**Who’s Who? Who’s What?**

**Dissecting Poly Partners**

Relationship models in the Poly community can be very complex at times with many partners- some intersecting, some only play partners, some only nesting partners, some only emotional partners, etc. In our August MeetUp, we will examine some of these partners and relationship models in order to create a clearer picture of ways to keep our poly lives in order.

* Poly Relationship Models
* Map of General Non-Monogamy

<http://www.obsidianfields.com/lj/nonmonogamy2.5.1.gif>

* Geometric Arrangements

[http://img-cache.cdn.gaiaonline.com/ca9e64016a3d325236596fe39b67378d/http://i578.photobucket.com/albums/ss228/P12S/pc.jpg](http://img-cache.cdn.gaiaonline.com/ca9e64016a3d325236596fe39b67378d/http%3A//i578.photobucket.com/albums/ss228/P12S/pc.jpg)

* Poly/Mono Relationships

<https://www.morethantwo.com/poly-mono.html>

 **Questions for discussion:**

1. Upon close examination of the Map of General Non-Monogamy, explore the differences between this and what a map of monogamy as it is practiced today would look like. Are they that different?
2. As an outsider, poly arrangements may resemble a “free for all.” Is this true? If not, how would you explain the order maintained in poly arrangements?
3. Do poly/mono relationships work given the difference in core principles between the two?
* Poly Partners
* Primary/Non-Primary Open Relationship Models

<http://www.cat-and-dragon.com/stef/poly/Labriola/open.html>

* Clusters, Pods, Polycules, Tribes

<http://emanix.livejournal.com/30058.html>

* Non-Sexual Partners

<http://sensanostra.com/not-fucking-around-polyamory>

<http://www.lovemore.com/poly/whats-sex-got-to-do-with-it/>

* Solo Polys

<http://solopoly.net/2014/12/05/what-is-solo-polyamory-my-take/>

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/the-polyamorists-next-door/201310/solo-polyamory-singleish-single-poly>

* Non-Hierarchical Poly/ Relationship Anarchists

<https://thethinkingasexual.wordpress.com/2014/03/20/relationship-anarchy-vs-nonhierarchical-polyamory/>

**Questions for discussion:**

1. Many couples believe that keeping a hierarchy in their relationship is important for maintaining a strong foundation. Discuss the pros and cons of hierarchy.
2. How do relationship dynamics differ from “my poly is not your poly?” In other words, do the different structures in poly relationships (such as polycules vs. solo polys) means the same thing as polyamory has no rules?
3. Does a non-sexual partner in polyamory differ from a friend? If so, how?