

# American Men's Studies Association

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The Seventh Annual Conference  
March 12-14, 1999

Vanderbilt University,  
The Divinity School  
Nashville, Tennessee

Men's Studies 1999:  
Past, Present, Future

The AMSA conference this year is collaborating with  
the Carpenter Program in Religion, Gender, and Sexuality  
at Vanderbilt University Divinity School .

The Carpenter Conference is Thursday to Saturday, March 11-13.

The AMSA Conference opens Friday evening & continues through Sunday noon, March 12-14.

Joint panels are on Friday afternoon, and the two organizations are co-sponsoring the Keynote Address at Saturday evening's banquet and the Sunday morning panel.

## **Book Display - Men's Studies and Related Topics**

Richard Koenigsberg, Coordinator, the Library of Social Science  
27 publishers, over 125 titles, the largest exhibit of men's studies books to date  
Divinity School Common Room

## **Conference Program**

*(Note: All events co-sponsored by the Carpenter Program are free and open to the public)  
All sessions will be on the ground floor of the Divinity School classrooms*

**Friday, March 12**

**3:00-6:00 p.m. AMSA Conference Registration -- Divinity School Common Room**

**1:00-3:00 Panel (Carpenter Event) Room G-23**

**"Images of Masculinity in Religion"**

**Host: Mark Justad**, Ph.D. Religion, Vanderbilt Univ **Daniel Boyarin**, Taubman Prof of Talmudic Culture, Univ of California, Berkeley. Author of *Unheroic Conduct: The Rise of Heterosexuality and the Invention of the Jewish Man* (1997) and *Carnal Israel: Reading Sex in Talmudic Culture* (1993). **David Morgan**, Assoc Prof of Art and Chair, Dept of Art, Valparaiso University. Author of *Protestants and Pictures: Religion, Visual Culture, and the Age of American Mass Production* (1999) and *Visual Piety: A History and Theory of Popular Religious Images* (1998). **Eddie Glaude, Jr.**, Assist Prof of Religion, Bowdoin College. **Rev. Dr. Philip Culbertson**, Director of Pastoral Studies for the Auckland Consortium of Theological Education, a cluster of six seminaries inside the structure of the University of Auckland, New Zealand. His seventh book, *Caring for God's People: Counseling and Christian Wholeness*, will be published in October by Fortress Press, USA.

**3:30-5:30 Panel (Carpenter Event) Room G-23**

**Responses to Redeeming Men: Religion and Masculinities** (Westminster/John Knox Press, 1996)

**Host: Deborah Appler**, Vanderbilt Univ Carpenter Program **Steven G. Smith**, Assoc Prof, Philosophy & Religion, Millsaps College. Author of *The Concept of the Spiritual: An Essay in First Philosophy and Gender Thinking*. **Elizabeth Bounds**, Assoc Prof of Christian Ethics, Candler School of Theology, Emory Univ. **Catherine Keller**, Prof of Theology, Theology School, Drew Univ. Author of *From a Broken Web: Separation, Sexism, and Self* and *Apocalypse Now and Then: A Feminist Guide to the End of the World*. **Gale Yee**, Episcopal Divinity School.

**5:30-6:30 Reception** Sponsored by the Carpenter Program in Religion, Gender, and Sexuality and Westminster/John Knox Press. **Tillet Lounge, Rm 128, Vanderbilt Univ Divinity School**

**7:00-8:30 BAMSAs Plenary Session Room G-23**

**The Relationship Between Men's Studies & Women's Studies**

**Vicki Sommer**, Prof of Sociology, Augustana College **Mark Justad**, Ph.D. Religion, Vanderbilt Univ;  
**Joanne Urschel**, Prof of Psychology, Purdue Univ-NC **Mark Kann**, Prof of Political Sci, Univ So California

**Saturday, March 13**

**All Day--Conference Registration and Book Display -- Divinity School Common Room**

**8:45-10:15--Concurrent Sessions I**

**Berthold Schoene-Harwood** Boys Armed with Sticks: Bringing Up Gender in William Golding's *Lord of the Flies*;  
**Joel Shrock** Vigorous Manly Out-of-Door Sports: Boys, Sports, and Manhood, 1870-1929" **Rm. G-29**

**Ed Barton** Comparisons Between Two Mythopoetic Men's Mutual Support Groups & a Father's Rights Group as to They Perceive Themselves;  
**Amanda Goldrick-Jones** Pessimism, Paralysis, and Change: A Critical Analysis of the Second Wave of Profeminism  
**George Gorman** What's Most Healing in Men's Groups" **Rm G-27**

