HOT AND BOTHERED:
EROTICA IN THE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM CONTEXT

THE SCIENTIFIC PURSUIT OF
EROTICA:
ALFRED C. KINSEY’S VISION AND THE
COLLECTIONS OF THE KINSEY INSTITUTE

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Alfred C. Kinsey (1894-1956)
Time magazine August 24, 1953, just prior to release of Sexual Behavior in the Human Female.
The Kinsey Research Team
Why Erotica?

“All erotic materials, whatever their nature, provide information on the interests of the persons who produce them, or of the public which consumes them.”

Kinsey, Female, 1953 p. 87
- Kinsey's demand and defend of a scientist's rights to conduct research in sexuality
- Sex researchers must have access to sources including erotica or sexually explicit materials
- It was believed that erotica documents and records, demonstrates a particular sexual behavior, or a spectrum of sexual behaviors
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Conclusions:

- The Kinsey collection serves the primary purpose of the library, archives, and museum, which is to:
  - To acquire, organize and preserve erotica of its richness and diversity
  - To provide access and promote scholarship and understanding of sexuality through individual research inquiries, publications, the Kinsey Institute’s public exhibitions, and license of materials.
  - To build a state of art facility as well as endowments to ensure a secure future of the collections
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