

DISCUSSIONS *(in order of the schedule)*

Friday May 1 | 2:15 to 3:30PM

PB Kane & slave v

Is the CEO/COO Power Exchange Right for You?

In this class we discuss the parallels of different power exchange dynamics to a CEO/COO business template. Together we will explore how roles compare to each other by defining hierarchy and responsibilities of each. We will talk about trust and interdependence through a foundation based on empowered communication. Finally, we will recognize the differences between consensual, intimate relationships vs. professional structures and how to pull from each to enhance your own dynamic.

Sir Bradford & Pixie Catt

Learning From Your s-type; When You Have the Authority, But They Have the Experience

When the Girl and I got together, she has been in this lifestyle for twice as long as I had. With this time and experience, comes knowledge on things I had no idea about. What do you do and how do you handle you s-type having the wealth of knowledge and experience, rather than you? How do you maintain your dynamic authority imbalance, when the teacher is the one kneeling? Many top sided individuals are less inclined to be with someone who has more experience because they can feel it can take away from their authority over the s-type as well as their personal confidence and power. But we are here to show you that you can be experience imbalanced, in an authority imbalanced relationship. Learn as a Top side of the slash how to learn from the s-type without losing the feeling of power and authority. Learn as a bottom side of the slash how to teach without overstepping your bounds or crossing the lines.

The Goddess & slave Sill

Ready, Set, Whoa!!! Creating FRE (Forever Relationship Energy) In New Relationships

You met your person(s)! Congratulations! Chemistry? Check! Matching kinks? Check!! It's a hot, raging inferno of kinky compatibility at its best. Great personality? Double check! This might be the person(s) to build a long-term dynamic with. How exciting!! Now what? It is so easy to get caught up in New Relationship Energy (NRE) & miss the red flags, areas of dissonance rather than resonance & wake up one day not sure how you ended up in this relationship with someone you don't even like. Getting from the passionate kindling to intentional & sustainable inferno of aligned desire can seem like a daunting task. Join us as we navigate aspects of designing a relationship from the ground up. Topics explored include deriving compatibility, communicating effectively & moving forward with mutual goals & problem-solving issues that arise. In this workshop, we go over fundamentals of finding out if actual compatibility is possible, how to create safe space for vulnerable & authentic communication as you build a dynamic from the ground up, based on individual & collaborative strengths. Leave with tools for a sustainable, aligned dynamic (New Relationship Energy to Forever Relationship Energy).



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Daddy Rod

Say Yes to Yourself

I have been involved with the Leather and Kink communities for over a decade and have done many presentations. Because of my race, sexuality, and/or HIV status people are intrigued, fascinated by, and even invested in, my struggles and pain. It's time for that same energy to be invested in my joys. The same areas of my identity that people assume or expect to be spaces of pain are (in reality) spaces of incredible joy and growth. With this interactive dialogue, you will learn how I came to this, and (re)connect with the joy of being fully who you are.

Prince Tristian

The Flow of Intimacy – Fluid Bonding in an M/s Dynamic

This discussion focuses on edgier types of activity: the blood, sweat, tears, urine, saliva, and sexual fluids involved in building a deeper connection. For many people, the mention of these fluids immediately suggests degrading or humiliating aspects. Here we'll try to view them through a lens of reverence, exploring how such acts can be used as a means of bonding a couple, strengthening a dynamic and sometimes serve ceremonial or ritualistic purposes. We'll discuss what we need to be mindful of, as well as, ways to make these experiences fun and less traumatic. Participants will learn to recognize inadvertent exposure to fluid bonding and see how these acts can hold as much love as any other activity within the dynamic. relationship.

Friday May 1 | 3:45 to 5:00PM

Mister Chris

Accepting Service

Learning and deciding what sort of service really makes your heart glow, communicating that with your s-type, and practicing until it works smoothly can be a rewarding process for both partners in a power-imbalance relationship.

