



Affirming Polyamorous and Consensual Non-Monogamous Relationships Symposium

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Pre-Registration \$75 (Prior to July 23)
Includes breakfast, lunch, and CEUs

On-site Registration \$90 (July 24)

Webinar \$75

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In Dallas, Texas on July 24 2015, PolyDallas2015 (www.polydallas2015.com) is hosting the Affirming Polyamorous and Consensual Non-Monogamous Relationship Symposium. This is the first symposium, with a primary focus on this relationship and family structure, to be held in the Dallas/Fort Worth [DFW] area. Co-Presenters, Ruby B Johnson and Shawn Chrisman hope to contribute to the knowledge base of mental practitioners, individuals questioning opening up to consensual non-monogamy, individuals practicing polyamory, and other community providers. For those attendees who are not in the DFW area, this symposium is offered as a live webinar stream (visit: <http://polydallas2015.eventbrite.com>).

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9 AM to 12 PM

Introduction, Welcome, and Mission

Demographics and Trends

Messages, Frames of Reference, Values

Monogamy, Consensual and Non Consensual Non-Monogamy

Define Polyamory, Opening Up, Swolly, Poly Fidelity, Poly Agony, Polyaffectivity, Polycules, and more)

Part One: Unconscious Bias, Unpacking Privilege, Myths, Misconceptions

12 PM to 1 PM

Lunch and Learn: Panel Discussion - Part Two

1 PM to 4 PM

Bio-Psycho-Social Underpinnings

Theory Behind Polyamory

Ethics, Cultural Humility, and Unconscious Bias

Professional Boundaries, Dual Relationships, Loss of Community, Sexual Attraction

Considerations for Opening Up: NRE, Jealousy, Compersion, Rules, Agreements, and Boundaries

Commitment Contract (Karpman's Triangle)

Effective Techniques: Active Listening, Exploring Jealousy, Communication Styles, and Narratives

Questions and Resources



Shawn Chrisman MS, LPC
PhD Candidate

Shawn Chrisman is currently a practicing Licensed Professional Counselor in the state of Texas. He received his clinical training with a Master's in Counseling from Southern Methodist University, and is currently working towards his doctorate degree in Human Sexuality from Widener University. Shawn's webpage: www.insightstherapy.com. Shawn works with individuals and couples on sexuality-related issues, including addressing intimacy, sexual identity, gender dysphoria, sexual dysfunctions and other concerns. Shawn also identifies as a kink-aware therapist and works with couples enjoying diverse relationship structures, such as open or polyamorous relationships.



Ruby B Johnson LMSW, LCDC, SAP
CSAT Candidate

Ruby B Johnson received her Bachelors of Social Work in 2003 from Texas Women's University and her Masters of Social Work in 2005 from the University of Texas at Arlington. Since 2003, Ruby's roles have included clinical practitioner, community and professional development educator, and graduate and under graduate adjunct professor. In private practice, her areas of expertise are substance use disorders, sex addiction, intimacy and love addiction, multi-cultural families and couples, SOGIE, polyamorous/non monogamous partnerships/families, and Kink/BDSM. Ruby Johnson provides therapeutic support, care, and intervention with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender variant/non-binary, queer, and same gender loving communities. Currently, Ruby is in private practice at Vantage Point Counseling Services (www.vantagepointdallascounseling.com) and Inamorata LLC (www.inamorata.me).