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Dear AMSA members, friends, and colleagues,

I am so incredibly grateful to be serving as President of AMSA for the next two years. For those of you who do not know me, I have been a member of AMSA since 2005, when I was a graduate student presenting a paper at the annual conference at the behest of my friend and mentor Dr. Robert Heasley. Since then I have served as a member of the Board of Directors, Treasurer, and Vice President. In many real and consequential ways, I "grew up" as an academic and person with the guidance, support, and critique of my AMSA family.

This organization continues to support me as an academic interested in the critical study of men and masculinities. AMSA has provided me with so much, and I am humbled to serve in a leadership role and committed to ensuring that AMSA continues to be a vital and valuable organization for others well into the future. I very much look forward to seeing many of you at our 2020 conference at Northern Colorado University, and working with you and the leadership team of AMSA as we launch some exciting new initiatives. I also wanted to take this opportunity to opine on an issue that has been on my mind for a while.

In my current professional role as Executive Director of Global Affairs for the University of Washington Tacoma, I am working to expand and deepen global learning experiences for students, faculty, and staff. To this end, a colleague and I travelled to the Netherlands with 25 students this past summer for a short-term criminal justice study abroad program. While I’d love to tell you all about this program and the incredible value of study abroad for students more broadly, one part of this work seems of particular relevance for AMSA—only three of those 25 students identified as men. I have also led programs to Ireland and Northern Ireland and to South Korea, and each time male-identified students make up a small minority of participants. This is perhaps not surprising given that according to the most recent Open Doors® report from the Institute for International Education only about one-third of U.S. students participating on study abroad programs during the 2017-2018 academic year identified as men, a finding that has been relatively consistent in their data for over a decade. The limited research on the relative lack of men’s participation in study abroad programming suggests that they are less attracted to the marketing of study abroad and other global learning experiences as "transformative," tend to focus on the career-related outcomes of education and don't see study abroad as part of it, and tend to be influenced by their male peers' negative perceptions of studying abroad when making the decision to participate. As someone who is committed to expanding both global learning opportunities and the development of healthy masculinities, it is of considerable concern that men and boys do not see study abroad as important or valuable. This is even more concerning considering the real and lasting impact that study abroad has had for those men who have participated on my programs.

We have developed meaningful relationships that continue beyond their graduation. Like my experiences as a student attending AMSA conferences, my study abroad students experience opportunities for mentorship, critical engagement with their identities as men, and exposure to justice systems grounded in more healthy expressions of power. Perhaps the study abroad context isn't relevant to each of those reading this note, but I do invite you to think about the contexts within which you work and find those spaces wherein the men and boys in your life can be offered these kinds of opportunities for transformation and critical self reflection. Then consider what role you can play in making those spaces more available, open, and attractive for them. And, of course, if you have any ideas for engaging men in global learning opportunities, hit me up!

In solidarity,

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The 2020 AMSA conference will focus on transitions. In the context of scholarship on men and masculinities, “transition” can mean many things. We may ask how critical studies of men and masculinities are changing, how discourse around men and masculinities are changing, how men’s lives are changing, or even how AMSA itself is changing - to name only a few of the directions that “transition” may take us in. “Transition” also carries specific connotations in relationship to transgender people, Trans Studies, and Queer Studies. In hosting this meeting, we invite and embrace all of these various meanings. While we welcome proposals that address “transitions” in any relationship to men and masculinities, we especially encourage proposals that address the following themes:

- Transitions in men’s lives - including, but not limited to, transitions in health, economics, politics, migration/citizenship status, and aging
- Transitions in discourse around men and/or masculinities
- Trans and queer men and masculinities
- Efforts to encourage various forms of transition - including, but not limited to, social and political movements, non-profit and NGO programming, education, and therapeutic or medical efforts.

