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I, Dr. Letitia Anne Peplau, having been duly sworn, declare under oath as follows:

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2. I am the author of the attached report and the opinions therein are my own. My opinions are based on years of experience in my field, as well as the review of documents and publications referenced in my report. If called upon to testify about the statements in my report, I could and would testify competently.
3. My relevant qualifications as an expert are detailed in the attached report. My background, experience, and list of publications are summarized in my curriculum vitae, which is attached as Exhibit A to the report.



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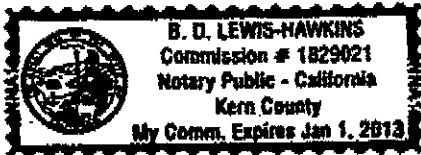
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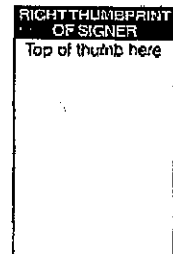
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## Qualifications

1. My background, experience, and list of publications are summarized in my curriculum vitae, which is attached as Exhibit A to this report.
  
2. I have been a Professor of Psychology at the University of California, Los Angeles for over 35 years. I teach graduate level courses in social psychology and interpersonal relationships and undergraduate level courses in the psychology of gender. I am currently the Director of the UCLA Interdisciplinary Relationship Science Program. This program, funded by the National Science Foundation, trains doctoral students to research heterosexual and same-sex couple and family relationships. I am also currently the Psychology Department's Vice Chair for Graduate Studies. I previously served as the Director of the UCLA Graduate Program in Social Psychology and as Co-Director of the UCLA Center for the Study of Women.
  
3. In broad terms, my research addresses topics concerning personal relationships, gender, and sexual orientation. I have conducted research on heterosexual couples, co-authored a scholarly book entitled *Close Relationships*, and published articles comparing empirical research about men's and women's experiences in close relationships. In the 1970s, I was among the first researchers to conduct empirical investigations of the intimate relationships of lesbians and gay men, and I have continued this line of research for the past 30 years. In addition, I have written several major reviews of the scientific research on same-sex relationships, including a 2007 article in the *Annual Review of Psychology* and a 2009 article in *The Encyclopedia of Human Relationships*. More recently, I have also conducted studies on gay and lesbian identity.
  
4. I received a B.A. in psychology from Brown University in 1968 and a Ph.D. in Social Psychology from Harvard University in 1973. I have published more than 120 papers in academic journals and scholarly books, primarily in the field of couple relationships. I have coauthored or co-edited over 10 books. Throughout my career, I have been on the editorial or advisory board or served as a consulting editor for numerous academic journals including the *Journal of Social Issues*, the *Journal of Personal and Social Relationships*, the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology* and *Social Psychology Quarterly*. I have given more than 100 presentations related to my research at universities and scientific meetings.
  
5. As a result of my research and other accomplishments, I have received several professional awards. I have been elected a fellow of the American Psychological Association and the Association for Psychological Science. I have received lifetime achievement awards from the American Psychological Association, the International Association for Relationship Research and the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality. I also had the honor of being elected president of the International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships (an organization since renamed the International Association for Relationship Research).
  
6. I reviewed the materials listed in the attached Bibliography to prepare this report. I have also relied on my years of experience in this field, as set out in my curriculum vitae, and on the materials listed therein.

## Summary of Opinions

7. Social scientists have studied couple relationships for decades and there is a large and well-respected body of research on this topic. Certain factors are known to predict stability and instability within married and unmarried couple relationships. Research clearly establishes that same-sex couples closely resemble heterosexual couples both in terms of the quality of their relationships and the processes that affect their relationships.

8. In light of these similarities, it is likely that many same-sex couples in committed relationships would benefit both physically and psychologically from legal recognition of their relationship, just as many heterosexual counterparts benefit from legal recognition of their marriages. Further, legal recognition would likely strengthen the stability of committed same-sex relationships, just as legal recognition strengthens the stability of many committed heterosexual relationships.

