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boys and men for gender equality

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Welcome to the **NAMEN News**

NAMEN News is the bi-monthly newsletter of the North American Men Engage Network ([please visit our website](#) to learn more about NAMEN). NAMEN, the regional network of the Global MenEngage Alliance, is a network of individuals and organizations in the U.S. and Canada working to engage and organize men and boys to promote gender equality. Our members include state coalitions, territorial and provincial efforts, local programs, and individuals.

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We are introducing a new series in this issue -- "What We're Learning" will focus on substantive issues about Engaging Men, and what we're learning as a movement/field. In this Issue, we're beginning an examination of men's accountability.

We look forward to connecting with you, as we do our work to strengthen and expand the movement of men in support of gender quality.

In respect,

Rus Ervin Funk, Editor

In Memoriam: Harry Brod PhD

It is with a sad heart that we announce that Dr. Harry Brod died unexpectedly on June 16. Harry was a early and powerful voice of the profeminist movement in the US.

Harry dedicated his life to teaching and social justice. He is recognized as one of the founders of the academic study of masculinities (a term he coined) and acted as a spokesperson and advocate for the profeminist men's movement. Harry served as director of the Iowa Regent Universities' Men's Gender Violence Prevention Institute and was a member of the Iowa Governor's Task Force for Responsible Fatherhood. He also was a leading figure in the field of Jewish Studies.

A film of his lecture Asking For It: The Ethics and Erotics of Sexual Consent, produced by the Media Education Foundation, is used internationally by colleges, universities and other institutions, including the US Air Force, as part of sexual assault prevention education.

Harry received his Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of California and his Bachelor's degree from New York University and taught at many colleges and universities including: the University of Southern California, Kenyon College, the University of Delaware, and University of Northern Iowa. Harry's books reflect his range of interests and commitments. His last book, *Superman Is Jewish?: How Comic Book Superheroes Came to Serve Truth, Justice and the Jewish-American Way*, published in 2012.

Born in Berlin, Germany in 1951 to Holocaust survivors, Harry leaves two children, Artemis and Alex Brod, the mother of his children, Maria Papacostaki, his sister, Jeanette Lazer, and his life partner Karen Mitchell.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Harry Brod Masculinities Studies Collection at St. Norbert College in De Pere, Wisconsin, or to the Yad Vashem World Holocaust Remembrance Center.

Rus Ervin Funk, Editor

Update from the Steering Committee

NAMEN is coordinated by a steering committee composed of individuals representing diverse organizations and regions in North America. Current [Steering Committee Members are listed here](#). The Steering Committee strategizes the continued

The NAMEN Steering Committee continues working on the dual focus of maintaining and continuing to develop the administrative infrastructure for our efforts, and doing the program development and implementation.

FUNDING

We continue our work to secure funding to expand our work. The Coordinating Committee has secured a fiscal agent.

We are in the process of submitting a grant proposal, and will be submitting an additional two - three grant proposals to support our administrative work as well as help us to expand our programming in the next two to three months.

COMMUNITIES of PRACTICE

In June, the SC also had a meeting with several members of the SC to talk about a plan for continuing the Communities of Practice project. CoP was launched in fall of 2016 ([previous CoP sessions can be found here](#)) with two primary goals: help support the continued development of male engagement practitioners, and help support the building of a sense of community amongst practitioners (many of whom are or feel isolated in their organizations and communities).

NAMEN has not received any funding to support this effort and does not charge practitioners to participate.

We agreed to continue the CoP and several suggestions as to ways that we may be able to strengthen this project. Some of these suggestions will be incorporated in a proposal for funding to support NAMEN in producing and administering this project.

“Strategic Alignment”

The Steering Committee also began a process to identify and prioritize those national advocacy organizations in the US and Canada, with which NAMEN should align themselves and form formal relationships. This means, for example, NAMEN possibly partnering with organizations such as the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, The National Network to End Domestic Violence, Planned Parenthood, the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence, etc. We

will be looking to identify campaigns, movements and organizations to which we might align, and then assess what we have to offer these campaigns, movements and organizations.

Resource Corner

The Human Rights framework is increasingly understood as the best framework to use as a basis for countering violence and for ensuring equality and justice. The Ford Foundation has identified promoting Human Rights as a focus of its work. In this recent article, Martin Abregu, Vice-President of Democracy Rights and Justice argues that [Strengthening Human Rights is one of our best hopes for challenging inequality, and encourages us \(the global community\) to move beyond standard-setting.](#)

NAMEN is one of the key organizations in the US and Canada working to make Human Rights real, providing tools, resources and capacity on how to engage men through a Human Rights Framework.

Prevent Connect hosted a recent Web conference "**Healthy Masculinities: Mobilizing Men and Boys to Foster Positive Gender Norms**" (31 May, 2017). [You can view this web conference and find other resources here.](#)

[How to Raise a Feminist Son is](#) a short list of ways that we can all do more to raise our sons to pay attention to and advocate for gender equality.

[When Men Change](#), a film by Promundo, is the story of four men who changed the way they think about gender equality, sexual and reproductive health, and violence. In recent years, there has been increased interest in

Working Group Updates

The work of NAMEN is primarily accomplished through our Working Groups which implement the main efforts of NAMEN. [See more about our workgroups here.](#)

Communications

The Communications Working Group is focusing its efforts in continuing to promote and enhance the Newsletter, and strengthen the connection between the newsletter and our website.