While we strongly encourage submissions on the themes of the conference, there will also be sessions dedicated to broader topics related to the critical study of men and masculinities. Please feel free to submit abstracts that fit the broader remit of AMSA. We welcome contributions from all disciplines and traditions across the globe. We also welcome workshops exploring professional development, Check out the CFP on our website to find out more (https://mensstudies.org/?page_id=941).

Submit your proposals by November 15 https://forms.gle/FzpT1MwTmL9iDEMK9
"GO WEST, YOUNG MAN"

Visiting Greeley, Colorado

Have you heard the saying “Go west, young man”? The phrase was made popular by Horace Greeley, a US Congressman who encouraged the settlement of the American West in the early 1800s. As a part of that westward expansion, he sought to create a utopian community now known as Greeley, Colorado. One element of his idea of a utopia involved temperance – abstinence from alcoholic drinks - but today Greeley is home to numerous microbreweries and is surrounded by communities with many more.

Alcohol is not the only attraction to be found in and around Greeley. Outdoor sports are a major attraction in Colorado. The time of year only limits snow activities such as snowboarding and sledding. Because of the variable weather known in Colorado activities such as hiking, fishing, and rock climbing are available year-round! Sitting in an outdoor hot springs after hiking helps soothe the aches and pains of the day away. The Rocky Mountains are only about an hour away from Greeley, leaving plenty of time for a day trip. Estes Park is a close tourist trap with plenty of atmosphere nestled in the mountains. Many stop there before they enter the Rocky Mountain National Park, hoping to get a glimpse of the wildlife. Just make sure to not get close to wildlife, even in the middle of downtown Estes Park!

CHANGING MEN COLLECTION

Ed Barton, Member of AMSA

AMSA 2019 materials for archiving in the Changing Men Collections (CMC). The CMC is an archive on men's movement activities world wide. The CMC is housed in Special Collections, Michigan State University Library. There is a vertical file in CMC for every AMSA Conf. For AMSA 2019 I am really short of copies of papers presented. Would you be willing to send me a copy of your presentation for archiving at this time? They can be e-mailed to me at bartoned50@hotmail.com or snail mailed to me at P.O. Box 4081, E. Lansing, MI 48826.

Some of you, when asked for a copy of the paper you presented indicated that it was submitted for publication and/or was part of your dissertation. Well there is an answer for that and that answer is “Red Tape.” Red tape in a library context is red cotton tape that is used to bind papers, etc. that are not ready for public viewing and a note is made as to when the donor is willing to have the red tape removed. So I am requesting copies of your presentations and just make a note if red tape needs to be used on your submission.

Thank you for considering this request. Your submission will strengthen the 2019 AMSA Conference file.
Men, Masculinities, and Popular Romance

Dr Jonathan A. Allan, Research Chair in Men and Masculinities, Brandon University, Canada

Men, Masculinities, and Popular Romance seeks to open a lively and accessible discussion between critical studies of men and masculinities and popular romance studies, especially its continued interest in what Janice Radway has called “the purity of his maleness.”

Popular romance novels, perhaps more than any other genre, explore sexuality and gender, creating an ideal space in which to consider and explore theoretical models that think seriously about gender. The romance novel has long been criticized and celebrated by feminist critics. How can these novels maintain, according to some, feminist ideals, while also upholding what Raewyn Connell has long theorized as “hegemonic masculinity”? This volume is an original and important contribution examining the previously underexamined nexus of masculinity and popular romance studies. It will be of key interest to undergraduates and postgraduates in Masculinities, Gender and Women’s Studies, and Literary Studies, and highly relevant to courses in Masculinity Studies, Pop Culture Studies, Queer Studies and Sexuality Studies.

Call for Papers!
Journal of Bodies, Sexualities & Masculinities

The Journal of Bodies, Sexualities and Masculinities (JBSM) edited by Dr. Jonathan A. Allan, Dr. Chris Haywood, and Dr. Frank G. Karioris is a new peer-reviewed interdisciplinary journal that brings together critical studies of men and masculinities and sexuality studies. Its remit is to bring these two fields together to better understand the complexities of masculinities and sexualities, and especially the way they intersect with one another.

