

## MEN AND WOMEN, GAY AND STRAIGHT Interpersonal Relations

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- I. Sex and Gender
  - A. Thinking Outside the Boxes (read in Bradbury & Karney, p. 153)
  - B. Sex Differences, Sex Similarities
  - C. Men and Women Looking for Love Online (read in Bradbury & Karney, p. 162)
  
- II. The “Nature” Explanation: Sex Differences from the Inside Out
  - A. The Evolutionary Perspective (note that this is from Ch 3)
    - 1. Theory of Parental Investment
    - 2. Spotlight on The Scent of a Man (read in Bradbury & Karney, p. 102)
  - B. Buss (1989), Schmitt et al. (2003), Clark & Hatfield (1989)
  - C. Intrasexual Competition
  
- III. The “Nurture” Explanation: Sex Differences from the Outside In
  - A. Social Structural Theory (Eagly & Wood, 1999)
  - B. Empathic Accuracy
  - C. Speed Dating Role Reversal (Finkel & Eastwick, 2009)
  
- IV. Sex Role Identity: Finding the Individuals in the Categories
  
- V. Sex, Gender, and Intimacy
  - A. Quality of Interaction (read in Bradbury & Karney, pp. 182-183)
  - B. Relationship Dissolution and its Aftermath
  
- VI. Gay and Lesbian Relationships
  - A. Similarities and Differences among Gay, Lesbian, & Heterosexual Relationships
  - B. Context (read in Bradbury & Karney, pp. 191-193)

### **Optional Readings from Lewandowski et al.**

- Q11 *How similar or different are homosexual and heterosexual relationships?*  
Q30 *How long should I wait before sleeping with my partner?*