American Men’s Studies Association

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
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"


3:30-5:30 Panel (Carpenter Event)  Room G-23  
AResponses to Redeeming Men: Religion and Masculinities@ (Westminster/John Knox Press, 1996)


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

7:00-8:30AMSA Plenary Session  Room G-23  
AThe 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


Ed Barton  AComparisons Between Two Mythopoetic Men's Mutual Support Groups & a Father's Rights Group as to They Perceive Themselves@;  Amanda Goldrick-Jones  APessimism, Paralysis, and Change: A Critical Analysis of >the Second Wave= of Profeminism@  George Gorman  AWhat's Most Healing in Men's Groups@  Rm G-27
Bert Ouellette A Narrative Therapy and Healing in the Lives of Gay Men: The Past and the Future
Simeon Schlossberg A The Therapeutic Counseling Implications of Existential World View and the Adolescent Male Sexual Abuse Survivor; Andreas Philaretou A Unspoken Truths: Men's Sexual Anxieties Rm G-26

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

10:30-Noon--Concurrent Sessions II


John Carta-Falsa A Transitional Families in Conflict--Strategies in Transition Vincent Duindam A Men Who Keep Caring Rm G-29

R.A. Burns A Poems from Star Route: A Reading and Discussion Alex Tuss A Masculinity in Manuel Puig=s Kiss of the Spider Woman Ralph Vitello A Configurations of Masculinity in the French Renaissance: Rabelais and Montaigne Rm. G-27

Roy Fish A The Mythopoetic Men=s Movement and the Shaping of Masculine Identification Marty Pentz A New 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 A Men in the Movies: The Portrayal of Male Gender Roles as a Way to Understand Men=s Issues Ozzie Mayers A A Father/Son Dance: An Analysis of The Sum of Us & Its Usefulness to Men=s Studies Rm G-26

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


Jean Francois Roussell A College 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 A Bringing Men=s Studies into a Health Care System Charles Harvey Miley A John Wesley: An Early Exponent of Holistic Health Care Rm G-26

Whitney G. Harris  AComing Out: Small Town African-American Gay Males@  Kylo-
Patrick Hart  AThe Bisexual Star Persona of Keanu Reeves@  Rm G-23

| 4:30-5:30 | Panel 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)  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: Biblicalist, 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)  A Discussion with the Author Donald Capps@


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.
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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.

To join AMSA, see our website: http://members.aol.com/amsapage/
or see Dave Robinson at the registration table