

# Cory Silverberg, 2014 Oregon ASC Keynote and Workshop Presenter



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## *Re-imagining Sex Talks for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Diversity and Inclusion in Sex Education*

It's time for us to re-imagine the kinds of conversations we have about sex. Our efforts to do sex education in ways that make sense to multiple communities often leads us to focus on diversity as both a value and a goal in our lessons and practice. But all of our "doing diversity" as professionals can also produce unexpected and unwanted results, particularly when we challenge single identity politics and consider the people we work as whole human beings, full of complexity and contradiction.

In this keynote, sex educator, trainer, and author Cory Silverberg will talk about the differences between diversity and inclusion, and how we can get out of the way in order to create space where more people can participate more fully in our work and in the development of sexual health in their lives, families, and communities.

**Cory Silverberg** is a sexuality educator, author, and trainer. He received his Masters of Education from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education and trains across North America on topics including access and inclusion, sexuality and disability, and sex and technology. He was a founding member of the Come As You Are Co-operative and served as the chairperson for sexuality educator certification for the American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors, and Therapists and as a board member of YTH: Youth + Tech + Health. Cory is the co-author of the *The Ultimate Guide to Sex and Disability*, a Huffington Post blogger, and writes about sexual health, politics, and culture for About.com. He is currently writing a series of three inclusive books for children about gender and sexuality. The first, **What Makes a Baby**, was published in May 2013 by Seven Stories Press.

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## Session D

### **D1 – Disability & Sexuality: Better Access Through Sex, Better Sex Through Access** *Cory Silverberg, M.Ed*

Broadening our scope beyond diagnoses and deficit, this interactive workshop will consider sexuality from a disability perspective, and explore how ableism and normative standards of sexuality and gender prevent all of us – disabled or not – from accessing sexual opportunities and experiences. Through discussion, small group exercises, and information sharing, we'll learn how a disability perspective can open up new ways of thinking about sexuality for ourselves and the people we work with.

Intended Audience: Youth & Adults

Main Focus: Disabilities, Sexual Health

Level of Information: Intermediate

Presentation Techniques: Interactive

## Session E

### E1 – From Texting to Teledildonics: Is Technology Changing Sex?

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This workshop offers an introduction to, and brief history of, human computer sexual interactions; a conceptual framework for thinking about sex and technology. Using emerging technology as case studies, we will consider some of the ways technology and sexuality are intersecting

In our daily lives, and how these intersections offer us an opportunity to re-think what we mean when we talk about sex, sexuality, and sexual health.

Intended Audience: Youth & Adults, Teachers/Educators

Main Focus: Sexual Health, Technology

Level of Information: Introductory

Presentation Techniques: Lecture, Interactive