Zephr & slave ginna

Micro Activism in Kink

From dungeon to daily life, this class centers microactivism as intentional, everyday actions rooted in kink and queer values. Through facilitated discussion and interactive, group-guided co-learning, we'll explore how small choices—how we use power, practice consent, intervene, share resources, and show care—can challenge harm and build justice. Rather than focusing on large-scale organizing, this session emphasizes sustainable, accessible acts shaped by collective wisdom, accountability, and community care, inviting participants to learn from one another and leave with practical tools they can use immediately.

Director Jezebelle Jones

Shame, Sobriety, & Sex

This class goes more over soft skills in BDSM. When coming out of any addiction, your body can feel strange and new. It can be very hard to regain feeling, and you struggle not to chase old ways of flying. With reclaiming the body after addiction, we have to peel back layers of our psyche and process that which harmed us... and led us to addiction in the first place. This class is not led by a mental health professional, just a recovering addict who's spent 5 years reclaiming their own body and mind.

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lave raven

Survivor's Circle

The Survivors Circle started in 2022 right here at Ms Gathering and we are glad to be hosted once again. This is a place to promote healing, empowerment, and community, among individuals who have experienced abuse. This circle operates on Vegas rules, what is said inside the circle, stays inside the circle. We also have snacks. This is a place to heal, grow community no matter where or when your abuse occurred. This is a non judgmental space, all genders and gender identities are welcome. As well as both sides of the slash.

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Secret Storybook

The Five Languages as Tools for Strengthening a M/s Relationship

The Master/slave (M/s) relationship is often misunderstood as being solely about power, rules, or control. In reality, healthy M/s dynamics thrive on communication, trust, mutual care, and intentional connection. One useful lens for exploring and strengthening that connection is the concept of the Five Love Languages: Words of Affirmation, Acts of Service, Receiving Gifts, Quality Time, and Physical Touch. Rather than replacing the unique rituals and structures of an M/s relationship, love languages can enhance them—helping both partners feel seen, valued, and fulfilled in ways that are deeply personal.

Saturday May 2 | 9:15 to 10:30AM

PB Kane & slave v

An Honest Look at Age Gap Relationships in a Power Exchange

Age Gap Power Exchanges is a class where we will explore different dynamics that have significant age differences. We will discuss how maturity, experience, and generational perspectives can shape power exchange roles and how to effectively communicate through them. We will discuss the lived experience imbalance in the power exchange and how to establish clear boundaries and mutual respect to keep the Power Exchange healthy and balanced.

Laura A. Jacobs

Gender Inside the Box, Outside the Box, and What Is This Box Thing Anyway?

Western society relies on a binary system of gender in which there were two distinct options, male and female, each carrying discrete stereotypes and meanings. Being trans has historically been around transitioning from one to the other, but increasing numbers are identifying outside traditional gender norms. This is especially true for younger generations.

How do we understand the gender binary, heteronormativity, nontraditional genders, and the impact of the categorization of identity? And how can we assist these individuals with daily life as well as with the relationship between their nonbinary identity and an often unwelcoming society? This workshop covers transgender identity and the history of transgender care, binary and nonbinary gender identity, and the role of categorization of gender for those inside the community as well as our allies seeking to better understand the nonbinary folks in their lives.

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Prince Tristian

The Switch's Place in the World of M/s

Are you a Master, a slave, a little of both, or simply still figuring things out? In this discussion, we'll examine how witches fit into Master/slave dynamics and practical ways to keep the relationship balanced from each side of the slash. We'll unpack core considerations for each role, highlight common pitfalls that can erode trust or destabilize the power exchange, and offer strategies for sidestepping those hazards. We'll also explore the various flavors of switches: daddies and mommies, littles and middles, primal personalities, and other niche archetypes, and how each can be woven into the M/s structure to reduce confusion, enhance communication, and maximize the richness of shared experiences. By the end you should have a clearer roadmap for navigating the fluid terrain of switching while honoring the needs and boundaries of both dominant and submissive aspects of yourself and your partner(s).