**Bert Ouellette** ANarrative Therapy and Healing in the Lives of Gay Men: The Past and the Future@ **Simeon Schlossberg** AThe Therapeutic Counseling Implications of Existential World View and the Adolescent Male Sexual Abuse Survivor@; **Andreas Philaretou** AUnspoken Truths: Men's Sexual Anxieties@ **Rm G-26**

**Brett George** AMen=s Studies: The Long and the Short of It: Issues in Teaching Men=s Studies in New Zealand@ **Brian D. Steffy,** AThe Contribution of Men=s Studies to a Critical Social Theory of Work Practices@ **Doug Stevens** APutting the Men in Men=s Studies@ **Rm G-23**

**10:30-Noon--Concurrent Sessions II**

**Mwatabu S. Okantah** AFrom Chaos to Creativity: An African-Centered Approach to Black Men in America@ **Maxine Agazie and William A. Reed, Jr.** AChallenges Facing Adolescent Single African Fathers: Implications for Psychologists and Social Workers@ **Rm G-26**

**John Carta-Falsa** ATransitional Families in Conflict--Strategies in Transition@ **Vincent Duindam** AMen Who Keep Caring@ **Rm G-29**

**R.A.Burns** APoems from *Star Route: A Reading and Discussion*@ **Alex Tuss** AMasculinity in Manuel Puig's *Kiss of the Spider Woman*@ **Ralph Vitello**  
AConfigurations of Masculinity in the French Renaissance: Rabelais and Montaigne@ **Rm. G-27**

**Roy Fish** AThe Mythopoetic Men's Movement and the Shaping of Masculine Identification@ **Marty Pentz** ANew Warrior Experience: A Rite of Passage into a New Masculinity@ **Rm. G-23**

**Lunch** B Divinity School Refectory, 1st Floor

**1:00-2:30--Concurrent Sessions III**

**Alan Forrest** AMen in the Movies: The Portrayal of Male Gender Roles as a Way to Understand Men=s Issues@ **Ozzie Mayers** AA Father/Son Dance: An Analysis of *The Sum of Us* & Its Usefulness to Men=s Studies@ **Rm G-26**

**Deb Davis & Ed Barton** AHealthy Knowledge: An Ecology of Knowing for Mapping the Field of Men's Studies@ **Scott Campbell** AMen=s Studies Today: A Review of Courses Submitted via an Internet Survey@ **Rm G-27**

**Jean-Francois Roussell** ASeeking a Study of Religious Problematizations of Manhood in Quebec: Toward a Practice of Religious Studies of Masculinities Outside American Cultural Context@ **Edward H. Thompson** AMasculinity, Ideology, and Religiosity Among Well Elders@ **Rm G-23**

**Chris Blazina and Larry Marks** ACollege Men=s Affective Reactions to Therapy Choices: Interpersonal Power and Gender Role Conflict Upon Help-Seeking Attitudes@ **Rm G-29**

**3:00-4:15--Concurrent Sessions IV**

**Tony Lanzillo** ABringing Men=s Studies into a Health Care System@ **Charles Harvey Miley** AJohn Wesley: An Early Exponent of Holistic Health Care@ **Rm G-26**

**Steve Boyd,**AGender Reconciliation and Mutuality: Roots in 16th Century Anabaptists@ **Jürgen Schwing** AIncarnational Spirituality for Men: Theory and Practices@ **Rm G-27**

**Whitney G. Harris** AComing Out: Small Town African-American Gay Males@  
**Patrick Hart** AThe Bisexual Star Persona of Keanu Reeves@

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**4:30-5:30BPanel on Men=s Studies Room G-23**

**Jim Doyle**, Prof of psychology, Roane State Community College, Harriman, TN, author of *The Male Experience* & editor of *The Journal of Men's Studies*; **Sam Femiano**, Psychologist in private practice, Northampton, MA; **Douglas Hindman, Ph.D.** Clinical psychologist in private practice in Richmond and Berea, Ky; **Mark Justad**, Doctoral Cand., Religion, Vanderbilt Univ; **Mark Kann**, Prof of Political Sci, Univ So California; **Vicki Sommer**, Prof of Sociology, Augustana Col; **Joanne Urschel**, Prof of Psychology, Purdue Univ-NC;

**Dinner (6:00) and Keynote (7:00) B Divinity School Refectory, 1st Floor Jim Nelson  
(Carpenter Event)**

**AA Man=s Experience of Addiction: Reflections on Theology and Gender@**

**Jim Nelson** is Professor Emeritus of Christian Ethics of the United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. He is the author of twelve books, among them *Body Theology* (1992) and *The Intimate Connection: Male Sexuality and Masculine Spirituality* (1988) still one of the most important works on men and religion.