## Opinions and Bases for Opinions

### **I. Same-Sex Couples Can and Do Form Stable, Committed Relationships that Closely Resemble the Relationships of Heterosexual, Married Couples.**

9. Lesbian, gay and bisexual people value committed relationships. Based on analyses of state and national records, it has been estimated that in states that offer some type of legal recognition for same-sex relationships, more than 40% of same-sex couples had sought legal recognition as of 2008.<sup>1</sup>

10. There are currently no national data for same-sex relationships comparable to statistics on heterosexual marriage and divorce. Nonetheless, available research clearly indicates that many same-sex couples are in a committed, long-lasting relationship. Recent findings from two large population-based surveys of gay men and lesbians in California demonstrate this.<sup>2</sup> In these surveys, 37% to 46% of gay men and 51% to 61% of lesbians aged 18-59 were living with a partner. Among heterosexuals of comparable ages, 62% were married or living with a partner. The relationships of lesbians and gay men were of relatively long duration, and were on average longer for those who had registered as domestic partners (12.3 years for gay men and 8.9 years for lesbians) than for those who lived together without registering (9.6 years for gay men and 7.8 years for lesbians). Given that most respondents were in their early 40s, the data indicate that many of them had spent a substantial portion of their adult life with the same partner.

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<sup>1</sup> Gates, G. J., Badgett, M. V. L., & Ho, D. (2008, July). Marriage, registration and dissolution by same-sex couples in the U.S. The Williams Institute. UCLA School of Law. This article is available from: [http://repositories.cdlib.org/uclalaw/williams/gates\\_1/](http://repositories.cdlib.org/uclalaw/williams/gates_1/).

<sup>2</sup> Carpenter, C., & Gates, G. J. (2008). Gay and lesbian partnership: Evidence from California. *Demography*, 45, 573-590.

A. **Researchers Have Identified Certain Factors that Are Known To Predict Stability and Instability in Couple Relationships.**

11. A topic of central importance for relationship researchers is to understand the factors that contribute to enduring versus short-lived intimate relationships. Although much of this research has focused on marital relationships, there have also been studies of factors contributing to stability in heterosexual dating and cohabiting relationships.

12. Scientific research has identified a number of factors that are known to predict stability and instability in couples. These predictors are (1) the **quality** of a couple's relationship, (2) **barriers** that deter partners from ending a relationship if satisfaction wanes, and (3) certain **demographic characteristics** of the partners.

13. **Quality.** Most couples begin a relationship with feelings of love and optimism about their joint future. Some couples remain satisfied across the years and want to stay together. Other couples experience changes in the quality of their relationship that set the stage for a breakup.

14. Four important factors affect the quality of a relationship. The first are personality and other individual characteristics that each partner brings into the relationship, for instance a partner's level of neuroticism. A second factor concerns patterns of interaction between the partners, for example, how well they communicate, the amount of conflict between partners, and the couples' ability to solve problems together. The third factor affecting relationship quality is the stress that a couple is exposed to. For example, losing a job, caring for a seriously ill relative, or having a partner serving in military combat can affect relationship quality. The fourth factor that can affect the likelihood that a relationship stays at a high-quality level are the social supports and resources available to that couple. Some couples have the personal, social and economic resources to overcome stresses and challenges to their relationship successfully; others do not.

15. **Barriers.** Partners who invest more time, energy and resources in their relationship create important barriers to dissolution; in other words, the more a couple has invested in a relationship, the more they stand to lose if the relationship ends. Couples who decide to own joint property, make personal sacrifices for the sake of the relationship, or choose to begin a family through birth or adoption, create important barriers to ending the relationship. In addition, a strong sense of personal, moral or religious commitment to the relationship can keep partners together despite problems.

16. It is also usually more difficult – legally, socially, and emotionally – to dissolve a marriage or other legally recognized relationship than a non-marital/non-legally-recognized relationship. The legal obligations created by these unions, the public recognition that accompanies them, and the emotional and tangible investments that spouses or partners make in their joint relationship serve as deterrents to relationship dissolution. Of course, these factors do not guarantee that every state-sanctioned union will last until death, but they often make it more difficult to end a legally recognized marriage or relationship than a non-marital/non-legally-recognized relationship.

17. **Demographic Characteristics.** Researchers have documented a number of demographic characteristics that correlate with elevated break up rates among couples. These characteristics include being young when a relationship begins, African American, uneducated, poor and having no religious affiliation. Although a correlation exists, there is no scientific evidence that these demographic characteristics in and of themselves cause relationships to end.

