



## 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**

NAMEN continues to develop the "State of the Field" report to review the current status of male engagement and mobilizing efforts in the US and Canada. This review will include current efforts, lessons we're learning from these efforts, the impact of the pandemic, integration of anti-racist practices in our efforts, and the role of policy advocacy. We will be reaching out to many of you in the coming weeks. If you want to be sure you or your organization is included in this review, contact [Rus Funk](#), Program Consultant.

NAMEN is also beginning to plan for a series of events and activities as a part of this region's participation in the Global MenEngage Symposium. Stay tuned!

### **News from the Field**

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 to begin November 2020, with a series of events (global, regional and national) throughout the fall and winter. 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.

### 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. [Go here](#) for information on submitting your ideas for the symposium. If you are interested in collaborating with others to submit a workshop or presentation, contact [Rus Funk](#), NAMEN Program Consultant.

## Resources

### Articles/Reports

[“Five Questions for Men Who Want to be Better Allies”](#) (Tony Porter, A Call to Men)

[Interrupting Sexism at Work: How Men Respond to a Climate of Silence](#) (Catalyst, 2020) (15 pps)

This report how a climate of silence in the workplace significantly impacts men’s willingness and ability to interrupt sexist behavior. When speaking up is not encouraged by those who hold power in organizations, employees are more likely to remain quiet when witnessing sexism.

Our research findings inform important action steps that companies and leaders can take to break this climate of silence and create more fair and inclusive workplace cultures.

[“It is ‘all men’ to a Degree: Men’s Violence Against Women is a Systemic Crisis”](#) Brad Chilcott (*The Guardian*, July 7, 2020)

[“Men’s Experience as Agents of Feminist Change”](#) By Michael Flood & D’Arcy Ertel (2020, *In Masculine Power and Gender Equality: Masculinities as Change Agents*, Eds. Russell Luyt and Kathleen Starck)

This chapter explores the roles of men in working to expand gender justice, and explores key challenges in men’s efforts to take up feminist activism. Key challenges identified include: overcoming men’s own sexist and violence-supporting attitudes and behaviors, addressing one’s own perpetration or participation in sexism and violence; living gender

equitably; resisting everyday privilege.

Profeminist men must navigate what is a delicate politics of male allyship, negotiating both disproportionate praise and feminist distrust in making positive change in the structures and systems of patriarchy.

(NOTE: Rus Funk, the NAMEN Newsletter Editor, is in the process of obtaining a review copy of this text. Look for a review of the full text in an upcoming issue of *NAMEN News*)

[“The Crisis in Men’s Mental Health: A Call to Action”](#)

The first in a series of six planned editorials addressing the ever-growing problem of mental health issues in boys and men. This series is based on a landmark conference "Behavioral Health Aspects of Depression and Anxiety in the American Male" (BHADAAM). Published by the Men's Health Network, 2019.

### Events

A Call To Men hosted a Community Conversation on June 24 featuring Glenn Mazarra and Shan Foster. You can view this webinar, [“Practical Strategies for Calling Men in”](#) here.

SEICUS: Sex Ed for Social Change, in collaboration with a series of partners, organized the [LGBTQ+ Inclusive Sex Ed Week of Action](#) as a part of Pride Month. This series of webinars took place the last week of June (NAMEN only learned about this series after it occurred), but the webinars and resources were recorded and are still available on their website.

This series of events focused on developing the confidence, skills and capacities of sexuality educators to more comprehensively address the sex ed needs of LGBTQ+ youth.

### Upcoming Webinars

“Bystander Intervention: From Research to Practice” (PreventConnect) July 15, 2 - 3:30 Eastern Time [Register Here](#).

This web conference will facilitate a conversation between a bystander intervention researcher and practitioners to dissect recent research and discuss opportunities for building successful researcher and practitioner collaborations. Specific themes of the research include (1) the effectiveness of bystander intervention programs, specified by gender and race/ethnicity when applicable; (2) the outcomes and consequences students experience when intervening, including the relationship between bystander training and perpetration/victimization; and (3) best practices in measuring bystander outcomes.

### **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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