Highlights:

- We are increasing our subscribers from 109 for the May issue, to 190 for the July issue.
- The May issue had an "open rate" of 49% (that is 49% of the people who received the newsletter actually opened the link and took some kind of look at the content).

Program

The Program Working Group is working on a plan to increase the frequency and availability of the webinars that NAMEN offers.

Fundraising/Development

See the Steering Committee Update

Call for Papers

exploring how men can contribute to promoting gender equality and preventing violence against women and girls. As the evidence base grows, now is the time to answer the question: "What works to engage men in achieving gender equality?"

In partnership with Dr. Graeme Russell and Dr. Michael Flood, two of Australia's leading researchers in diversity and inclusion, Diversity Council of Australia has released a new report, ***Men Make a Difference: Engaging Men on Gender Equality***. The report examines the evidence for what works and what doesn't, and recommends more effective ways to engage men to achieve gender equality at work. [Click here to download a copy of the report](#), and [here to download the infographic of the key recommendations](#).

The Salvation Army released a report back in 2016 describing ways to [increase men's awareness of the effects of exposure to domestic violence](#).

[He for She](#) recently released a [new barbershop tool box](#) to engage barbers in efforts to engage their customers in promoting gender equality.

"What We're Learning"

Exploring Accountability

Rus Ervin Funk, Chuck Derry, Cliff Leek,
& Humberto Carolo

[Building on last issue's "What we're learning" article](#), where we began a conversation about what accountability means, in this issue, we delve into one aspect of accountability in

The Journal *Global Social Welfare: Research Policy and Practice* has issued a call for papers for an upcoming

Special Issue on Global Engagement of Men and Boys in Gender-Based Violence Prevention. The Managing Guest Editor is Richard M. Tolman, PhD from the University of Michigan.

Submission Deadline: September 30, 2017.

This issue is seeking articles describing innovative efforts to engage men and boys in gender violence prevention from all regions of the world. Submissions can include descriptions of outreach efforts, innovative programs, and effectiveness of these prevention efforts. We also welcome conceptual or theoretical papers, and systematic reviews that can expand understanding of the global efforts underway in this area.

[Completed manuscripts should be emailed to Dr. Tolman at \[rtolman@umich.edu\]\(mailto:rtolman@umich.edu\)](#).

From the Global MenEngage Alliance

(Provided by Laxman Belbase, Global Networks Manager for MenEngage Alliance)

CSW61 & MenEngage Alliance's participation Report

The [summary report](#), of MenEngage involvement in this year's UN commission on the Status of Women.

2nd State of the Worlds Fathers' Report

Promundo US, Sonke Gender Justice, MenEngage Alliance with support from various MenCare Partners, launched the

practice -- that is, men (and men's groups) holding other men (or men's groups) accountable.

Women have often felt the responsibility to hold men accountable. A core part of our work as men attempting to be allies, is to step up to hold other men accountable. We explore this in the current article, in a general way, as well as using some specific examples. Most notably, the example from NAMEN between 2013 to currently in attempting to hold the National Organization for Men Against Sexism (NOMAS) accountable. What emerged from this experience for us that is most critical is some of the lessons learned as we strive to be accountable while holding another men's group accountable.

[Please go here to read the full article.](#)

Community Highlights

This is a new addition to the Newsletter. Each issue, we will bring you some highlights from a community-based effort to engage men or boys. If you are interested in having your community-based effort highlighted here, please contact Rus Funk, Editor at rus@rusfunk.me.

Men Stopping Violence

Men Stopping Violence (MSV) in Atlanta, GA, is one of the oldest programs in the US working with men to counter gender-based violence. They have positioned themselves to both affect change with individual men, with organizations, and on the broader Atlanta community. They have also developed a number of innovative programs

2017 [State of the World's Fathers: Time for Action](#) report on 09 June 2017.

35th Session of the UN Human Rights Council

The MenEngage Alliance also developed a [policy brief](#), outlining the Alliance's position on engaging men and boys in preventing and responding to violence against women and girls, some promising strategies and resources and our call to action. Abhijit Das, Director of CHSJ India and Co-Chair of MenEngage Alliance, and Anthony Keedi, Masculinities Technical Advisor at ABAAD Lebanon presented on the resolution "[Accelerating efforts to end violence against all women and girls: Engaging men and boys in preventing and responding to violence against all women and girls](#)", The HRC35 passed two important resolutions "***Accelerating efforts to eliminate violence against women: engaging men and boys in preventing and responding to violence against all women and girls***" and the "***Resolution on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and Girls***" were adopted at the general session! .

You can learn more about the [Global Men Engage Alliance here](#).

Upcoming Events

A Call to Men National Conference will be Sept 14 and 15, 2017 in St. Paul, MN. [For more information, go here](#). (Several NAMEN SC members will be presenting).

Batterers Intervention Services Coalition

to both engage and organize men, as well as to change the community towards one that is more gender equitable.

In this highlight, we provide an overview of their "Community Restoration Program" which empowers men in the community to advocate for policy changes at the state level.

[Please go here to read the full article.](#)

of Michigan (BISCM) is hosting their international conference Nov 1 - 3, 2017 in Detroit. [For more information, go here.](#)

NAMEN is a network of members. You are invited and encouraged to join us and become a valuable member of the NAMEN community -- helping us to build and sustain a thriving men engagement movement in the US and Canada.

By joining NAMEN (which you can do either as an organization or as an individual), you get access to this growing community of colleagues the collective expertise that we offer. Becoming a member requires agreeing to our core principles. Go [here](#) to explore becoming a member.

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