**B. Scientific Research Consistently Shows that the Same Factors that Contribute to Commitment and Stability in Heterosexual Couples Apply to Same-Sex Couples.**

18. Before reviewing the scientific evidence, it is useful to mention several characteristics of research on the quality and functioning of couple relationships. The most rigorous studies examining married couples, unmarried cohabitants, and/or dating couples use standardized measures to assess relationship satisfaction, conflict and related topics. Although there are exceptions, many studies both of heterosexual couples and of same-sex couples are based on younger, better-educated, middle-class, white volunteers. Analyses comparing same-sex and heterosexual relationships face an additional issue – finding ways to ensure that the two groups differ on sexual orientation but not on other factors such as age, length of relationship, or presence of children that might influence their relationship. Despite these challenges, the findings of scientific research are remarkably consistent.

19. **Quality.** Empirical research repeatedly finds similarity in the average level of relationship quality between committed same-sex couples and heterosexual, married couples. Many same-sex couples have happy, satisfying relationships. Like many heterosexual couples who marry, many same-sex couples form deep emotional bonds and strong commitments to their partners. Research documents striking similarities between committed same-sex couples and heterosexual couples who marry on standardized measures of love, relationship satisfaction, and relationship adjustment. For example, in a longitudinal study of married heterosexual and cohabiting same-sex couples, relationship satisfaction was charted over time. Controlling for age, education, income and years cohabiting, the couples did not differ in relationship satisfaction at initial testing.<sup>3</sup> Over the five years of this study, all types of couples tended to experience a decrease in relationship satisfaction, but no differences were found among cohabiting same-sex or married heterosexual couples in the rate of change in satisfaction.

20. Another sign of relationship quality is the ability of partners to work together to resolve conflicts. Comparative studies have found that same-sex and heterosexual couples report a similar frequency of arguments and tend to disagree about similar topics, with finances, affection, sex, criticism and household tasks heading the list. Research also indicates that same-sex and heterosexual couples are similar in such problem-solving skills as negotiating or compromising.

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<sup>3</sup> Kurdek, L. A. (1998). Relationship outcomes and their predictors: Longitudinal evidence from heterosexual married, gay cohabiting and lesbian cohabiting couples. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 60, 553-568.

21. Further, research demonstrates that the factors that enhance or detract from satisfaction in relationships are the same for same-sex and heterosexual couples. Partners in same-sex and heterosexual couples all assess a relationship more positively if it provides many rewards and relatively few costs. Like their heterosexual counterparts, same-sex couples generally benefit when partners are similar in background, attitudes and values. Patterns of conflict and communication between partners in both same-sex and heterosexual couples make a difference for relationship quality. Both same-sex and heterosexual couples benefit when they receive support and encouragement from other people in their social network.

22. **Barriers.** Research consistently demonstrates that, as with their heterosexual counterparts, same-sex couples who perceive more barriers to terminating a relationship are more likely to remain together. Committed same-sex couples experience many of the same barriers as their married heterosexual peers, including the investment of time, energy and resources into establishing a stable union. Same-sex couples may co-mingle their finances, purchase property together, and make personal sacrifices to sustain their relationship, and they often actively create these barriers in order to strengthen their relationships and families. It is estimated that nationwide 250,000 children are being raised by same-sex couples, and approximately 35% of same-sex couples in Montana are raising children. Same-sex couples use a variety of means to gain public recognition for their relationship, ranging from including a same-sex partner in family events with parents and siblings to holding formal commitment ceremonies.

23. When formal legal recognition is available to same-sex couples through domestic partnerships, civil unions, or marriage, many couples choose these options. Research has demonstrated that same-sex couples who experience more barriers, such as formal legal relationships and the other barriers described above, to ending their relationships report greater commitment and are less likely to end their relationship.

24. **Demographic Characteristics.** Certain demographic characteristics of heterosexual couples such as education and age at marriage are consistently correlated with relationship dissolution. There is currently little research available about the demographic correlates of relationship stability among same-sex couples, but it would be expected that the same demographic characteristics that predict stability and instability in heterosexual couples also apply to same-sex couples.

25. Of course, there is considerable heterogeneity among same-sex couples, as there is among heterosexual couples. For example, regardless of sexual orientation, some couples are happier than others, some solve problems more successfully, some establish joint banking accounts while others keep their finances separate, and so on. The fundamental point demonstrated by the extensive body of research that examines the quality and functioning of same-sex relationships is that same-sex couples are not inherently different from heterosexual couples. To the contrary, same-sex couples closely resemble heterosexual couples and the processes that affect both types of relationships are remarkably similar.

