



Multiplicity of the Erotic  
Advances in Research and Clinical Practice

## **MOTE 2019 announcement and call for proposals**

We are pleased to announce the inaugural **Multiplicity of the Erotic (MOTE)** conference in Chicago on May 24, 2019. MOTE is an evolution of the former CARAS Alt Sex Conference, and will showcase the most cutting edge research and practices in the field of sexuality and sex therapy.

The theme of the first conference is **Intersectionalities and Sexuality/Relationship Diversity**.

In addition to the one-day conference on Friday, May 24th, we hope you'll join us for an evening social event on Thursday, May 23rd, where there will be music, cocktails, and lots of sexy fun. And for those who have attended previous CARAS conferences, you'll be happy to know we are continuing the Kink-identified Clinician and the Kink Researcher meetings on the morning of Saturday, May 25th.

MOTE welcomes your submission of proposals which contribute to the conversation about the intersectionalities of sex, gender, race, disability, size, age, privilege, relationship structure/style, and erotic orientation.

Illustrative topics can include: history and philosophy of polyamory or swinging culture, separating BDSM practice from abuse, co-morbidity factors, issues of transference/counter-transference, impact of BDSM practices on clients with trauma history, edge play dynamics, concepts of consent, theoretical constructs, literature reviews, early research findings, therapy with polyamorous family dynamics, and therapy around open relationships, asexuality, sex work, intersections between sexualities and genders, marginalized identities intersecting with sexualities, new monogamies, desire and sexual interest discrepancies in relationships.

## So, Who Will Attend?

Sex researchers, sex therapists, health educators, professors, nurses, counselors, case managers, social workers, community organizers, sex nerds & many more...

## What kind of workshop should I propose?

If you are interested in starting a conversation, something highly interactive and explorative, then consider proposing a Round Table Discussion - this is a chance to brainstorm, network, and generate creativity; if you have results or a theory to share, then consider a lecture or poster. If you want to organize several speakers on a broad topic, presenting results or theoretical developments, then propose a symposium/panel presentation.

## What do I need to submit?

We *strongly* encourage you take the time in advance to gather the information below. The submission process asks for a lot of information, and may take some time to complete.

**We strongly encourage you to write out responses in a word processing document and then copy and paste your answers into the form, just in case your browser times out. All workshop sessions are 70-minutes in length. In order to submit your proposal, please be prepared to submit:**

- Name, title of presentation, contact information
- 300 word summary of presentation
- 3 learning objectives for presentation (except for poster presentations)
- List of references or the literature basis for presentation
- Describe how your presentation presents a cutting edge approach or an important topic that is rarely discussed.
- Presentation Content Level
  - Beginner level suggests attendees have little or no knowledge of the topic, such as BDSM/poly/etc.
  - Intermediate level suggests some exposure to the issues being addressed, or have worked with at least one client.
  - Advanced level assumes attendees are proficient with these populations and have worked with 5 or more clients or have conducted research or field work with these populations.

## Proposals: Where do I submit?

Here is the link to the proposal form, on the Qualtrics platform:

**[CLICK HERE → to submit your proposal online](https://survey.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1ApoOvYBCLsabkx)**

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## What is the deadline for submission?

**March 1, 2019 - 11:59 pm Pacific Standard Time**

## Do presenters get a discount?

Presenters (accepted proposals) are able to register for the conference at a reduced registration price of \$60. There will be a special code for registration sent to the presenters after notification of acceptance.

## Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact us at [team@mote-con.com](mailto:team@mote-con.com)