

Healthy FIFTH ANNUAL Masculinities Conference 2017



Modern Masculinities: *Are we making progress?*

Saturday, February 11, 2017
OSU Memorial Union
9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

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WELCOME

Welcome to the fifth annual Healthy Masculinities Conference

Recognizing that the conference provides a space for sharing personal stories and experiences, we ask that conference participants integrate RESPECT guidelines in their interactions and conversations.

RESPECT Guidelines

- Recognize your own communication style and the style of others.
- Expect to learn something about yourself and others.
- Speak clearly and use personal examples.
- Participate honestly and openly.
- Engage by listening as well as speaking.
- Confidentiality/curiosity/charity.
- Take responsibility for yourself and what you say

We have designed the lobby space to be an area for reflection, processing, and imagining. We encourage participants to use this space at any time during the conference.

For any questions, comments, or concerns during the conference, visit the check-in table in the MU Horizon Lobby.

Artistic Engagement and Imagining

9:00AM – 4:00PM

MU Horizon Lobby

Throughout the day, we encourage participants to engage with the facilitated artistic engagement and imagining space. This space will provide opportunities to reflect on the conference, process learning, imagine new possibilities, and create goals for future learning and growth. The engagement activities were planned by Marwah Al-Jilani and Hunter Briggs from Integrated Learning for Social Change.



SCHEDULE

- 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM** Check-in
MU 49 Horizon Room
- 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM** Artistic Engagement & Imagining
MU Horizon Lobby
- 9:30 AM – 9:45 AM** Welcome
MU 49 Horizon Room
- 9:45 AM – 10:50 AM** Panel Discussion
MU 49 Horizon Room
- 11:00 AM – 11:50 AM** Session Breakout 1
MU Various Rooms
- 12:00 PM – 12:50 PM** Lunch
MU 49 Horizon Room
- 1:00 PM – 1:50 PM** Keynote Speakers
feat. Dr. Dwaine Plaza
MU 49 Horizon Room
- 2:00 PM – 3:20 PM** Session Breakout 2
MU Various Rooms
- 3:30 PM – 3:45 PM** Closing
MU 49 Horizon Room



SESSION I

11:00 AM - 11:50 AM

Engaging Men in Tribal Communities (MU 206)

The work to diminish Domestic and Sexual violence is often viewed as Women's work. Yet Men commit the largest share of these forms of life altering trauma towards Women, Men and Transgender members of our communities. As we work towards shaping a better self and world, it is imperative we engage men in doing this work by expanding their views and beliefs on these issues, promote Personal Accountability and encouraging them to become allies in the work. The session is to be viewed as one way to encourage men in any community to become more informed and active in these issues.

Presenter: Don Chapin, Director of Crossroads Nonviolence Education, LLC

Poker as Prevention: Bringing Feminism to the Felt (MU 208)

After working for two decades to engage men in ending gendered violence, with notable successes and struggles, Patrick Lemmon stumbled upon a promising approach while pursuing his other passion: poker. By entering an environment where men are comfortable, and also largely available for conversation, preventionists have a rare opportunity to connect with men and engage them in significant depth. Although there has been no formal structure or evaluation of this approach, there is significant anecdotal support, and at the very least, many lessons to be learned that can be tried in settings that we encounter every day.

Presenter: Patrick Lemmon, Prevention Enthusiast and Poker Evangelist

Planting Pansies - Regrowing Masculinity (MU 211)

"Pansy" is a term often used to describe men as effeminate, and therefore weak. In reality, pansies are plants that take poisons in the atmosphere, like carbon, and rebuild it into something beautiful. We will deconstruct what being a "pansy" really means, while planting pansies you can take home from the conference. We will begin to explore concepts in ecofeminism and queer ecology. What sort of lessons can we learn from a plant's healing process? Why are flowers seen as feminine, and what traits of femininity are culturally prohibited for men to have?