26. In summary, lesbian, gay, and bisexual people form loving, committed same-sex relationships that closely resemble the relationships of heterosexual, married couples. This conclusion was endorsed by the American Psychological Association (APA), the largest



professional organization of psychologists in the country. In 2004, APA issued a policy statement on “Sexual Orientation and Marriage”.<sup>4</sup> The APA concluded, based on research, that “many lesbians and gay men have formed durable relationships” and “the factors that predict relationship satisfaction, relationship commitment, and relationship stability are remarkably similar for both same-sex cohabiting couples and heterosexual married couples.”

## **II. The Failure To Legally Recognize Same-Sex Relationships Has Negative Effects on those Relationships and on the Individuals in those Relationships.**

27. Same-sex couples, and individuals in same-sex relationships, are harmed by the lack of legal recognition of their relationship. Although marriage is the relationship status that our society most values and respects, legal recognition of same-sex relationships through statuses other than marriage – such as registered domestic partnerships – contributes to the psychological and physical well-being of individuals in same-sex relationships, as well as to the stability of same-sex relationships, in a number of ways.

28. First, legal recognition of same-sex relationships provides tangible protections and financial resources such as hospital visitation rights, tax benefits, survivors’ benefits, rights in court cases, access to government programs, and many more. Lack of these protections and resources has real consequences. Same-sex couples who are excluded from legal recognition are likely to be less financially secure than married couples, for example, because they do not have the many economic protections of marriage in areas such as taxation and property rights. Same-sex couples who are excluded from legal recognition also must incur greater expense to create legal protections for their partners – such as through wills, trusts, and contracts for joint ownership of property.

29. Second, legal recognition provides formal acknowledgment of the value and importance of same-sex relationships in the eyes of the state, thus reducing social stigma. By excluding same-sex couples from legal relationship recognition, the state perpetuates the stigma historically associated with those relationships. This stigma can result in social ostracism, discrimination, and even violence, and it also reinforces prejudice against same-sex couples and lesbian, gay, and bisexual individuals.

30. Overt experiences of prejudice and discrimination (e.g., anti-gay hate crimes), as well as the need to be constantly vigilant to defend and protect oneself from possible embarrassment, such as unwanted disclosure of one’s sexual orientation, harassment, or violence, also leads to what has been termed “minority stress.” There is abundant scientific evidence that stress is

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<sup>4</sup> APA Policy Statement: Sexual Orientation and Marriage (Adopted by the APA Council of Representatives July 28 & 30, 2004. Cited in: Paige, R. U. Proceedings of the American Psychological Association, Incorporated, for the legislative year 2004. Minutes of the meeting of the Council of Representatives July 28 & 30, 2004, Honolulu, HI. Retrieved November 24, 2004, from the World Wide Web <http://www.apa.org/governance/>. (Published in Volume 60, Issue Number 5 of the *American Psychologist*.)

harmful to the health and well-being of individuals, couples and families. In a 2009 survey, one American in four reported experiencing high levels of stress and half reported moderate stress. The main sources of stress included economics (money, work, the economy, job stability, housing costs), family responsibilities and relationships, health problems, and personal safety. Stress is a common fact of life. But there is growing evidence that individuals from devalued and stigmatized social groups (e.g., racial minorities, the obese, or those with a gay, lesbian or bisexual identity) who live in an inhospitable social environment are at risk for an additional type of stress not experienced by other citizens. As Meyer (2009) has noted, the denial of legitimacy for same-sex couples is a core element of the minority stress experienced by LGB individuals.<sup>5</sup>

31. It is well-documented that stress can lead to a range of health problems ranging from fatigue and headaches to weakened immune function and illness. Minority stress likely contributes to the documented health disparities between LGB individuals and their heterosexual counterparts. The Healthy People 2010 initiative by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (2000) identified the gay and lesbian population among groups experiencing significant health disparities in the United States. This report noted that “the issues surrounding personal, family, and social acceptance of sexual orientation can place a significant burden on mental health and personal safety.”<sup>6</sup>

32. In addition to the harmful effects of stress on individuals, it can also take a toll on intimate relationships. Studies of married heterosexual couples have shown that when partners confront many outside challenges such as financial difficulties or work stress, their relationship tends to suffer. In response to external stress, partners may become more irritable, distracted or withdrawn. They may express less affection toward each other, provide less support and encouragement, and be less able to engage in effective problem solving. Stress can also lead to maladaptive misuse of alcohol or drugs. Not surprisingly, couples under stress tend to report lower relationship satisfaction than their non-stressed peers. “Marriages that survive and even thrive elsewhere may struggle in the face of unstable working conditions, neighborhoods beset by crime, poor education, and low wages”.<sup>7</sup> Research is beginning to document similar effects of stress on same-sex couples.

