purchasing, and the best way to care for your toys once you take them home. (szeichner@uchicago.edu)
- 4:30 PM** **(QUEER) SEX IN THE MIDDLE EAST - IT HAPPENS**
5707 South Woodlawn Living Room Explore issues of sexuality, LGBTQ rights, and activism in the wake of the Arab Spring with Al Sharq: Middle East Meets West. Join us for presentations and a panel discussion about the diverse identities and cultures in Middle Eastern LGBTQ communities and the challenges they face, with a special focus on activism, sexuality in Iran, and the transnational and diasporic dimensions of LGBTQ issues. (elizabethdia@uchicago.edu)



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THURSDAY 5TH

TBA CONSERVATIVE AND DEVIANT SEXUALITY

TBA How is normal sexual behavior defined? Why do some people hide their sexual preferences? A panel of undergraduates and Gender & Sexuality Studies fellow Ashleigh Campi explore these questions and ultimately, what it means to be sexually liberated. (yjwu@uchicago.edu)

6:00 PM FINDING THE GOOD IN GOODBYE

Stuart 101 There are countless theories on how to start a relationship, but rarely do we discuss how to end one. Join Dr. Alex Lickerman for a discussion on healthy ways to end (and move on from) a relationship. Relationship types of all kind are welcome. (adanmeza@uchicago.edu)

7:00 PM BONDAGE 101

5710 South Woodlawn 007 Want to learn to tie your partner up? Curious about bondage, but didn't know how to try on your own? We'll be showing the basics of rope tying, and a bit beyond the basics! (feldmanj@uchicago.edu)

8:00PM A TASTE OF THE BODY PROJECT

Stuart 105 Join The Body Peer Leaders for a discussion of society's feminine beauty standards and the impact of those standards on body image and self esteem. All are welcome (mburla@uchicago.edu)

FRIDAY 6TH

5:00 PM WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Bartlett Trophy Lounge The past century has shown a progress in Women's Rights unprecedented in the history of humankind, but where do we stand now? What are contemporary challenges Women have to face today, both domestically, and abroad? Join UChicago Amnesty International for an engaging panel about 'Women's Rights in the 21st Century.' (tianz@uchicago.edu)

6:00PM UCJAS PRESENTS: THE ORIGINS OF BOYS' LOVE

Logan 801 UCJAS discusses the development of the boy's love genre and the origins of erotic imagery and media in Japan. (lobster@uchicago.edu)



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FRIDAY 6TH

7:00 PM **PURITY RINGS NOT REQUIRED: A PANEL DISCUSSION ON CHRISTIANITY AND SEX**

Logan 801

Join InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Mindy Meier, author of Sex and Dating, and a panel of Christians of different relationship statuses and backgrounds as they break down myths about sex in the Christian context. All welcome. (zapaul@uchicago.edu)

SATURDAY 7TH

12:30 PM **HOW TO SUPPORT A FRIEND SURVIVOR**

Logan 801

How can I best support a friend who has experienced sexual violence? This workshop will explore the psychological impact of sexual assault - considering the experiences of survivors with diverse ethnicities, backgrounds, genders, and orientation - and counteract popular stigmas and misconceptions. All are welcome. (lorcasj@gmail.com)

2:00 PM **"BRAVE MISS WORLD" SCREENING**

Logan 801

Join Tea Time and Sex Chats and UChicago Hillel to watch and discuss "Brave Miss World." Synopsis: Miss Israel Linor Abargil was abducted, stabbed, and raped in Milan, Italy, at age 18. She had to represent her country in the Miss World competition only six weeks later. When to her shock she was crowned the winner, she vowed to do something about rape. The film follows her from the rape, to her crowning and through her crusade to fight for justice and break the silence. During her travels to speak out and meet with other rape victims, her own trauma begins to resurface. Her serial rapist becomes eligible for parole, and she has to hunt down his previous victims in order to help keep him behind bars. The film explores the trauma of sexual assault through one young woman's journey from teenage rape victim to Miss World to empowered lawyer and activist. (szeichner@uchicago.edu)

3:00 PM **GETTING DOWN WITH HOOKING UP**

Logan 801

Interested in the etiquette of a one-night stand? Feel like all the good advice about consent and boundaries assumes you're in or seeking a long-term relationship, which isn't what you want? This is for you! Our panelists will be discussing how you can make sure you – and your partners – have a great time together. (feldmanj@uchicago.edu)