Presenter: Nick Carleson, Justice Coordinator at Student Sustainability Initiative

An Existential Approach of Understanding Masculinity: Where Have We Been and Where Are We Going? (MU 213)

This presentation will examine the historical foundations of the socially constructed concept of masculinity. The presentation aims to focus on not only the formation of masculinity in the United States, but how these constructs play out in the 21st century. The audience will leave with the understanding of how certain pillars of masculinity, both healthy and toxic, intersect with a larger understanding of Western Culture.

Presenter: Alex Rowell, Psy.D, Psychology Resident and Staff Counselor at Counseling and Psychological Services



LUNCH & KEYNOTE

12:00 PM - 1:50 PM



Dr. Dwaine Plaza

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Dwaine Plaza is the Associate Dean in the College of Liberal Arts at Oregon State University. He is a Professor of Sociology in the School of Public Policy. He has been at Oregon State University for twenty years and teaches a wide slate of classes both at the undergraduate and graduate levels. His teaching includes: Race and Ethnic Relations, Globalization, Social Justice, Applied Research Methods, International study abroad, Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods. Throughout his classes he infuses the intersection of race, gender, class and sexuality. He has written extensively on the topic of Caribbean migration within the international diaspora. He has been working with CARDV (Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence) in Corvallis as a volunteer for four years. At CARDV he was part of a group of men that established the Men's Coalition to End Violence. MCEV's is working directly with boys in school, sports teams and men in fraternity groups at OSU to begin to disrupt the cycle of hypermasculinity and gender inequality.

Please use this time as you need to eat, socialize, and utilize the artistic engagement and imagining space. **The keynote address will begin at 1:00 PM.**



SESSION II

2:00 PM - 3:20 PM

Making Connections for Mental Health and Wellbeing Among Men and Boys (MU 206)

The Movember Foundation and Prevention Institute launched Making Connections for Mental Health and Wellbeing Among Men and Boys to support upstream mental wellbeing strategies for men/boys. Based on a landscape analysis of mental health for this population, Making Connections focuses on improving mental health outcomes for military/veterans, boys/men of color, and their families. Sixteen sites will implement strategies within the social/cultural, physical, and economic environments, including strategies to shift norms on notions of masculinity. To improve mental health and address stigma, this initiative recognizes masculinity's impact on men's health and wellbeing, and advances a healthier, more inclusive paradigm for men/boys.

Presenter: Ruben Cantu, Program Manager at the Prevention Institute and Victor Rodriguez

Engaging Men in Ending Sexual Violence (MU 208)

This presentation is a working project of the Men's Engagement Subcommittee (MEC) of The Oregon Sexual Assault Task Force (SATF). It is designed to be a tool that anyone can adapt and use to best meet the needs of specific audiences around engaging men in ending sexual violence. Participants will learn about the role men and masculinities play in reinforcing and preventing sexual violence. They will learn strategies to engage in sexual violence prevention, and engage other men in working towards ending sexual violence in order to help build safer futures for all people.

Presenters:Carolyn Haycraft, Director of GirlStrength for Portland Police Bureau and Warren Light, Director of Wesley Community Center

Rolling with Rejection (MU 211)

This workshop will closely address the cognitive and emotional impact of rejection, in men. We will explore what rejection does to us. We will explore male expectations and entitlement, as well as its link to aggression. We will develop alternative perspectives for coping with rejection and identify pro-social behaviors we can implement to challenge the problematic behaviors that currently threaten the safety and well-being of others. We will analyze our own contributions to rape and sexual assault culture, and identify solutions to challenge this culture.

Presenter: Jean Semelfort Jr., M.A. L.P.C., Prevention Education Coordinator at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey's Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance

"Locker Room Talk" and Healthy Male Sexuality (MU 213)

The ways masculinity teaches people to talk about women and about sexuality have been in the news a lot lately, especially in media coverage of the president-elect. This workshop will explore the social and psychological functions of "locker room talk," identify some of the harms to people of all gender expressions, and offer an opportunity to practice living out different ways of connecting to each other and to the people we care about.

Presenters: Drew Terhune and Keisha Janney, University of Oregon Graduate Students in Couples and Family Therapy



Thank you

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