**Sunday, March 14**

**7:30-8:30 Student Breakfast Meeting**

**9:00-10:30--Concurrent Sessions V**

**Dan G.** AMasculinity in the Culture of Alcoholics Anonymous@

**Rob**

**Kenedy** AFathers For Justice as a Case Study of Collective Identity Formation@

**Michael**

**Sanow** ADo We Have Any Heroes Anymore?@

**Rm G-23**

**Michael Chrasta** AAssessing Promise Keeper Masculinities: Biblicist, Therapeutic, and Charismatic Strands@

**Lothar**

**Konietzko** AThe Social Movement of the Promise Keepers: Collective Action in the Name of the Family, God, and Self@

**Todd Grant Yonkman** APromise Keepers: Religious Revival or Power Grab?@

**Rm G-27**

**J. Michael Clark** ASkirting Eco-Apocalypse: Reconstructing Sexual Ethics@

**Scott**

**Haldeman** AResistance and Replication: Gay Men, Male Gender Roles, and the Chute@

**Rm G-26**

**10:45-Noon Plenary Session, (Carpenter Event) Room G-23**

**AResponses to Men, Religion, and Melancholia: James, Otto, Jung, and Erikson (1997)  
Author Donald Capps@**

**A Discussion with the**

**Donald Capps** is the William Harte Felmeth Prof of Pastoral Theology, Princeton Univ & author of *The Depleted Self: Sin in a Narcissistic Age* (1993) and *On Losing the Soul: Essays in the Social Psychology of Religion* (1995).

**Interviewers: Steve Boyd**, Professor, Dept of Religion Wake Forest Univ. and acting President of AMSA. He is the author of *The Men We Long to Be: Beyond Lonely Warriors and Desperate Lovers* (1997); **Douglas Hindman, Ph.D.** Clinical psychologist in private practice in Richmond and Berea, KY, Prof Emeritus, Dept of Psychology, Eastern Kentucky Univ.; **Sam Femiano**, Psychologist in private practice, Northampton, MA whose speciality is working with men who have histories of childhood abuse. He was the founding President of AMSA and edits a set of curricula on men's studies. **Bonnie Miller-McLemore**, Assoc Prof of Pastoral Theology and Counseling at Vanderbilt Univ Divinity School. She is author of *Also a Mother: Work and Family as a Theological Dilemma* and co-author of *From Culture Wars to Common Ground: Religion and the American Family Debate*.

12:00-1:15 Lunch and Closing Comments -- Divinity School Refectory, 1st Floor

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**Membership in the American Men's Studies Association includes a year's subscription to *JMS***

**Special offer to AMSA Conference attendees:** the Men's Studies Press is making available copies of four special issues at a special conference discount of \$15.00 per issue (25% off the regular price; shipping & handling included). *African-American Men* (1993); *Gay Men's Issues in Religious Studies* (1996); *Fathering, Faith, and Spirituality* (1998); *Masculinities from Margin to Center: Studies on Gender, Status, and Representation* (1999)

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The American Men's Studies Association (AMSA) is an organization of men and women dedicated to teaching, research and clinical practice in the field of men's studies. Our goal as an association is to provide a forum for teachers, researchers and therapists to exchange information and gain support for their work with men.

**Mission Statement**

The American Men's Studies Association conceives men's studies to be concerned with the analyses of male experiences as social-historical-cultural constructions.

The American Men's Studies Association is committed to serve as a multidisciplinary forum of men and women irrespective of class background, ethnic origin, religious background, sexual orientation, or physical abilities, whose purpose is to promote critical discussion of issues involving men and masculinities, and to disseminate knowledge about men's lives to a broad audience.

The American Men's Studies Association is dedicated to supporting and encouraging scholars, teachers, and practitioners at all academic, educational and professional levels.

The Association invites into membership scholars, researchers, teachers, and practitioners who share its perspective and who subscribe to high standards of scholarship in research, teaching and practice.

The Association also intends to serve a mentoring function for young scholars in the field.

The major objectives of the American Men's Studies Association are to encourage the refinement of the parameters of men's studies, to generate theory, and to develop methodologies of the study of masculinities from an ethical perspective which eschews oppression in all forms (namely sexism, racism, homophobia, anti-Semitism, classism, *et al.*)

Given the pluralistic nature of men's studies, it is the American Men's Studies Association's intention to recognize and respect the many voices emerging from among those working with and/or studying men and masculinity. We are committed to provide a forum of open and inclusive dialog which involves a spirit of mutual respect for our common humanity.

The American Men's Studies Association values collegial relationships characterized by the kind of generativity and support which are mutually empowering, guiding, and affirming.

**Membership** runs from April through March. **Annual Dues:** \$50 (\$60 outside US) Students \$35.

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or see Dave Robinson at the registration table