

October 2021

TASHRA Training

Tickets Available Now

Develop your KISS (Kink Inclusive Supervision Services): [Supervising clinicians working with kinky clients](#)

Live Online Workshop

7 hours

Saturday and Sunday, October 23rd and 24th

First session: 9am to 1:10pm Pacific Standard Time

Second session: 9am to 12:05pm Pacific Standard Time

Treating kink, BDSM, and other sexually diverse populations requires a more in-depth knowledge of not only supervision styles, but also how working with sexually diverse clients may present differently in the course of their treatment and your supervision with that clinician. When you are supervising a clinician who also identifies as sexually diverse, the supervisor's cultural humility is key to ethical supervision. Finally, if the supervisor and supervisee are both members of the kink community and / or are treating these populations, special care is needed.

TASHRA is excited to announce a 7 CE hour course (APA and AASECT credits available) for supervisors who are supervising clinicians treating sexual minority populations. This course will be held on October 23 - 24th.

This course will cover a broad range of advanced supervision topics for clinicians working with kink populations as well as clinicians who are also members of kink populations.

Learning objectives:

After completion of the webinar, attendees will be able to...

1. Assessing goodness of fit between supervisee and supervisor
2. Relevant laws and ethics with a focus on multiple relationships (ex. For when a supervisor and / or a supervisee are members of kink populations and treating kink populations)
3. Norms for kink-focused supervision
4. Supervision strategies & models to consider in kink-focused supervision
5. Elements of a kink clinician supervision session
6. Empowerment for clinicians working with kink populations
7. Action steps of becoming a kink inclusive supervisor

Format:

The workshops will combine didactic instruction, case examples, and group discussion to demonstrate the practice of working with kink-involved clients.

Cost: \$265 for 7 APA and AASECT CE credits, \$135 for 7 AASECT CEs without APA CEs.

Instructor Bios:**Stephen Ratcliff, MA, LPCC (NM), LPC (OR), NCC, CST**

Steve (he, him pronouns) is a licensed mental health counselor and AASECT certified sex therapist in private practice in Albuquerque, New Mexico who specializes in treating LGBTQ+, Kinky, and Consensually Nonmonogamous (CNM) clients. Steve also has been an avid teacher, presenting continuing education seminars at conferences, local universities, and clinical agencies since 2010. Steve joined the directors board of NCSF in March 2021.

Steve completed his Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies in 2006 and his Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology in 2009. In 2018, Steve began doctoral studies in Clinical Psychology. Steve's doctoral studies are focusing on gender, sexual, and relationship diversity (GSRD). In 2020, Steve began participating with the international Kink Health Survey research team lead by Dr. Sprott and Dr. Randall. Starting in 2022, Steve plans to conduct his dissertation study examining attachment patterns in consensually nonmonogamous people. Steve's research interests include various topics in the gender, sexual, and relationship diversity (GSRD) populations.

For more information about Steve, please visit www.steveratcliff.com.

Zita L. Nickeson, M. Ed, LMHC, LCPC, CST, CSE, WPATH-C

Zita Nickeson is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor in WA, ID, MT, WY and CO. She is a Certified Sex Therapist, Certified Sex Educator, Kink Knowledgeable Professional and Ethnic Minority Mental Health Specialist (WA specific). Additionally, Zita is currently a Doctoral Candidate in Human Sexuality/Psychology, completing her dissertation work around BIPOC and Interracial Relationship Experiences within Kink and BDSM.

Zita is the owner/director of NW Sexual Counseling, a private practice specializing in sexual, gender and relationship therapy, education, coaching and advocacy. She has maintained her private practice for over a decade, providing sex positive services to many underserved and rural communities. Counselor training and education in inclusive sexual healthcare is one of Zita's passions. This has led her to supervise

Master's Level Counseling Students and Pre-Licensure Counseling Professionals for the past 5 years. Additionally, as one of the few Certified Sex Therapists in her region, Zita has also been an Instructor for the Healthy Loving Institute as well as providing sex and Kink positive presentations to the local Mental Health, Medical and Kink communities.

Having worked in the Mental Health field for over 20 years, Zita has also seen the significant need and importance of reducing stigma associated with sex and Kink in the healthcare field. With this in mind, Zita delightfully joined the TASHRA International Kink Health Survey team in January of 2019. Since then, she has enjoyed being a part of a larger, interdisciplinary team working towards creating a more Kink inclusive healthcare system!