Sir Bradford & Pixie Catt

What to Do When Things Crash

When things get off centered how do you come back around to finding the balance in your day to day life? Some books will tell you that when the collar comes off the s-type just vanishes, almost as if to never exist. However, that isn't the case and the collar coming off doesn't have to mean an end. We talk about things to add to your toolbox when things aren't working the way they once did, or how to fix things that were always broken. This class includes activities, assignments and tools to add into your toolbox.

Saturday May 2 | 10:45AM to 12:00PM

Mister Chris

Cigar Play & Service: Mastering the Power of Giving and Receiving Service with a Smoke

Mister Chris will walk you through the basics of modern Premium Cigars, from selection, storage, handling, and smoking, as well as some beginner and intermediate play ideas that blend intimacy, style, and a little risk.

Daddy Rod

Panel: POC in the M/s "Wonderland," No (More) Dreams Deferred

Ask yourself: Has my M/s experience been everything I have wanted and dreamed for it to be? Is the community what I expected it to be? Who am I as a result of my journey through the M/s landscape? How has my race and ethnicity (and my other related, intersecting identities) enhanced the dream...or made it a nightmare...or placed me somewhere in between? And what do Langston Hughes and Lewis Carroll have to do with all of this? Join Daddie Rod and others for what will be a "somewhat different" conversation on Charting New Paths and Shared Dreams for People of Color in the M/s world.

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Jo Ann Wadsworth AKA Mama Jo Ann

Shared traditions between Leather culture and M/s households

What are the shared traditions between Leather culture and M/S households? Are they applied equally, or are there differences? Are you unsure what those traditions are? Come to this discussion to find out, or to help educate others on what your traditions are and discuss how you might apply them to your dynamic.

Secret Storybook & slave mikey

When the M/s Isn't Built for You

This a roundtable conversation exploring disability, access, and inclusion within M/s dynamics and kink spaces. We'll talk honestly about how power exchange can unintentionally exclude, strain, or overlook disabled bodies and minds—and how those same dynamics can also be adapted, negotiated, and reshaped to be deeply affirming.

This discussion centers around lived experience, practical adaptations, communication, and consent, while challenging assumptions about capability, control, service, strength, and care. Whether you live with a disability, partner with someone who does, or want to build more inclusive M/s relationships and communities, this space invites listening, curiosity, and growth."

Saturday May 2 | 12:30 to 2:00PM (meal-time chat)

Prince Tristian

M/s Through the Eyes of a Male slave

Having identified as a male slave for over 30 years, this discussion will focus specifically on male slaves. Why do many males struggle to find Masters while many Female Masters say it's difficult to find a good quality male slave? Attend any slave circle and you'll notice more female slaves than male counterparts. We'll explore what a male slave can do to stand out to Masters, why there are many male slaves online but fewer in real life, and how communication, dress, attitude, and desirability play a role. We'll also discuss keeping masculinity without misogyny, the impact of feminization, merchandising, clothing/gear, and professional dominatrix work, and the typical struggles faced on the path to becoming a male slave.



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Cuir Nikolas

Panel: Trans Folk in M/s

Greetings humans. A lot of Transgender people were involved in the M/s and BDSM communities prior to transition to our authentic selves. We have a history like everyone else however, transitioning has created a whole other perspective and challenges. This is a panel dialogue and intended to be interactive. We hope everyone, Trans and Cis, can learn from each other.

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Protecting the Property: When is "No" Appropriate

When is Using "No" Appropriate in a BDSM Power Exchange is designed to help understand the importance of boundaries and consent in healthy dynamics. We will explore how to safely use your words within your established roles and how Dominants can respond to your words with respect and care while maintaining the integrity of your power exchange.

