

## Welcome to the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists!

On behalf of the organizing committee, we are delighted to welcome you to our annual conference – a gathering dedicated to advancing the fields of sex education, counseling, and therapy. It is an honor to have you join us as a presenter for this important event, taking place on June 5-8<sup>th</sup> 2025 in beautiful, sunny, and glamorous Las Vegas, NV!

This event is more than just a conference—it is a space for collaboration, innovation, and community-building. We encourage you to take full advantage of the networking opportunities, engage in thought-provoking discussions, and connect with fellow professionals who share your passion for education, counseling, and therapy.

We hope you are just as excited as we are about your presentation and the upcoming conference in general. Your expertise and insights are invaluable to our mission of advancing the highest standards of professional practice; sharing evidence-based practices, and advancing professional knowledge. We are confident that your presentation will contribute greatly to the rich discussions and learning opportunities that define our conference. We want everyone to know about it! To that end, we have created a series of social media hashtags (#aasectconference #aasect), and also will be providing some templates and postable content that you can readily share across all platforms you participate in (if you chose to). We will be sharing a ton of exciting short videos, images, and text that you are welcome to repost if you choose. Follow us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/AASECT/>) and Instagram (@theaasect) to see our regularly posting content!

As you are preparing your presentations, we encourage you to think about [this year's theme](#) – Artistry x Science: Discovering and Enhancing the Application of Sexology & Sexual Wellness – and consider how it can be incorporated into your talk. In year's past, a majority of compliments and the most well-reviewed workshops tend to have a strong connection to the theme and engaging and applicable take-aways. Our theme this year is especially poised to have a strong integration element as the focus is on not just the background, science, or research base – but on how that translates directly to practice; and how practice translates directly to the science or research possibilities in the topic. While you have already discussed how you plan to integrate the theme into your topic, we strongly encourage you to keep that in mind in your design and planning process.

By now, you will have received notification of when and where your presentation is scheduled to be held, if you have not, please reach out so that we can get you the information quickly. If you have any questions or concerns at any time – you are welcome to reach out to either of the conference co-chairs ([conferencecochair1@aasect.org](mailto:conferencecochair1@aasect.org); [conferencecochair2@aasect.org](mailto:conferencecochair2@aasect.org)), or the general conference email ([conference@aasect.org](mailto:conference@aasect.org)) for a quick response.

We are delighted to have you with us for this conference and look forward to an inspiring and productive gathering. If you need any support, our team is always available to assist you. Thank you for being part of this experience—we're excited for what's ahead!

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Christopher K. Belous, PhD LMFT CST CSE  
Conference Co-Chair

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neil Sampson".

Neil Sampson, MS LMFT CST  
Conference Co-Chair

# Presenter Details Packet

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## Accommodations/Hotel Information

The Conference room block will be opening in mid-March and we encourage presenters to make their room reservations as quickly as possible to ensure space in the hotel. Keep an eye on your email for exact dates, but you can check out the hotel and associated accommodations by visiting our website @ <https://aasectannualconference.com/accommodations/>

The 2025 Annual Conference is being hosted at the [JW Marriott Las Vegas Resort & Spa](#) in Summerlin, NV (just a few short miles from the Vegas strip!). Visit their website, or ours, for more information.

Typically, a conference code is provided that you can give to the hotel during reservation - if you are calling. If you are making the reservation through the link provided by the organization, or from our website, you will not need special codes for the discounted rate.

## Registration

As a presenter, you are entitled to a discounted registration rate! Enter the code below on the registration page and your registration will be automatically updated to the presenter rate. This is for a full-conference registration. We do not have a discounted rate for single day registrations. If you plan on ONLY attending to do your presentation, and attend no other sessions, please reach out to [conference@aasect.org](mailto:conference@aasect.org) for assistance.

- ☞ Presenter rate before 4/30/25: \$399. Price increases to \$499 after 4/30/25!
- ☞ Presenter Discount Code: VEGASCONF25PRES

*Be sure to register during the 'early bird' registration window in order to receive the best deal! After the early bird window, the rate will increase, even for presenters.*

## Presentation/PowerPoint Information

For ease of design and use, we have provided a PowerPoint template that has been created to include the conference logo and thematic design. We strongly encourage use of our template, as it includes all the required disclosures and other templated information necessary. You can access the file/template through the Speaker Portal. Once downloaded and opened in PowerPoint, you can then begin inputting your own information and data.

