

# **AMSA's April 2006 Conference on Men and Masculinities**

## **List of Speakers, Sessions, and Presenters**

### ***Theme: No Man is an Island: Masculinities in Relation***

#### Keynote Speakers:

Ronald F. Levant, Past President, American Psychological Association

Keynote Title: "The New Psychology of Boys and Men"

Steven Boyd, Professor of Religion, Wake Forest University  
Author, *The Men We Long To Be: Beyond Domination to a New Christian Understanding of Manhood*

Exhibit: Shifting Gears: Finding Intimacy in Men's Friendships.

Featured photo-narrative exhibit by Robert Heasley, Neal Wecker and photographer Deborah Halpern.

Plenary Discussion : Brokeback Mountain and Cowboys of All Orientations

Moderators: Whitney Harris, Alex Tuss, Mark Justad

#### Sessions and Presentations

**Vulnerabilities of masculinity:** • Pinched masculinity: Prostate cancer and male identities - Lior Zeligmanop.  
• Vulnerabilities of masculinity: An integrity-model perspective for working with men in therapy - Nedra R. Lander & Danielle Nahon.

**Nontraditional Work and Masculinity:** • Relational productions of masculinity in nontraditional occupations - Dave Miller. • "Triple-decker" - Caregiving sandwich generation: The increasing need for a changing societal perspective of the male role in elder care - L.A. Hollis-Sawyer.

**Panel: Developing the field: Where we've been, what we do, and what we need in order to further develop the field of men's studies.** • A panel presentation, Facilitator: Robert Heasley

**Men and Mental Health** • Men's groups: How effectively do they address core issues of mid-life in contemporary men? - George E. Goreman. • The effectiveness of gender-role re-evaluation and non gender-focused group psychotherapy: The treatment of recently separated men -Danielle Nahon & Nedra R. Lander. • Are there different levels of groups or group experiences for men's emotional healing work? - Edward Read Barton.

**Men and Marriage (or not!) Poor Hamilton Is Gone! - Not Dead, But Married"**: Male bonding, marital status, and men's clubs in the 18 th century - John Gilbert McCurdy. • Voice Male: What men really think about their marriages - Neil Chethik. • What is a man? Single men, masculinity and success - Beth A.Eck

**Constructing Masculinity in Literature:** Outside of the Dominant Paradigm • African American masculinities in African American male authored texts: The black woman's impact on constructs of masculinity - Janice Cools. • Killing off white hegemonic masculinity in Sherman Alexie's "Indian Killer" - Jane E. Rose. • Anxiety and redemption: Muslim masculinity in relation to "others": The image of Muslim man in Anglo-American travel literature - Mohammed Malchouch.

**Intimacy between men: Narratives and Practices:**

• Friendships across sexual orientations - John Yoakan.  
• Shifting gears: Finding intimacy in men's friendships and the value of feminist insight - Robert Heasley and Neal Wecker, Danielle Biconik. • Downlow Mountain ?  
De/Stigmatizing Bisexuality Through Pitying (White) And Pejorative (Black) Discourses In Popular Media - Richard Pitt.

**Masculine constructions in Western culture:**

• Colonialization as manhood recovere - Bob Minor.  
• Warrior, knight, or partner: Masculinities in the West - C. Joseph Meinhart. • The molestation of Henry Fleming: The chase for manhood in warfare society - Jeris Livengood.

**Boys and the discourse of sexuality - Part I** • Mouths wide shut: Teenage conversations on masculinities, dissonance and relationships - Samuel Davidson. • Masculinity with romance - Embracing, amending, and equivocating masculinity in late adolescence - Andrew P. Smiler & Marina Epstein.

**Cultural Representations of Masculinity:** • Reading male bonding relationships in Hamlet - Arthur Rankin. • Let me light a cigar, Would you? The emasculated male in Edith Wharton's The house of mirth - J. Livengood. • Masculinity and race conflict: Time, place, and character in Spike Lee's "Do the Right Thing" - Thomas Caulfield.

**Coming of Age:** • **Books and boys:** Masculinity in contemporary children's and adolescent literature - Annette Wannamaker. • Boys to men: Coming-of-age stories in southern literature - William N. Claxon, Jr.

**Masculinity Studies, Pedagogy, and Higher Education:**  
• Fulfilling the promise of gender studies: The pedagogical challenges of work on feminism and masculinity - Jennifer Gaboury. • A roadmap for the creation of a chaired international department of men's studies at a major university - E. Stephens, A. Weider

**Context and presentation of masculinities:** • Queer masculinity and the Beat Generation -William Patrick Jeffs. • Bears and Bi-men - Ron Jackson Suresha. • Narratives of the military and the gendered self: Men constructing hegemony - Ramon Hinojosa.

**Masculinities in Cultural Icons:** • The cowboy and the slugger: American male icons reconsidered : Alex J. Tuss . • Becoming a fan: Becoming a man : Don Levy. • Changing images of masculinity: Popular magazine advertising in 1970, 1980, 1990, and 2000 - Vicki Sommer, Ph. D. & Matthew Hofer.

**Boys and the discourse of sexuality, Part II:** • The ambiguity of "having sex": Boy's linguistic distinctions and behavior enactments - Marina Epstein & Andrew P. Smiler . • Does the messenger count? - Will Penny & John Bradley. • Do it all for your public hairs! Latino Boys, masculinity, and puberty -Richard Mora.

**Revisioning masculinities:** • Manhood: New explorations in masculine identity - Daniel Racicot. • The prince and the princess: Transformation for men in midlife - Terry Lee . • Reconstructing white and male dominance in construction: Cultural and structural effects of masculinities-in-relation - Kris Paap.

**Shaping and re-shaping fatherhood:** • Reconstructing the "family man": Modernizing of paternal masculinity in American dual-parent families - Li Qiang (Jesse Lee).  
• From the hamster story to NASCAR dads: Fatherhood as political capital in the 2004 election - Christina Jarvis.  
• Men and abortion: 20 th Century literary examples and their application to contemporary men - Jeff Koloze.

**Campus masculinities:** Presentations and discussion about organizing men, men's programs, and men's studies: • How to initiate men's studies on a college campus inside and outside of the classroom - Gar E. Kellom & Lewis Bosler.  
• The Men's Awareness Project: A case study of campus organizing - Patrick Harvey & Jeffrey Cohen.