

Talis Henze

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Professional Summary

B.S. in Psychology graduate with honors, BDSM and sexology mentor and consultant with a strong commitment to sex/kink/BDSM education, research, and advocacy. Currently pursuing certification as a Sex Coach/Clinical Sexologist, followed by pursuing a PhD in Clinical Sexology. I am currently also a volunteer for TASHRA under Dr. Richard Sprott. As a disabled military veteran and queer, non-binary educator, I am dedicated to fostering inclusive, research-informed discussions around sexuality, BDSM, and kink communities. As a skilled technical and creative writer and published author, I excel at communicating complex topics with clarity and nuance. I am also working and volunteering for the kink community as an educator on various BDSM-related topics and I am a coordinator that brings educational resources and presenters to our local community as well. I am also a founder of a kink High Protocol group, Themis, that educates those in the lifestyle the intricacies of High Protocol dynamics and events.

Education

Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Excelsior College – 2021

Sex Coach/Clinical Sexologist Certification (Start March 2025)

SexCoachU SCIT (Sex Coach in Training) – Expected Completion March 2026

Mentorship (2025-present)

Mentee under Francesca Gentile, a nationally recognized relationship coach, communications coach, certified clinical sexologist, & sex counselor, AASECT West Coast Section Leader, 2008 AASECT Conference Exhibit Chair with a Private Practice specializing in sexuality, relationship, and emotional healing in the San Francisco Bay Area, CA, nationally and internationally. Kink Aware Professional.

Professional Experience

BDSM & Sexology Mentor/Consultant

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- Providing education and guidance on BDSM, kink dynamics, and sexology for individuals and couples.
- Conducting mentorship programs focusing on consent, newcomer education, negotiation, safety, and power dynamics.
- Advocate for sex-positing, trauma-informed approach to intimacy and relationships.
- Promoting and educating on benefits of BDSM and kink as adjunct methods to professional clinical therapy for trauma treatment and healing using various modalities such as trauma play.
- Developing educational content on BDSM, sexology, and relationship dynamics.

Kink Community Educator and Leader

2010–Present

- Co-owner and leader of Themis Society, a High Protocol BDSM education group.
- Present classes, lectures, webinars, and workshops on various BDSM topics, including consent, communication, and risk-aware practices.
- Engage in community outreach to promote ethical and informed participation in kink spaces.
- Collaborate with community groups and leadership to improve inclusivity and accessibility within BDSM education.
- Network with other BDSM educators, mental health professionals, and researchers to bring their educational services to the local community.

Writing and Publications

Published Author

Ugly Words – A Collection of Poems and Short Stories

2022

Research and Academic Experience

Undergraduate Research and Writing

Excelsior College, 2019–2021

- Conducted research and wrote academic papers on topics in Psychology, sexuality, and trauma, human motivation, and addiction.
- Developed strong skills in literature review, data analysis, and academic writing.

- Presented findings in class discussions, debates, and written reports.

Certifications and Training

- Let's Talk About Sex: Using the PLISSIT-R Model, The Buehler Institute
- Trauma Informed Care Certification Course, Udemy, Magine Solutions

Community Involvement and Advocacy

- Active advocate for neurodiversity, sexual assault survivors, consent violation victims, sex-positive education, and LGBT+ rights.
- Lecturer at local kink community events focused on BDSM, sexology, and mental health.

Skills

- Sex, kink, and BDSM education and mentorship.
- BDSM and kink community advocacy.
- Sexual assault survivor advocacy.
- Research and academic writing.
- Public speaking.
- Content creation.
- Professional networking.