33. Third, legal recognition increases the financial costs of relationship dissolution, thus creating additional barriers that encourage partners to try to work out problems and improve a

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<sup>5</sup> Meyer, I. H. (October 2, 2009). Expert report of Ilan H Meyer, Ph.D. in *Perry v. Schwarzenegger* (Case No. 09-cv-2292 VRW).

<sup>6</sup> Healthy People 2010: A systematic approach to health improvement. US Gov Report available on organization website: <http://www.healthypeople.gov>

<sup>7</sup> Karney, B. R., Story, L. B., & Bradbury, T. N. (2005). Marriages in context: Interactions between chronic and acute stress among newlyweds (pp. 13-32). In T. A. Revenson, K. Kayser, & G. Bodenmann (Eds.), Couples coping with stress. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

declining relationship rather than ending it. Although there is consensus among social scientists that many lesbians and gay men create and maintain enduring, committed relationships, current studies do find somewhat higher rates of dissolution among same-sex couples. In some cases, this reflects a methodological limitation, specifically a lack of comparability in the samples of same-sex versus heterosexual couples participating in the research. In general, the more comparable the samples are in terms of background, presence or absence of children, etc., the more similar they are in relationship stability. It is also likely that the weaker barriers that many LGB individuals perceive to ending their relationships play a part. In most states, same-sex couples are denied access to marriage or other recognized relationship statuses and the many material, psychological and social supports that these statuses can provide in maintaining successful relationships.

34. Legal recognition of a committed couples' relationship, and the protection and resources such recognition entails, likely provides couples with increased feelings of security about the long-term nature of the relationship. This in turn likely fosters a willingness to make more personal investments in the relationship and enhances commitment.

35. In sum, legal recognition of same-sex relationships provides both symbolic and material benefits to same-sex couples. Acknowledgement of the legitimacy of same-sex unions by the state reduces the social stigma same-sex couples experience, and includes their relationships within the scope of state-defined benefits and responsibilities now reserved solely for married couples. Legal recognition for same-sex couples (through statuses such as registered partnerships) unquestionably reduces the external stress experienced by same-sex partners and their children, and helps same-sex couples cope more effectively when stress arises. For example, the ability to include a same-sex partner in a health insurance program would reduce worries about potential future illness and provide resources for the couple to respond to health problems that do arise. And legal recognition for same-sex couples would contribute to the stability of same-sex relationships.



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American Psychological Association (elected fellow in Divisions 8, 9, 35 and 44)  
Association for Psychological Science (fellow)  
American Sociological Association  
Society for Experimental Social Psychology  
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues  
International Academy of Sex Research  
Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality  
Outstanding Achievement Award, Committee on Lesbian and Gay Concerns, APA, 1986  
President, International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships, 1994-1996  
Distinguished Scientific Achievement Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, 1997  
Monette/Horwitz Trust Award for Research on Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Studies, 2000.  
Outstanding Faculty Award, UCLA Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Campus Center, June 2001.  
Distinguished Publication Award 2001, Association for Women in Psychology  
Distinguished Scientific Contribution Award, Division 44, APA, 2002  
Invited Master Lecture at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, 2002.



Elected to membership in the International Academy of Sex Research, 2003  
Distinguished Teaching Award, UCLA Psychology Department, 2003  
Award for Distinguished Faculty Service, Women's Studies Program, UCLA, 2005  
Mentoring Award, International Association for Relationship Research, 2006  
Distinguished "Elder" Award, APA National Multicultural Summit and Conference, 2007  
Heritage Award for Research, APA Division 35 (Society for the Psychology of Women), 2007  
Awarded the Evelyn Hooker Award for Distinguished Contribution by an Ally, APA Division 44 (Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Issues), 2008