The Goddess and slave Sill

The Flawed Master: Elevating Mastery Through Vulnerability

(Master/dominant Only Class)

We speak about wanting and needing transparency in our slave in order to succeed in our dynamic. We feel driven to be omnipotent, omniscient, and all-powerful. The idea of making mistakes, being flawed, imperfect in any way is anathema. We speak of slaves being brave enough to open themselves to our scrutiny, to show us their "ugly parts." How can we truly have an authority-transfer environment where they entrust all of themselves to us when we never really show them who we are? How long can we pretend to be "perfect?"

Becoming a fully-faceted self-actualized individual requires having integrity. Integrity is defined as "knowing and accepting one's self." To the extent we hide who we are, we cripple our own capacity to become wholly immersed in our dynamic. "Acceptance" is a two-way street. And, it begins by having the courage to be seen.

* No admission after class begins.

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Daddy Zulu & girl sommer Misfit

The Transition: BDSM Play Into Power Based Relationships

It is a fascinating transition. That moment where "just for fun BDSM play" turns into a profound realization—the "click"— usually happens when a person recognizes that the M/s dynamic isn't just an activity they do, but a headspace that feels like home.

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Zephyr

Decolonizing Ourselves in Power Exchange: Power, Ethics, History, and Becoming

Decolonizing Ourselves in Power Exchange is an advanced, discussion-based workshop for experienced kink practitioners and intentional newcomers interested in the ethics of D/s, M/s, and power exchange. Rather than focusing on technique or “how-to” skills, this session uses reflective prompts, nuanced case examples, and facilitated group dialogue to examine how larger systems—colonialism, patriarchy, racism, capitalism, ableism, and trauma—shape our dynamics, often invisibly. Participants are invited to explore devotion, authority, consent, accountability, and repair with curiosity rather than defensiveness, centering ethical power, sustainability, and consciously chosen practice over identity defense or hierarchy.

Master Peter and Precious

How to Navigate Religion or Spiritual Beliefs within a Power Dynamic

The scope of the class was designed to cover many different outlooks and help people to understand how religion can be allowed within a power dynamic. The purpose is to help bring awareness without judgement and to show that you can have both a person who believes and can serve or lead. The dynamic is not based upon whether a person believes or not. But how the other person allows and supports their partners beliefs without having one of the people in the couple making a life choice to stay. We use real life information and ideas used by us and what we have found works well and the information has helped many others. We remove a lot of bias and stigmas and use facts and lessons to help people understand that being religious doesn't mean you can be a dom or slave. But it can help to create a deeper bond.

Marti Paige

Suffering as a Service

Sliding down that rabbit hole is exhilarating, but maintaining your footing once you're at the bottom requires intentionality. Let's discuss at how that descent happens and how to keep it from becoming all-consuming.

slave mikey

The Collar Wears Prada

Step into the world of high-stakes service with The Collar Wears Prada, an interactive Master/slave class inspired by The Devil Wears Prada. Through carefully selected film clips, reflective discussion, and hands-on exercises, participants explore the challenges, responsibilities, and nuances of committed service.

This class emphasizes:

1. The importance of readiness and first impressions
2. Paying attention to subtle cues and details
3. Handling pressure and accountability
4. Maintaining emotional control and boundaries
5. Demonstrating initiative and loyalty
6. Making conscious, serious choices in service

Participants will reflect on their own approach to service, practice anticipating needs, and engage in exercises that highlight how service is demanding, serious, and transformative. By the end, attendees will better understand the mindset, dedication, and choices required to serve responsibly and intentionally.

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Sunday May 3 | 9:15 to 10:30AM

Laura A. Jacobs

Hormones and Handcuffs: The Intersection of Trans and M/s, BDSM, Nonmonogamy, and Sex Work

Please note: Laura will present this session nude as an expression of body confidence and to help challenge common misconceptions about what trans bodies look like.

Transgender and gender nonbinary people have complex relationships with our bodies. Anecdotal evidence strongly suggests percentages of my community's involvement in BDSM, M/s, consensual nonmonogamy, sex work are significantly higher than in cisgender populations, and it is imperative that members of these communities understand who we are and the motivations that bring us to these worlds.

