

# SINCLAIR SEXSMITH

*writer, teacher, and coach of sexualities, genders, and relationships*



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*Custom workshops and lectures are available upon request*

Are you organizing a sexual health week? **Are you looking for a dynamic presenter?** Are you seeking an up-to-date workshop with information on gender and sex that tells it like it is? **Do you want a kick-ass workshop?**

Oh hey, that's good, 'cause that's exactly what Sinclair Sexsmith does.

Mr. Sexsmith travels throughout North America starting conversations about sexualities and genders at sexual health weeks, conferences, and community events. They have been teaching for more than ten years and have presented at Yale, Harvard, Stanford, Smith College, NYU, Columbia, SUNY, University of Tennessee, SXSW, various community colleges, bookstores, and many more. *Flip to the last page of this document for Sinclair's full bio.*

(Psst ... you don't have to keep reading.)

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MR. SEXSMITH'S 2013-2014 WORKSHOP OFFERINGS:

- Fucking with Gender
- Build Your Own Gender Toolkit
- Identities in a Label-Free World
- Becoming A Queer Leader
- Flirting Fundamentals
- The Dating Toolkit
- The Sexual Politics of BDSM

*and*

- Sweet & Rough: Spoken Word Performance & Workshop

# Fucking with Gender



**Sinclair's most popular class.** Presented at Drew University (NJ), Brown University (RI), Northwestern University (Chicago), Smith College (Northampton, MA), Swarthmore College (Philadelphia), Harvard University (Cambridge), and more.

Let's explore gender expression, identities, labels, transcending the mutually exclusive binaries, queer culture, and hot sweaty sex. Academics love deconstructing gender—and yet, we still have to navigate this gendered world. How do you build your gender intentionally? Are there ways gender can “hurt” less? And how do you develop your gender in ways that enhance and sustain a satisfying sex life? (‘Cause really, don’t we all want better sex?)

Developed explicitly for students of gender studies, sexuality studies, and queer studies who want to put their theory into practice, this workshop covers Sinclair's Best Sex Secrets and Gender Tenets and an interactive Q&A to discuss your burning questions.

“Your work opens up something within me that creates a bigger place of healing in my heart.”  
—C.

## Build Your Own Gender Toolkit

Ever been told you can't do something because of your gender? Do you describe yourself as a “\_\_\_\_ woman” or a “\_\_\_\_ man” or a “\_\_\_\_ femme” or a “\_\_\_\_ queer” because you want people to know that you challenge a stereotype of that label? Does your gender sometimes hurt, from pinpricks to sledgehammer blows as you move through the world?

In this workshop we'll explore the difference between your personality, your hobbies, your interests, and your gender, and break it all down such that you can have your own raw materials to create and fortify your gender to move through the world fluidly, with more pleasure and less pain.







## Identities in a Label-Free World

“But I’m so much more than just one thing!” “Labels are for jars.”  
“I’m just me, you know?” “I like people, not genders.”

Do you hear folks struggling with labeling their own identities? Either out-right rejecting the idea of labels, or using one but qualifying it extensively? So do I, and there are a lot of real reasons to resist labels. We *are* so much more than one thing! But what part of identity creation and theories are valuable as we understand the ways that our marginalizations and privileges move through and fit in the world? We’ll discuss what the difference is between labels and identities, and pose the radical idea that words can be liberating and not just limiting.

“Sinclair Sexsmith has such rare clarity and passion ... [they are] one of the best reminders we have that sex and gender are not abstractions of theory, but essential to our everyday humanity.”  
—Chris Hall, *Editor, CarnalNation.com*

## Becoming a Queer Leader

So you want to be a leader in the queer community? Travel around to conferences, write articles, start a blog that is widely read and valued, or teach workshops? First of all, you need to *have* a community to lead—so how do you help be part of building stronger connections between people? And what about the downsides of community leadership, like unreliable income, your reputation proceeding you, and being held to high expectations? We’ll delve into all of it, including how to build from where you are now to where you want to go, and what to be sure to create and prepare for along the way.