### **Editorial Activities**

Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Social Issues*, 1974-1977  
Member, Editorial Board, *Social Psychology Quarterly*, 1977-1979  
Consulting Editor, *Psychology of Women Quarterly*, 1978-1980  
Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Homosexuality*, 1980-1985  
Member, Editorial Board, *SIGNS: A Journal of Women in Culture and Society*, 1981-1989  
Member, Advisory Board, *Journal of Personal and Social Relationships*, 1985-1987  
Consulting Editor, *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 1985-1989  
Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Psychology and Human Sexuality*, 1987-1989  
Member, Advisory Board, *Advances in Personal Relationships*, 1986-1992  
Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Social Issues*, 1992-1995  
Member, Advisory Board, Columbia University Press Series on Lesbian and Gay Studies, 1993-  
Associate Editor, *SIGNS: A Journal of Women in Culture and Society*, 2000-  
Member, Editorial Board, Contemporary Perspectives on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Psychology, APA Books, 2001-  
Member, Editorial Board, *Sexuality Research and Social Policy: Journal of NSRC*, 2003-  
Member, International Advisory Board, *Ibadan Journal of Social Sciences*, 2004-

### **Selected Recent Professional Activities**

Member, Editorial Board, *Psychology and Sexuality*  
Member, Scientific Review Panel for the Placek Research Award Program, American Psychological Foundation, 1995-2000  
Member, Committee on Women in Psychology Network (representative from Division 8), 1998-present  
Member, Working Group on Same-Sex Families, American Psychological Association, April 2004.  
Chair, Fellows Selection Committee, Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (Div. 9 of APA), 2004-2005.  
Member, Fellows Selection Committee, Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Issues (Div. 44 of APA), 2006-2007.

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#### **Selected Recent Paper Presentations, Invited Addresses and Posters**

Peplau, L. A. (August, 2010). *Marriage equality for same-sex couples: Perspectives from relationship research in the United States*. Invited Presidential Symposium presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Diego, CA.

Peplau, L. A. (August, 2010). *Same-sex couples: Research, law and policy*. Presented at the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Psychology Summer Institute, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

Hill, C. T., & Peplau, L. A. (July, 2008). *Is love blind? Attractiveness ratings by self, partner, and others, and the outcome of dating relationships 25 years later*. Paper presented at the International Congress of Psychology, Berlin, Germany.

Fingerhut, A. D., deRoulhac, C., Natale, C., & Peplau, L. A. (2008, February). *Heterosexuals' attitudes toward gay men and lesbians: Predictors of positive and negative attitudes*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Albuquerque, NM.

Frederick, D.A., & Peplau, L.A. (2007, January). *The UCLA Body Matrices II: Computer-generated images of men and women varying in body fat and muscularity/breast size to assess body satisfaction and preferences*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Memphis, TN.

Mulrenan, T., Frederick, D.A., Sadeghi-Azar, L., Ha, J., Peplau, L.A., & Haselton, M.G. (2006, January). *The UCLA Body Matrices as measures of body image and body type preferences*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference, Palm Springs, CA.

- Laird, K., Mulrenan, T., Frederick, D.A., Grigorian, K., Peplau, L.A., & Haselton, M.G. (2006, January). *Sex differences in preferences for dating a taller romantic partner*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference, Palm Springs, CA.
- Sadeghi-Azar, L., Frederick, D.A., Mulrenan, T., Peplau, A., Haselton, M.G., & Fessler, D.M.T. (2006, January). *Representations of the ideal male and female bodies in popular media*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference, Palm Springs, CA.
- Fingerhut, A. W., & Peplau, L. A. (2006, January). *Symposium: Integrating social identity perspectives with research on the experiences of lesbians and gay men*. Symposium presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Social and Personality Psychology, Palm Springs, CA.
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- Fingerhut, A. W., & Peplau, L. A. (2005, January). *Stereotypes of women in the workforce: The role of sexual orientation and parental status*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.
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- Peplau, L. A., & Impett, E. A. (2003, April 11). *Sexual compliance: Why partners make "sexual sacrifices."* Invited presentation, Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Western Region Annual Conference, San Jose, CA.
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- Hill, C. T., & Peplau, L. A. (March 28, 2003). *Romantic beliefs and marital outcomes: A 25-year study*. Paper presented at the Southeast Psychological Association, New Orleans, LA.
- Peplau, L. A. (August, 2002). *Venus and Mars in the lab: New research on gender and sexuality*. Invited Master Lecture, annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Hill, C. T., & Peplau, L. A. (July, 2001). *Life satisfaction: A 25-year follow-up of the Boston Couples Study*. Presented at the VIIth European Congress of Psychology, London, England.
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