Pre-Conference workshops
The AMSA pre-conference workshops have become a popular addition to the conference. They are designed to be of special help for professionals and students in a variety of fields who work on issues related to men and masculinities.

Pre-conference workshops require a $35 (U.S.) registration fee (see the registration form) and are scheduled for 9:00-11:30 AM on Friday, April 3. Pre-registration is encouraged.

International Workshop

The Internationalization of Men’s Studies: The State of the Debate in Quebec and What can be the future?

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Description: Studies on men and masculinities in Quebec have widely evolved since their beginnings in the mid-eighties. They actually concern many domains like health, risky behaviours, school achievement, spirituality, and so on; not only violence or fatherhood like they previously did. Furthermore, all these topics have become more complex in the context of the multiplicity of cultures and ethnicities in Quebec as well as the inscription of Quebec in the globalization of the world. Nowadays, we have no choice to see “beyond borders”. The “global village” means more migrations, more diversified societies, and more relations between members of this “global village” with the use of Internet, the access of tv and phone almost everywhere, etc. But, what does it mean for men’s studies if we do not want to be in line with new forms of colonialism, racism and male domination? How can we use these opportunities to deconstruct the hegemonic masculinity and operate more in deep changes?

In this preconference workshop, we would like to invite participants to discuss with us what does the internationalization mean for men’s studies, especially what is the state of
the debate and what should men’s studies do for the future? We will discuss the evolution of men’s studies in Quebec, the internationalization “inside Quebec” with a view on research and intervention with male immigrants, and the internationalization “outside Quebec” concerning relationships of the new Quebec research team “Masculinities and Society” with researchers and men’s groups in other countries (including the actual link with AMSA for this conference), and how do researchers from other parts of the world see and experience internationalization in men’s studies? With the participants, we would like to identify the main issues and challenges in this topic: what will be the next steps in the future?