EDUCATIONAL FORUM
March 28, 2014
at
Fitchburg State University
# EDUCATIONAL FORUM SCHEDULE

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DETAILED SESSION INFORMATION

Men, Masculinity and Mixed Messages, Robert Hynes, Ph.D.
Supporting survivors of gender violence, while punishing its perpetrators, should not preclude a thoughtful examination of the variety of factors that may underlie this complex concern. Specifically, there is an emerging area of theory and research that speaks to the social, cultural, and developmental underpinnings of men (or, more appropriately, “masculinity”), and those factors that may serve to increase the likelihood of sexual assault, domestic violence, sexual harassment, and other forms of gender violence. This session will include a presentation of such relevant theory and research, and the presenter will make an effort to explore the causal linkages between our socialization practices with males, their “acculturation,” and their participation in violent interpersonal acts.

Partner Abuse and Sexual Violence in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer and Transgender (LGBQT) Communities, CarmenLeah Ascencio and Greta Spoering
This interactive workshop will help participants:
- Understand basic information about sexual orientation and gender identity as it relates to working with survivors of violence and/or abuse.
- Identify core concepts of partner abuse/domestic violence, including the cycle of violence and tactics of control, in lesbian, gay, bisexual and queer relationships and with transgender people.
- Identify unique barriers faced by LGBQ/T survivors of partner abuse when accessing services.
- Gain knowledge of safety planning and appropriate resources for survivors of partner abuse.
- Understand the unique experiences of LGBQT survivors of sexual violence.
- Understand unique barriers faced by LGBQ/T survivors of sexual violence abuse when accessing services.

Recognizing and Responding to Abusers: Myths, Profiles and Interventions, David Adams
David Adams will present 6 common myths about individuals who abuse their intimate partners and talk about underlying realities as well as excuse-making strategies that are often employed by abusers. In doing so, he will present profiles and case examples of abusers, including those who are attending college. Finally, he will provide a brief overview of treatment approaches and how colleges can be proactive in responding to abuse allegations and making the right referrals.

Incorporating Information about Interpersonal Violence into the Undergraduate Classroom
Panel Participants: Dr. Patricia Arend, Sociology, Dr. Megan Krell, Human Services, Dr. Joseph Moser, English. Moderator: Dr. Jannette McMenamy
Over the past two years, the FAVE Program has awarded grants to faculty who propose to integrate information about interpersonal and relationship violence and/or sexual assault into the content of an undergraduate day course. Awardees represent a range of academic disciplines including Human Services, Sociology, Criminal Justice, Education, and English. During this workshop session, three of our grant recipients will discuss their varied classroom-based approaches to raising awareness about violence and violence prevention.

Bystander Intervention Program, Marcel Beausoleil and Rebecca Lindley with student actors performing Drawing the Shades
This is the program FAVE provides to all of Fitchburg State University’s incoming students at orientation, and consists of a student-run play entitled Drawing the Shades, which focuses on the experience of sexual assault survivors, as well as a 75-minute bystander intervention training workshop, which provides participants with strategies for safely addressing situations they may encounter.
Trauma and Recovery: Basic Theory and Intervention Skills for Working with Survivors of Violence and/or Abuse, Carmen Lea Ascencio and Greta Spoering

Workshops Objectives:
• To gain a basic understanding of trauma and its manifestations, with a focus on trauma resulting from violence and/or abuse.
• To be introduced to the neurobiology of trauma and how it affects survivors functioning.
• To examine some of the distinctive features of the impact of trauma among immigrants, people of color and LGBTQ people in the United States.
• To explore general stages of the healing process.
• To learn general intervention strategies and grounding skills to support survivors of trauma when they are triggered.

Healthy Relationships 101, Lindsay Carpenter
This workshop will help participants identify their own priorities in relationships, how to identify early warning signs that a relationship may become unhealthy or abusive, as well as what to do if they see these red flags in their own relationship or those of friends and family.

SANE Nursing: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly, Deborah Stone
The history and evolution of SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) nursing followed by statistics on reported sexual assault cases in Massachusetts.

“Now what”: Navigating the Support Services Available to Victims/Survivors On Campus
Panel Participants: Elizabeth Basiner, PA-C, Student Health Services; Sgt. Sarah Camelo, Fitchburg State University Police; William Cummings, Assistant Dean of Student and Academic Life; Isabel Navas, Battered Women’s Resources; Erin Travia, LMHC, Assistant Director of Counseling Services
Ever wonder what to do or what to tell a friend or a student about where to go for help? Panelists from various Fitchburg State University departments and a local advocate will describe resources available to victims/survivors of domestic/dating violence or sexual assault and will answer questions from the audience about support services that exist on campus and in the local area.