*Maximum attendance: 8-10 people. Each attendee must pre-register with an application and statement of intent, complete an interview process, and meet with Sinclair for one hour of personal coaching time the day before the workshop. The workshop includes a workbook, personal coaching, and follow-up check ins with each participant.*





## Flirting Fundamentals

*Presented at IMsL, Dark Odyssey: Fusion and Summer Camp.*

Do you wish more people would hit on you? How do you make yourself more available? How do you know when someone is interested in you? How do you make sure they know you are interested in them? We can all use some practice asking for what we want, but how do you escalate from flirting to foreplay and foreplay to fucking? Flirting can be anxiety-producing—but it should be fun! Lucky for you, there are a few simple things to remember in order to make flirting more fun and efficient, like: be curious, and give compliments. Come to this workshop and perfect the art of the tease, draw out your potential lover's interest, and make sex even hotter in the process.

“You gave me the language to articulate what I need, want, and deserve from my relationships, and the desire for a completely new model of behavior, as well. Thank you for helping me find my way back to myself.”  
—Lynn

## The Dating Toolkit

Do you want to be bold, but not creepy? Do you want to stop being a pushover and letting the person you're dating have their way? Do you need to develop and strengthen your boundaries? What are your boundaries, anyway? And how do you ask someone out on a date? From flirting, to attracting the kind of person you desire to be in a relationship with, to navigating sex in a long term relationship, to open relationships, we all want to be involved with people who get us, who have our backs, and whom we trust deeply. What kind of skills do we need to build now in order to have the kind of relationships we want in the future? This workshop will introduce key concepts for communication and connection, and encourage all attendees to have better, deeper, and more satisfying relationships.



# The Sexual Politics of BDSM

*Presented at IvyQ at Yale University*

We all have some ideas about what it means to be a top or a masochist, but what does it mean to be a feminist dominant or an empowered submissive? And why do we assume that submissives are unempowered, anyway? What's the difference between BDSM and abuse? Is it healthy to engage in kinky sex play? Sinclair thinks so. BDSM is the pursuit of giving and receiving pleasure through bold sensation, the consensual exchange of temporarily giving up power or taking on authority over another. In this workshop we'll explore how consent and agency are key issues in feminism, and how they work in the exploration of BDSM. We'll discuss different kinds of topping and bottoming, as well as theories to to enhance your personal BDSM skills.

## THE SEXUAL POLITICS OF BDSM



WITH SINCLAIR SEXSMITH

“At your workshop I learned a lot about myself and my significant other ... what an effective teacher you are! (PS You are waaay hot and smart in person.)”  
—SJ



### Sweet & Rough

In addition to leading workshops, Sinclair is an experienced performance poet. Their workshop and performance option includes:

**2-hour interactive afternoon writing workshop** where participants practice writing through prompts, share work, and receive writing and performance feedback

**Evening spoken word performance** a 30 minute poetry set, “Sweet & Rough,” and a 45 minute open mic for the workshop participants, hosted by Mr. Sexsmith

More: [records.mrsexsmith.com](https://records.mrsexsmith.com)  
& [www.mrsexsmith.com/videos](https://www.mrsexsmith.com/videos)

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## ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

Download Sinclair's [kink and BDSM workshop offerings here](#).

Download [Sinclair's press kit here](#), including high resolution photographs that can be used in workshop promotion.

Look up [Sinclair's travel schedule here](#) and see if Sinclair is coming to your town anytime soon—they are always glad to add a workshop on to existing travel.



**Sinclair Sexsmith is a writer, teacher, and coach of sexualities, genders, and relationships.** Since 1996, they have been building queer and feminist online communities through writing and the arts. Their experience with queer culture, sexual politics, gender and identity, and embodied sexuality makes Sinclair a skilled presenter, facilitator, and speaker. Sinclair travels across North America, presenting at universities, conferences, community organizations, and retreats. Some of their most requested talks include topics range from relationships, gender, writing, to sexual skills, BDSM, and getting the sex life you want.

They have produced the award-winning website *Sugarbutch Chronicles: The Sex, Gender, and Relationship Adventures of a Kinky Queer Butch Top* at [sugarbutch.net](http://sugarbutch.net) since 2006. Contributing to more than twenty anthologies, including five *Best Lesbian Erotica* editions, *Persistence: Still Butch and Femme*, and *Take Me There: Trans and Genderqueer Erotica*, Mr. Sexsmith is the guest editor of *Best Lesbian Erotica 2012* and editor of *Say Please: Lesbian BDSM Erotica*, both from Cleis Press.

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