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4:00 PM **TRANS 101 PANEL**

Logan 801 Students Anaïs (she), Amalia (they), Devon (they), and Hex (it) talk about life as trans people and trans issues as they affect them. (jbach@uchicago.edu)

SUNDAY 8TH

12:30 PM **TASTE OF KINK**

Logan 802 Ever wonder what people get out of floggers, wax, electricity, and more? Intrigued by the possibilities but don't know where to start? Try our smörgåsbord of sensation, where you'll be able to safely sample a variety of props and toys in a low-key setting and at your own pace. (feldmanj@uchicago.edu)

2:30 PM **CONSENT OF ALL FLAVORS**

Logan 801 A sex worker's perspective on the stigma she faces in her profession, from Craigslist jobs to official positions in dungeons. (simoneba@uchicago.edu)

4:00 PM **IGNITING THE SPARK: CANDLE MAGIC FOR LOVE AND ATTRACTION**

Logan 201 This is a candle-carving and magic-making workshop. Through the power of sacred images (and lots of glitter) you can learn how to enchant a candle with the powers of love and attraction. All are welcome! (Hydeparkpagan@gmail.com)

5:00 PM **BC SINCE AD: THE SCANDALOUS HISTORY OF BIRTH CONTROL**

Logan 802 Join InTouch for a trip through the fascinating, feminist, and sometimes scandalous history of birth control! From pomegranate seeds to the Kama Sutra to the internal condom, this workshop will make you the most educated Tinder match this side of the quad. Be sure to stick around for free FC2 internal condoms! (mburla@uchicago.edu)

5:00 PM **SEX, PLEASURE AND SPIRITUALITY: CURRENT QUESTIONS OF ANCIENT TEXTS**

Logan 802 During this session we will explore insights around sexuality inspired by texts of Judaism, Christianity and other traditions. We will examine the role of mutuality and the possibility of ecstasy associated with spiritual connection! (szeichner@uchicago.edu)



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Sex Week's Words to the Wise: Terms you might hear during our events!

Abstinence / celibacy: choice to not be sexually active. Typically, abstinent people experience sexual attraction but choose not to act on it (by contrast with asexual)

Agender person: a person who presents as/considers oneself to have no gender

Ally: a member of a dominant social group who commits to end discrimination in their own personal and professional lives by supporting and advocating for oppressed populations' agendas

Androgynous: presenting as/considering oneself to be both masculine and feminine

Aromantic: an orientation referring to people who do not experience romantic attraction; does not necessarily indicate lack of sexual attraction or relationships

Asexual: a sexual orientation referring to people who do not experience sexual attraction for other individuals. They do not necessarily abstain from sex or masturbation, and they may experience other kinds of attraction and form close relationships with others

Bondage, Dominance & Submission, Sadism & Masochism (BDSM) / kink: activities between two or more consenting adults that include use of physical restraint, infliction/reception of pain or other intense sensations, and power exchange

Bigender person: a person who presents as/considers oneself to have two genders

Bisexual: a sexual orientation referring to people who are attracted sexually/romantically/emotionally to two or more genders, not necessarily simultaneously or equally. Contrasted with pansexual, but not necessarily distinct from it

Cisgender person: a person whose gender identity and presentation (in terms of behavior, dress, vocal intonation) matches the gender assigned to them at birth; opposite of transgender

Coming out: to declare or disclose one's sexual orientation, gender identity, sexual identity, or relationship style (typically one that is unconventional or marginalized) to others

Drag: dressing in gendered clothing as part of a performance; does not indicate gender identity or sexuality



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Diagnostic & Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM): language and criteria published by the American Psychiatric Association used by clinicians, researchers, pharmaceutical companies, insurance companies, the legal system, and policy makers to classify and diagnose mental disorders

Gender: 1) one's sense of self as masculine, feminine, or something else regardless of chromosomal status or external genitalia. Often manifests in behavior, vocal inflection, posture or dress; 2) socially constructed system of classification that recognizes and ascribes masculine and feminine qualities to people. Such systems vary across time and cultures but in contemporary America gender is generally conceptualized as a binary delineating masculinity and femininity as mutually exclusive opposites

Gender dysphoria / gender identity disorder: medical diagnosis describing individuals who experience significant discomfort and discontent with the sex and gender roles assigned to them at birth