A Write to Heal, Inc., Lisa Regina
Lisa Regina is an actress and educator whose personal life and professional career were shattered in 2005 as a result of a domestic violence assault. Her performance, a collection of monologues, songs, and poetry inspired by true writings of survivors of domestic violence, raises awareness and stands as a powerful expression of survival.

www.awritetoheal.org
FORUM SPEAKERS

David Adams, Ed.D., Co-Director of Emerge
Dr. Adams, Ed.D. is co-founder as well as Co-Director of Emerge, the first counseling program in the nation for men who abuse women, established in 1977. Dr. Adams has led groups for men who batter, and conducted outreach to victims of abuse, for 35 years. He has led parenting education classes for fathers for 10 years. He is one of the nation's leading experts on men who batter and has conducted trainings of social service and criminal justice professionals in 44 states and 16 nations. He has published numerous articles and book chapters, including "Identifying the Assaultive Husband in Court: You Be the Judge", published in the Boston Bar Journal. Dr. Adams is a Commissioner on the Massachusetts Governor's Council on Sexual and Domestic Violence and past Co-Chair of the Justice and Accountability Committee (the criminal justice committee) of the Governor's Commission on Sexual and Domestic Violence. He is Director of the National Danger Assessment Training Project. His book, "Why Do They Kill? Men Who Murder Their Intimate Partners" was published by Vanderbilt University Press in 2007. www.emergedv.com

Patricia Arend, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Sociology, Fitchburg State University
Patricia Arend received her Ph.D. in Sociology from Boston College and has an MA in Sociology and Graduate Certificate in Women's Studies from Northeastern University. Patricia's research examines the relationship between consumer culture and gender with a substantive focus on the reproduction of the traditional, white wedding in an era of growing gender equality. She is a co-editor of the book Culture, Power, and History: Studies in Critical Sociology (Brill, 2006). Her latest article, "Consumption as Common Sense: Heteronormative Hegemony and White Wedding Desire" is forthcoming from the Journal of Consumer Culture.

CarmenLeah Ascencio, LCSW, MPH
CarmenLeah Ascencio is a Public Health Social Worker who specializes in working with survivors of violence and abuse. She has over 10 years clinical and program management experience working in domestic and international non-profits with a focus on partner abuse, sexual violence, the commercial sexual exploitation of children, refugee resettlement and positive youth development. She is currently a therapist and program manager at the Violence Recovery Program of Fenway Health in Boston, where she works with Black and Latin@ LGBTQ survivors of partner abuse and LGBTQ asylum seekers. CarmenLeah integrates spiritual and body centered practices into individual therapy. She is a Kripalu certified yoga teacher and teaches yoga for anxiety, depression and post-traumatic stress disorder. CarmenLeah is a proud Boricua lesbian queer femme.

Elizabeth Basiner
Elizabeth Basiner has been working as a Physician Assistant in Student Health Services at Fitchburg State University since 2005. She has served on several committees including Health and Wellness, the RACE committee and has been a Bystander Trainer for the past 2 years. As a clinician, she was active for the past 5 years in a Montachusett Opportunity Council federal grant that provided sexual health counseling and STI testing for men on campus. Prior to working at Fitchburg State University, Elizabeth worked as a PA in primary care and urgent care at Fallon Clinic in Worcester for 13 years.

Marcel F. Beausoleil Ph. D.
Marcel Beausoleil is currently an Assistant Professor and Coordinator of the Criminal Justice Program at Fitchburg State University, Fitchburg MA and has been at Fitchburg State for three years. He previously taught for eight years at Anna Maria College (Paxton, MA) where he was an Associate Professor and Director of the Undergraduate Criminal Justice Program. He was a Visiting Lecturer at UMASS Dartmouth and served as an Adjunct professor at both Salve Regina University and Roger Williams University. Dr. Beausoleil's work includes being a Trainer for the FAVE program. While on the police department he
wrote grants to combat Domestic Violence and was active in Community Policing and Community outreach programs. He received his Ph. D. and Master’s degree from Salve Regina University. Prior to entering academia, he served for twenty-one years as a police officer and retired at the rank of Commander and was the Executive Officer of the Woonsocket RI Police Department.

**Sergeant Sarah Camelo**
Sarah Camelo is currently a Sergeant with the Fitchburg State University Campus Police, and has served the campus community for 15 years. Sarah received her B.A. in Psychology as well as her M.B.A in Business Administration from Fitchburg State University. Sarah has completed specialized training in sexual assault, serves on the High Risk Response Team in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and has been a key member of FAVE’s efforts since the inception of the program in 2010.

**Lindsay Carpenter, Supervisor of Community Education**
Lindsay Carpenter is the Supervisor of Community Education for Domestic Violence Services at the YWCA of Central Massachusetts. The department serves Central and North Central Worcester County providing violence prevention education to pre-school students through adult professionals. She is a graduate of Clark University and holds her Master's degree in Community Development and Planning.

**William “Bill” Cummings, Assistant Dean of Student and Academic Life**
Bill has been at Fitchburg State University since January of 2010. He is responsible for the direction of all student conduct matters, and oversees Title IX complaints regarding student on student conduct. Bill has attended numerous training on Title IX and the Violence Against Women’s Act. Bill has been involved with FAVE since its inception.