The journal provides a venue for research on men’s sexualities and all of their complexities – temporal, medical, geographic, cultural, ethnic, legal – by welcoming submissions from the social sciences, humanities, life sciences, and health studies that are theoretically rigorous, methodologically sound, and draw on interdisciplinary approaches. The journal not only reports cutting edge empirical research findings, but is committed to providing an avenue for theoretically-driven and conceptual articles that offer new theoretical, methodological and empirical insights.

Link: https://www.berghahnjournals.com/view/journals/jbsm/jbsm-overview.xml
VIRAL MASCULINITIES: CALL FOR PAPERS

Exeter University, September 1-2, 2020

Keynote Speakers: Tim Dean (University of Illinois), John Mercer (Birmingham City University) and Susanna Paasonen (University of Turku)

We're living in viral times; ours is a time of contagion. As Tony Sampson writes in his book Virality: Contagion Theory in the Age of Networks, “the networked infrastructures of late capitalism are interwoven with the universal logic of the epidemic” (Sampson 2011, 1–2). Deeply connected to contemporary biopolitics and modes of digital sociability, virality also underpins news forms of wealth creation and accumulation sustained by 21st-century media, whilst at the same time (paradoxically, perhaps) presenting a political threat through the risk it carries of “contagious overspills” that may undo borders, nation states, institutions, ontologies and subjectivities (2).

Defined by Sampson as “contagious relationality” (3), in the age of memes, “fake news,” hacking, epidemics, ecological crisis, global migration flows, antiretroviral drugs, YouTube and Pornhub, virality is at the centre of contemporary forms of both control and liberation (5–6). Whilst, on the one hand, it sustains the logics of 21st-century biopolitics (antiretrovirals, hygiene, cyber security, ID and age-verification systems, etc.), on the other, it has the capacity to disrupt subjectivities and social assemblages, a capacity that resides in its ability to facilitate unforeseen flows of desire and affect (chemsex parties organised through Grindr and facilitated by Uber, biohacking, citizen journalism, Wikileaks, Anonymous, the “Arab Spring,” the “Yellow Vest Movement,” etc.).

If our time is a game of push and pull fuelled on all sides by contagious forms of relationality, what then for masculinities? If our understandings of masculinity are “inherently relational” (Connell 2005, 68), what happens to them in a context of “contagious relationality” (Sampson 2011, 3)? If “gender is a way in which social practice is ordered” (Connell 2005, 71), what has been the impact on masculinities of a social order both coded and disrupted through viral means?

Within that context, we invite proposals for individual papers, creative/performative presentations, and pre-constituted panels addressing masculinities in relation to the material, technological and conceptual aspects of virality and its epistemological, ontological, ethical and/or (bio)political dimensions.

Topics may include (but are not limited to):

- Masculinities in the age of antiretrovirals (PEP, PrEP, TasP)
- Masculinities and the “thirdworldisation” of the AIDS crisis
- Masculinities and online sexual sociability
- Masculinities and/in online porn (including amateur porn)
- Radical/ised masculinities “Alt-Right” and NRx masculinities from 4Chan and reddit to broadcast media
- Masculinities, borders, and migratory flows
- Fitness apps and quantified masculinities
- Masculinities, #NotAllMen and #MeToo

Please send a 300-word abstract and short bio (max 50 words) for each paper to Dr João Florêncio at the Exeter Masculinities Research Unit (Masculinities@exeter.ac.uk) by the 31st of January, 2020.

All questions should also be directed to Masculinities@exeter.ac.uk. Notification of acceptances by the 1st of March, 2020. After the conference, a selection of participants will be invited to contribute their papers to an edited volume.
This June, join us in a series of provocative conversations attentive to the complexity of gender, particularly as it relates to the current social and political contexts. If you are a graduate student, teacher, or early career, you're invited to the GC3 pre-conference, as well.

