



NAMEN News

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We welcome your thoughts in inputs on the content and information we share. If you have comments, suggestions or concerns, please contact [Rus Funk](#), Program Consultant.

What's up with NAMEN

Mobilizing Dads Webinar

In honor of Father's Day, NAMEN hosted a webinar on "Mobilizing Dads to Promote Gender Equality on June 18. This webinar featured Emiliano Diaz de Leon from the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault, Greg Loughlin from Men Stopping Violence and Humberto Carolo from White Ribbon Campaign. You can view the [recording here](#).

Policy Advocacy Committee Update

The NAMEN Policy Advocacy Committee is expanding our efforts and is in the process of crafting the NAMEN Policy Advocacy Strategy (which we plan to submit to the board for approval in August)

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NAMEN launched the Policy Advocacy Committee in 2018. Through support from the Global MenEngage Alliance, NAMEN was able to attend the 2018 UN Human Rights Commission gathering in Geneva, as well as develop relationships with multiple US based feminist advocacy organizations during a week-long advocacy visit in June of 2019. NAMEN has been active in the Global Advocacy Working Group, and has, on behalf of NAMEN, supported over a dozen US domestic and foreign policy effort.

As we work towards articulating the strategy for the Policy Advocacy Committee, we'll be focusing on the following goals:

- Provide meaningful support to advance a feminist, human rights agenda (both legislative and administrative) in the US and Canada;
- Support efforts in the US and Canada, to influence foreign policy in ways that advance a feminist, human rights agenda;
- Develop a means to integrate a “men and masculinities lens” into relevant feminist, human rights policy agendas;
- Align the efforts within the US and Canada with the Global Alliance and other international efforts;
- Develop the capacities, confidence, skills and abilities of male engagement practitioners, advocates and organizations in the US and Canada to engage in policy advocacy at the local, state/provincial, and national levels.

We are actively looking for more members to join the committee. If you are interested or want to learn more, please contact [Rus Funk](#), Chair.

News from the Field

Title IX

As we reported here, the Department of Education has released new and updated guidance for schools to address and prevent sexual harassment and assault under Title IX. We also mentioned here that NAMEN, along with an array of feminist advocacy organizations in the US, have deep concerns with these new regulations and what they mean for campus efforts to address, respond to and prevent all forms of gender based violence.

The National Women's Law Center, Know You IX and other lead organizations have filed a suit against the Department of Education to block these new rules from going into affect. We'll update you as we learn more.

2020 Global MenEngage Symposium

The Global MenEngage Alliance is well on its way to planning the 3rd Global MenEngage Symposium... and your input is important!

The symposium is planned for November 2020. Unlike the previous Symposiums, this one

will largely be virtual so there will be lots of opportunities for you to participate and be engaged. NAMEN is also looking at and planning for ways that we can participate as a network to encourage relationship building and peer-based learning.

The Alliance is working with regions to gather feedback from members about what you want to see as a part of this symposium, building a “bottom -up” effort to organize. NAMEN is working with the Alliance to organize ways for you to add your voice to this planning -- the first opportunity being and the upcoming “member meet up” on July 23.

In addition, there are two important dates for pre-symposium participation:

Call for Submissions

The call for submissions will open on July 1 to Aug 15. Please consider submitting a proposal to present a workshop, panel discussion, poster or other presentation. More specific details will be forthcoming in the coming weeks.

Symposium Town Hall Meeting

The Global Alliance will host a 2-hour town hall style meeting on July 7 and 8. (7 July @7:00am ET (Asia/Europe/Africa); 8 July @ 12:00pm ET (Latin America, North America)

The purpose of these meetings is to:

- Share the themes and format of the symposium, including the submission and registration processes
- Create space to ask: what would you like to get from the event? What would you like to see at the event?

[Register Here](#) to select which session you will attend and to secure your attendance to this meeting.

Resources

Reports/Articles

[Conversations over a Cafecito](#) by Casa de Esperanza. A series of 3 “Stories of Fatherhood” featuring Latinx father activists/advocates.

[Feminist Organizing Toolkit: Planning Virtual Meetings](#) (40 pgs) by the Women’s Environment and Development Organization (WEDO) and Women Engaged for a Common Future (WECF).

This accessible toolkit provides guidance and resources on how to plan, facilitate and the follow up to ensuring virtual meetings are meaningful, accessible and effective.

[“If He Can See it Will he Be It: Representations of Masculinity in Boys Television”](#) (2020, Promundo, Ceena Davis Institute On Gender In Media, Kering Foundation). The study (a

Promundo, Geena Davis Institute On Gender In Media, Kering Foundation). The study (a part of Promundo's Global Boyhood Initiative) examined the top 25 Nielsen-rated television programs (from 2018) among boys ages seven to thirteen. The report finds that male characters are portrayed as aggressive, uncaring, and as hands-off parents; it concludes by providing recommendations for action.

["It's Time to Recognize how Men's Careers Benefit from Sexually Harassing Women in Academia."](#) (2019)

["Millennial men and 'dude bros' are less supportive of LGBT+ people than boomers, according to science"](#)

Safe and Together released ["Choose to Change: Your Behavior Your Choice"](#) Campaign

A toolkit that describes a four-step process to help men develop strong, safe support networks to help them interrupt their violence and increase safety for other family members. Now more than ever we need a wide range of tools to help men to chose violence to be responsible for their behaviors and change. By offering men the tools to change, we can encourage their efforts to be a better partner and father.

[The Black Form Collective](#) -- a curated platform dedicated to educate, advocate and agitate. These sets of resources should be used as tools to learn and support the black movement to fight against white supremacy and systemic racism while learning the ways to heal ourselves.

Upcoming Webinars

Sojourners Webinar Series: ["How Christian Seminaries can Prepare Future Pastors to Prevent and Respond to Sexual and Domestic Violence."](#) Thursday June 25 and Tuesday Aug 18.

Last Note

NAMEN is reliant on your support for our efforts and growth. Please invite your friends, colleagues and others to [join NAMEN](#), and consider making an additional [donation](#) to support NAMEN as we continue to grow in our efforts and effectiveness.

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