Required Disclosures include: Financial Relationships or Affiliations, Reference to Off-Label or Investigative drugs or products, and Intellectual Property Statement. Exact wording and examples are provided on the template.

## A/V Information

All presenter rooms are pre-set with these standard audiovisual items: laptop computer; LCD projector & screen; speaking podium; microphone and speakers; & head table/chairs. If you are using your own computer onsite, please bring your own cord to connect to the projector. An example would be if your device has only a thunderbolt or USB3 output, you will need an adapter to make sure it connects to the projector via HDMI (along with the HDMI cord).

## Accessibility

We ask all presenters to please ensure that accessibility be an important factor in your presentation design. Please consider the following tips in preparing your slides:

- All Presenters must [include closed captioning with PowerPoint presentations](#) embedded with video.
- Consider the font size, type, and color for readability and perception. Sans Serif fonts (such as Arial & Verdana) are often suggested because they are easiest to read. Select a font size that is large enough to be perceived easily from distances around the room. High contrast colors often work best for text/backgrounds (such as black text and white backgrounds).

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- Authors and presenters are encouraged to peruse the Microsoft [Creating Accessible PowerPoint Presentations](#) website to help create more accessibility friendly Presentations.

## Treatment of Confidential Information

If your presentation contains identifying information about a student, intern, client, or patient, please remember to eliminate, redact, or occlude anything that could identify the party prior to your presentation. This includes verbal discussion and anecdotes as well as written such as case presentation materials, etc.

## Intellectual Property

We value the intellectual property and labor our presenters bring to the conference. Each presenter has the explicit right to share or deny sharing of their intellectual property with their session attendees. An announcement at the beginning of each presentation would be beneficial for participants to know if taking pictures of slides and sharing is allowed. We encourage presenters to share their contact information so that audience members can follow up for consultation and further learning.

## Tips for Success

What we have learned over the years is that the best presentations reach and access various learning styles and types; specifically transcending simple didactic transmission and instead focusing on the oration of novel ideas and topics and being exciting for those in attendance. Here are some tips for a successful presentation that we hope you will find helpful:

- Add in various types of media from still images to video and audio components
- Incorporate a discussion-based element whenever possible
- Don't put too much text on your slides. You should never use your slides as a script – instead, it should be an outline of your expertise and topic, to help keep you on topic and share only the most important concepts. Remember, people are coming to see and hear you speak on the topic!
- AASECT is not able to offer onsite printing services – so if you need to print off handouts or other learning materials please do so in advance and bring with you to the conference. If not, you will need to find a local printer.
- There are no session moderators at this year's conference. This is an intentional decision that has been made to better use the time of volunteers. As such, please be prepared to start, introduce yourself, and moderate your own Q&A Session during your presentation.
- All slides should be in 16:9 Format (widescreen)
- If you have any video or audio that you will use in your presentation, pre-download them and save them to a flash drive along with your final PowerPoint Slides as well (just so that they are accessible in case the internet goes wonky or the site they are hosted on goes down).
- For accessibility, and for ease of reading/seeing, titles on Slides should be at least 40pt, while the text of the 'body' of the slide should be at least 24pt.
- Consider eliminating any disorienting special effects (such as zooming, rotating, etc.), that can leave sensitive audience members feeling distracted or motion sick.
- Upload a copy of any handouts or documents you'd like the participants to be able to download and keep through the Speaker Portal. All uploaded files will be accessible to participants through the Conference App.
- Some general presentation tips:
  - Frame your presentation and the information you will be sharing
  - Plan your delivery in advance, not just the content
  - Develop a sense of who you are as a presenter; focus on what you look like in 'presentation mode'
  - Incorporate multimedia! This includes still images, videos, and other graphics that will draw a participant's attention.
- [Check out this TED Talk page](#) with several videos on how to make a great presentation

*And the biggest tip we can give...*  
**ALWAYS remember to ...**



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