Attending the conference? Let us know on Twitter with:

- #GEAconf2020

Registration opens November 30, 2019 at werklund.ucalgary.ca/GC32020

Call For Papers opens September 30, 2019.
Call For Papers closes November 30, 2019.

For more information email us at gc32020@ucalgary.ca
NEW POSITION!

Beginning on July 1, 2019, Dr. Paola Ehrmantraut began her new role as Director of Women's Studies at University of St Thomas (St. Paul, MN). She tells us:

"I am especially excited about the name change, which soon will be official: Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. With our new name we are also acquiring a new identity: more inclusive and more intersectional, willing to collaborate with other interdisciplinary programs on campus (such as Justice and Peace Studies, American Culture and Difference and Family Studies). Next summer we will offer a masculinity course and if it is viable (10+ students) it will be the first masculinity course taught in our program. Fingers crossed!"

Congratulations, Dr. Ehrmantraut!

The Men’s Center for Growth and Change

The Men's Center for Growth and Change presents:

“Men & the #MeToo Movement: What Individuals and Organizations Can Do.”

As Tawana Burke, founder of the #MeToo Movement makes clear, harassment and assault against women is not “just” about gender and sexuality, it is about power. As the voices of the #MeToo movement make clear, girls and women have experienced sexual harassment, abuse and assault in both subtle as well as overtly dangerous ways. So much of the work of the feminist movement has been to assure women’s safety, right to their own voice, and freedom from discrimination. Work with men to shift the very definition of “masculinity” and how it is practiced is critical, and requires the active participation of men in changing male culture.

This dynamic conference is focused on how those working with men and boys can help them become allies in this movement to address the issues of sexual harassment, violence and discrimination, and to support gender equality in the workplace, at home, and in the community.

Dates: November 14-15, 2019
Location: University of Pennsylvania, PA, USA
For conference information, go to: https://www.menandmetoo.org/
CALL FOR PAPERS!

The erotic revolution: A call for creative engagements about the way new technologies shape sexual practices and intimacy.

Edited Collection, Clouds of Magelllan Press

This edited anthology is designed to complement increasing academic attention exploring the relationship between new technologies and sexuality/intimacy, including human-machine relations and the application of robotics in intimate relationships. The anthology is designed to add lived experience/expertise voices to the academic discussion.

Contributions might be fiction, autobiography, poetry, interviews or essays, and would focus on, but not be limited to, the following areas:

- How technology has transformed social norms regarding sexuality and intimacy
- Virtual and augmented reality (sex toys, dolls, robots and erotic chatbots) and new kinds of erotic pleasures and partners
- Dating apps and networking opportunities
- Biomedical technologies and changing sexual landscapes (for example PrEP in gay culture).

Your piece should be no longer than 4000 words. All authors will receive one copy of the final product, but as this is being produced with limited funds, authors will not be paid.

The anthology will be edited by Henry von Doussa, Dr Jen Power and Dr Andrea Waling and published by Clouds of Magellan Press https://cloudsofmagellanpress.net/

Email all contributions to h.vondoussa@latrobe.edu.au by 30 November 2019.

FUNDING SUCCESSES

Congratulations to board member Dr. Jonathan A. Allan, who was awarded a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Insight Grant for his project, "Men, Masculinities, and the Procreative Realm" ($54,036 CDN). This project seeks to explore male infertility with focus on two issues: the threat of infertility and the experience of infertility. Additionally, Dr. Allan's Canada Research Chair was recently renewed for five years, focusing on men and masculinities.
CALL FOR PAPERS

SPECIAL ISSUE HEALTH SOCIOLOGY REVIEW 2020
SUBMISSIONS DUE Jan 17 2020

"The Role of Bio-medical, Bio-mechanical, and Bio-digital Technologies in Sex, Sexual Health, and Intimacy."

