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IUSTI - l'UIIT Canada Presents: Sex, Stigma and STIs: Reflections from the book *Strange Bedfellows*

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

STIs have been prominent players in our lives for the whole of human history, affecting everything from World Wars to reality TV, yet they are still shrouded in stigma and taboo. Join Ina Park, MD, MS to discuss her book *Strange Bedfellows* which blends stories of real people's sexual escapades, historical tales, and in-depth interviews with leading scientists, to examine the role that STIs have played in our society. Hailed by *The New York Times* as "joyful and funny" *Strange Bedfellows* has been praised for its use of "compassion, science and a loving playfulness" to diffuse the stigma surrounding STIs.

Learning Objectives:

- 1) Recognize two myths regarding STI transmission/acquisition that perpetuate STI stigma
- 2) Analyse media portrayal of STIs that exacerbated existing stigma
- 3) Apply knowledge about how STIs researchers can use social media to combat STI stigma

Webinar Speaker



Dr. Ina Park, MD, MS

Ina Park MD, MS, is an associate professor at the University of California San Francisco School of Medicine, Medical Consultant at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of STD Prevention, and Medical Director of the California Prevention Training Center. She holds degrees from the University of California Berkeley, UCLA School of Medicine, and the University of Minnesota School of Public Health. Recently, Park served as a co-author of the 2020 CDC STD Treatment Guidelines and contributor to the Department of Health and Human Services STI Federal Action Plan.

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