

TO: NYS Division of Human Rights
FROM: Betty Dodson, Ph.D.
DATE: June 23, 2018
RE: Eric Francis Coppolino

My name is Betty Dodson. I am the author of *Sex for One*, published in 1974, and of other books. I am considered a founder of sexpositive feminism. I have taught masturbation, self-sexuality and self-relating for more than 50 years, primarily to women.

I first met Eric in 1995, and we developed a mentor-student relationship that has lasted until the present day (I am currently age 88). Eric has been one of my most devoted students, and my most committed student who is a man. Over the years we have had many discussions about sexual philosophy, which Eric has developed into his own point of view and body of work.

He has published hundreds of articles on selfsexuality, including for the *Journal of Bisexuality*, a respected academic journal. We agree that one's relationship to oneself is the most important one, and also the foundation for other relationships.

He has also taught at many conferences, and may be the second most prolific author on these subjects, bringing discussion of healthy, consensual, respectful sexuality into many fields where it might not ordinarily be welcomed, primarily astrology.

I consider him a serious, dedicated student of sexology, though in a non-academic format. I trust he will continue to write, teach, and hold workshops well into the future.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Betty Dodson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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