Genderqueer/ genderfluid/non-conforming/variant: individuals who bend, break, or blur the boundaries between masculinity and femininity as delineated by the gender binary

Heterosexual: a sexual orientation referring to people who are attracted sexually/romantically/emotionally to people of a gender other than their own

Homosexual: a sexual orientation referring to people who are attracted sexually/romantically/emotionally to people of the same gender

Hookup: umbrella term describing sexual behaviors (not limited to penile-vaginal intercourse) participated in by consenting individuals who would not describe themselves as being in a committed relationship, in it is typically agreed that the encounter will not be repeated or will not act as foundation for a romantic or companionate connection

Intersectionality: concept describing how oppressive institutions and discourses (racism, sexism, homo/transphobia, ableism, classism, etc) interconnect and reinforce each other to create highly diverse experiences of discrimination. Developed in response to systematic erasure of diverse minorities within existing discourses about oppressed groups (e.g. of women of color from discussions about women's rights)

Intersex: individuals demonstrating one of a set of medical conditions that result in chromosomal conditions other than XY/XX or cause reproductive systems or external genitalia to develop in a way that deviates from what is considered "normal" functioning or appearance for male or female individuals



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Men who have sex with men (MSM): male-identified individuals who engage in same-sex behavior but do not necessarily self-identify as gay

Monogamous: a consensual relationship in which two individuals agree to be sexually and/or romantically exclusive

Non-monogamous: a consensual relationship that is not romantically and/or sexually exclusive

Open relationship: a form of non-monogamy in which partners agree that both are free to engage in sexual relationships with other individuals. Sometimes differentiated from polyamorous when partners agree to not engage in sex with others when their partner does not have an equivalent opportunity to do so, and/or to confine sex with others to a particular time period and/or location

Pansexual: a sexual orientation referring to people who are attracted sexually/romantically/emotionally to multiple genders. Often used as an alternative to bisexual, which can connote (sometimes falsely) an attraction to only two genders

Polyamorous: a form of non-monogamy describing the practice of having, or being open to having, more than one sexual and/or romantic partner with the full consent of all parties involved

Privilege: rights, immunities, services, benefits, or advantages (especially medical, legal, political, administrative, or social) that are systematically granted to an individual or group based solely upon their race, class, gender, sexual orientation, religious affiliation, citizenship, etc. while being withheld from another

Queer: 1) a term describing a sexual orientation, political statement, or theoretical orientation which challenges sex and gender binaries, instead advocating for sexual orientation and gender identity as socially constructed, potentially fluid constructs; 2) an umbrella term used to refer to LBGITIA identities and practices, not always used by all generations of LBGITIA individuals as the term was originally a slur

Sex: classification of male, female, or intersex based upon their chromosomes, internal reproductive system, and/or external genitalia

Sex-positive: a philosophy that advocates for all consensual forms of sexual expression and recognizes that sexual behaviors beyond penile-vaginal intercourse, genders other than masculine/feminine, orientations other than heterosexual, sexes beyond male/female, and both monogamous and nonmonogamous relationships can affirm personal sexuality and cause sexual pleasure



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Sexual orientation: a term often used to describe the genders to which one is attracted sexually/romantically/emotionally. Includes asexuality, homosexuality, heterosexuality, bisexuality and pansexuality

Sexual Reassignment Surgery (SRS): surgical procedures that change one's external genitalia

Sex work: the exchange of sexual behaviors, performances, or products for material or monetary compensation; workers include prostitutes, escorts, dominatrixes, pornography models and actors, erotic dancers, phone and webcam sex operators

Transgender person: a person whose gender identity does not match the gender assigned to them at birth. Does not indicate the person's sexual orientation or desire to change physical sex characteristics. Usage note: a transgender woman identifies as a woman

Transition: the period during which an individual begins to live some portion of their life as their self-identified gender, which may include coming out to others, changing one's name, taking hormones, or undergoing surgery

Trigger warning: a warning to others that precedes discussion/disclosure of content that may cause strong and damaging emotional responses, such as post-traumatic flashbacks or fear. Common examples of content preceded by trigger warnings are graphic descriptions or depictions of abuse, self-harm, eating disorders, trauma, violence, sexual activity, or discrimination

"Remember to treat these definitions as provisional gateways to thinking about these terms/concepts, rather than as hard-and-fast rules. Each term/concept evolves with its usage within its respective communities."

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Be sure to also check out our student-made zine on racial fetishization!



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