Guest Editors: Dr Jennifer Power & Dr Andrea Waling

Drawing on a holistic definition of health, in which sexual health is considered a complete state of physical, mental and social well-being in relation to sexuality, the aim of this special edition of Health Sociology Review will be to explore how new technologies are shaping and creating practices of sexuality and intimacy in ways that have implications for health and human bodies.

Given the extreme pace at which these new technologies are developing, and the rapid expansion of global markets for technological products, there is an urgent need to increase knowledge about how people engage with new technologies to seek sexual partners and/or to explore and enact sexual desires.

We are seeking empirical research and theoretical contributions to explore the following questions in relation to health:

- What is the role of new bio-medical technologies in shaping sexual practices or practices of human connection and intimacy? What are the mental or sexual health implications of this?
- In what ways are new technologies being used to enhance or change bodies as part of sexual practices?
- In what ways do new technologies facilitate or enhance sexual practice or intimacy? (For example, how might this apply to people living with a chronic illness or physical disabilities? How might this apply to older people?)
- How have bio-digital, bio-medical, and/or bio-mechanical technologies become integrated into people’s everyday sexual intimacies and practices?
- In what ways do new technologies shape sexual risk-taking? In what ways do new technologies shape sexual health promotion and illness prevention?

For more information, including submission, please visit:

MEMBER'S CORNER

Here at AMSA we’d like to not only celebrate and share academic achievements, but those external to research, teaching, and academia. This can be artistic and creative works, gardening achievements, sporting achievements, and anything else in between! Please send us any related news to amsamail@gmail.com to have your professions, hobbies, good news, and passions featured!

Dr Frank G. Karioris

*Working Poet*

Dr Frank G. Karioris is a Visiting Lecturer in Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies at the University of Pittsburgh. Their work focuses on issues such as masculinity, bodies, higher education, and sexuality/sociality. They are an executive board member of AMSA as well as one of the editors for the *Journal of Bodies, Sexualities, and Masculinities.*

Beyond their academic work, they are also a working poet whose poetry addresses these issues from new and nuanced directions.

Frank's Poetic Works

- **Collective Unrest- Their/violence/us**
  - [https://collectiveunrest.com/2019/10/16/their-violence-us/](https://collectiveunrest.com/2019/10/16/their-violence-us/)

- **Crêpe & Penn- Cork as missing (Ljubljana Notebook #21)**
  - [https://crepeandpenn.wixsite.com/litmag/issue3](https://crepeandpenn.wixsite.com/litmag/issue3)

- **Bosphorus Review of Books- Marmarabirlik**
  - [https://bosphorusreview.com/marmarabirlik](https://bosphorusreview.com/marmarabirlik)

- **PØST- Ljubljana, playground**
  - [https://revuepost.com/ljubljana/](https://revuepost.com/ljubljana/)

- **Nymphs- Finger trace**
Dr Cliff Leek

Gardener Extraordinaré

Dr Cliff Leek is an Assistant Professor in Sociology at the University of Northern Colorado and Vice-President of AMSA. However, when he’s not teaching or conducting research on themes of gender, international development, race and ethnicity, non-governmental organisations, and violence and human rights, he spends his time tending to a fantastic home garden.

Check out Dr Leek’s bountiful harvest this past Northern Hemisphere summer!
MEMBER PUBLICATIONS

In each issue of the AMSA News, we want to highlight the publications of our members. Please send us regular updates about what you are working on and publishing so that we can share these results with colleagues and friends. Email us your contributions at amsamail@gmail.com in a proper citation format.

Books

Journal Articles

Media Articles

Presentations
- Allan, J. "Boys Don’t Swim: Men, Masculinities, and Infertilities." Faculty of Health Studies, Brandon University.
- Ojalvo, A. "Salamanca Masculina: Colonial Body and Indigenous Masculinities in the Theological and Legal Hispanic Discourses (1513-1551)." IX Iberoamerican Gender Studies, Universidad Mar del Plata, Argentina.

Book Reviews