You may find Zita at <http://www.nwsexualcounseling.com/>

Continuing Education

The complete two-day event of two hours each day is eligible for 2 CE units. CE credit is APA and/or AASECT credit. 4 CE credits are available total.

CARAS is the organization that will sponsor the CE credit. CARAS is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. CARAS maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

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Many states honor APA CE credits for other licenced health professionals, please check with your own state licensing board.

This program meets the requirements of the American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors and Therapists (AASECT) and is approved for 2 CE credits per module. These CE credits may be applied toward AASECT certification and renewal of certification. Completion of this program does not ensure or guarantee AASECT certification. For further information please contact info@assect.org.

For further information on CE credit, please contact Richard Sprott at richard@tashra.org directly.

Scholarship Opportunities

TASHRA offers scholarships for attendance to our classes for select applicants. Use the link below to apply for a scholarship to attend this continuing education opportunity.

Applications must be submitted at least 1-week prior to the start of the training. We are only able to offer 3-6 scholarships per course. Scholarships will take the form of 50% of tuition being covered. Applicants will be evaluated per their level of need and purpose for pursuing continuing education.

[Scholarship Application](#)

(<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSer0jnLFpFLHv8U0Ysfy6Z2dtlSpBTmWDe8c-IAPlwE2B-eUg/viewform>)

Group Rates

TASHRA offers discounts on tickets purchased for different sized groups. These can be groups of professionals or community members. For groups of 4-9, members will receive a discount code for 10% off tickets. For groups of 10 or more, members will receive a discount code for 15% off tickets.

Recordings

Recordings of the webinar will be made available to individuals who have purchased tickets to the live event. The recordings will be released with a content evaluation that ticket-holders may use to earn CEs asynchronously. Once they are released, asynchronous recordings will be available for one month. Attendees will receive access to the asynchronous materials within two weeks from the end of the webinar.

Cancellation Policy

You may cancel up to ten days before a scheduled workshop without penalty and receive a credit for another workshop or a refund minus \$7 for processing costs. If you cancel less than ten days before, you will be responsible for payment. TASHRA reserves the right to cancel any event that does not meet our minimum registration within 4 business days of the class. If TASHRA cancels an educational event, you will receive a credit toward another workshop.

CARAS Complaint Resolution Procedures

CARAS is committed to conducting all activities in compliance with the American Psychological Association's Ethical Principles of Psychologists. CARAS will adhere to all legal and ethical responsibilities to be nondiscriminatory in promotional activities, program content, and the treatment of program participants. Monitoring and assessment of these standards will be the responsibility of the Continuing Education Administrator. While CARAS makes every attempt to assure fair treatment for all participants, occasionally complaints will arise about continuing education programs. The procedures for addressing complaints are as follows:

When a participant files a complaint, either orally or in written format, and expects action on the complaint, the following actions will be taken.

1. If the grievance concerns a speaker, the content presented by the speaker, or the style of presentation, the individual making the complaint will be asked to put his/her

comments in written format. The on-site CE Coordinator will then pass the comments on to the speaker, assuring the confidentiality of the complainant.

2. If the complaint concerns a workshop offering, its content, level of presentation, or the facilities in which the workshop was offered, on-site CE Coordinator will mediate and attempt to resolve the complaint on-site. If the participant requests action, the Coordinator is empowered to:

- a. attempt to move the participant to another workshop, or
- b. provide a credit for a subsequent year's workshop, or
- c. provide a partial or full refund of the workshop fee.

Actions 2b and 2c will require a written note, documenting the grievance, for record keeping purposes. The note need not be signed by the grieved individual.

3. If the complaint is made after the program has occurred or concerns the CARAS CE programming more generally, the CARAS Complaint Panel will address it as follows:

- a. Request that the complainant submit a written complaint and propose an appropriate remedy,
- b. provide the instructor(s) with the opportunity to respond to the complaint and propose an appropriate remedy,
- c. review these documents, make a final determination, and decide on any remedy.

For further information, contact the Executive Director of CARAS, Richard A. Sprott, at richard.sprott@carasresearch.org or at 510-919-4488. You can also contact us at CARAS, P.O. Box 812, Rio Vista, CA 94571