This session examines the intersection between trans identities and alternate lifestyles as well as how these lifestyles seem ideally suited to help those in these communities heal and grow. All offer access to forms of sexual expression that bypass – and sometimes subvert – the heteronormative expectations of society and the difficulties often faced by trans and gender nonbinary people. And through these worlds, one can explore existential questions of meaning as art of an ongoing examination of the human experience.

This workshop is avowedly nonpathologizing and proceeds from an affirming, body-positive, pleasure stance.

Cuir Nikolas

M/s Fantasy Vs Reality in Ethical M/s

Spoiler alert! 50 Shades of Grey is total fantasy. Join us for this interactive session of what we wanted (the fantasy) compared to what we actually live as reality. We can still create fantasies while living our reality. Please come to discuss our deepest M/s fantasies and how they materialize into reality.

Mister Chris

Rough Body Play

This class discusses how to negotiate harder sensations that often leave deep bruising, and we'll introduce several tips or tops who are trying to figure out how to balance the line between "not enough" and "too much."

The Goddess and slave Sill

The Imperfect slave: Elevating Your Dynamic Through Vulnerability

(sub/slave Only Class)

We speak about wanting and needing transparency in order to succeed in our dynamic. As slaves, we feel driven to be self-sacrificing, mind readers, and obedient whilst epitomizing graceful surrender. The idea of making mistakes, being flawed, imperfect in any way is anathema. We don't wish to show our "ugly parts." How can we truly have an authority-transfer environment when we don't entrust all of ourselves to our partner (or show them who we truly are)? How long can we pretend to be "perfect?" How does one serve an "imperfect" and "flawed" Master? How do you serve from a place of disappointment?

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Daddy Zulu

Balancing Leather Protocol Traditions in a Changing World

As the Leather Culture evolves some traditions have been omitted for various reasons. At times that has caused tension between Leatherfolk who follow those traditions and those who don't. This discussion is meant to build common ground while respecting various traditions.

Master Penguin and slave ginna

How Many People are in this Relationship Anyway?

No, we don't mean poly. In this presentation, we will focus on the outside "influences" on our dynamics. Whether you have current influences around you like you kids, friends, work stress, aging parents; former influences that come back to haunt you like what your dad said to you as a kid, ex-partners from prior relationships, trauma, or PTSD; or even just everyday life. We will talk about how we have worked through many of these challenges over the years and what tools we have in our toolbox to help us to stay grounded and connected in times of stress to help us keep our dynamic alive and going strong.

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Master Ice Dog, slave raven, slave amethyst

When the Hits Keep Coming

Sometimes we think life and our dynamics are going to be all roses and rainbows. Then life says 'hold my beer' and starts throwing curveballs, rocks, tornadoes, and the occasional kitchen sink. Welcome to advanced mode.

Join us as we lead a discussion on coping strategies, staying grounded when everything's on fire, and what it means to remain true to yourself and your dynamics when the hard times hit. Because if you're going to dodge meteors, you might as well do it with intention.

Sunday May 3 | 1:00 to 2:30PM

Sir Bradford & Pixie Catt

Young Leather: Age, Experience, & Time

When you hear "young leather" you probably think of a 18-30-year-old, who has just put on their first pair of boots and walked into their first bar or have somewhere between 0-5 years in the lifestyle. You also may think of the "children" who have no idea of the history, the past, the struggles and sacrifices made before their lifetime. However, I'm here to change that. We see a constant struggle in our community both nationally, and locally in bridging the age gap between the elders, and older generation of our community and the younger, new or upcoming Leatherfolk. In this class, you will learn the versatile group that "young leather" can cover, as well as the similarities and differences, making it easier to talk, bond and grow with the younger generations. To create a community that is a safe haven for our alternative lifestyle, we must make sure we have raised individuals to carry it on.