**Robert Hynes, Ph.D., Director of Counseling Services/Assistant Dean for Student Services**
Robert Hynes currently serves as the Director of Counseling Services, and Assistant Dean for Student Support Services at Fitchburg State University in Massachusetts, where he has been since 2001. Dr. Hynes received his undergraduate degree from Rutgers University, and completed his graduate training in clinical and school psychology at Hofstra University. His work in the area of gender violence prevention is informed (primarily) by conversations with college students: in the counseling office, in the classroom, and around campus. Some of his projects have included the preparation and delivery of sexual assault prevention programs to male audiences, as well as research into the attitudes and behaviors of incoming college students in the area of sexual violence.

**Megan M. Krell, Ph.D., NCC, Assistant Professor, Human Services and Counseling Program**
Megan Krell is an assistant professor and fieldwork coordinator in the Human Services and Counseling programs at Fitchburg State University. Megan received her doctoral degree in Counselor Education and Counseling Psychology from the University of Connecticut. She has a Master of Arts in School Counseling from the University of Connecticut and graduated from Northeastern University with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Human Services. Megan's research interests include college and career readiness initiatives, equitable counseling for individuals with disabilities, using technology to enhance teaching, and the impacts of experiential education.

**Rebecca Lindley**
Rebecca Lindley has served as the Coordinator of Commuter Affairs and Leadership at Fitchburg State University since 2011. In her position, Lindley works to intentionally connect commuter students to the University through daytime programming and resources that encourage success, in addition to overseeing a three-tier leadership program that is open to all students. Prior to her current position, Lindley was the Coordinator of Student Life at the University of Maine at Augusta, Bangor Campus, where she provided extracurricular offerings to an all-commuter campus. Before her work with commuter students, Lindley worked in residence life for five years at multiple universities in Maine. Lindley earned her master’s degree in Student Affairs in Higher Education with a concentration in Student Activism at the University of
Maine in 2007. She is passionate about community service, with a history of work in the non-profit sector through the organization Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Jannette McMenamy Ph.D.
Dr. McMenamy is Professor of Psychological Science at Fitchburg State University. Jannette received her undergraduate degree at the College of the Holy Cross, and her Ph.D. from Clark University. She has served as Co-Director of the Fitchburg Anti-Violence Education (FAVE) Program since its inception in 2010. Her expertise is in the fields of Developmental Psychopathology, Health Psychology, and Prevention; she has numerous publications and presentations in these areas.

Joseph Paul Moser
Joseph Paul Moser is Assistant Professor of English and Film Studies at Fitchburg State University. He grew up in Minnesota and received his Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin in 2008. His research interests include representations of gender, violence, and political conflict in film, as well as film genre studies. His first book, Irish Masculinity on Screen, was published in June 2013.

Lisa Regina, Actress, Artist and Survivor
The keynote presentation is being given by Lisa Regina, the founder and director of A Write to Heal, Inc. Lisa is an actress and educator whose personal life and professional career were shattered in 2005 as a result of a domestic violence assault by her then fiancé, a celebrity actor. In 2007, Lisa wrote, directed and produced an educational stage performance, A Write to Heal, Inc. As the programs founder and director, Lisa continues to educate others through writing, performance and filmmaking.

www.lisaregina.com

Greta Spoering, LCSW
Greta Spoering, LCSW is a clinical social worker who specializes in working with people who have experienced trauma. Greta has over 6 years working in the field of interpersonal violence. Currently she works as a counselor and advocate at the Violence Recovery Program where she works with LGBQ/T people who have experienced partner abuse, sexual assault, and hate crimes, as well as LGBQ/T people who are seeking asylum.

Deborah A. Stone, Ph.D.(c), RN
Deborah earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Texas Woman’s University in 1985. In 1995, Deborah obtained Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) training from the Attorney General’s Office in Texas. She was one of the first three nurses in Texas certified to perform sexual assault nurse examiner assessments on both adult and pediatric patients. In 2006, she was inducted into the Nursing Honor Society, Sigma Theta Tau International, Epilon Beta Chapter. She received her Master of Science in Forensic Nursing degree from Fitchburg State College in 2006. In 2009 she joined the doctoral program in Nursing Health Promotion at the University of Massachusetts in Lowell. Her area of research is dating violence among adolescents. Ms. Stone’s primary areas of practice are nursing education and emergency nursing.

Erin K. Travia, LMHC
As a Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Erin is the Assistant Director of Counseling Services at Fitchburg State University and a Co-Director of the Fitchburg Anti-Violence Education (FAVE) program. She has received both a B.A. in Elementary Education and Human Development and an M.A. in Mental Health Counseling from Boston College. Erin has worked with college students in a clinical capacity for the past ten years and has significant experience facilitating prevention and education initiatives in various wellness-related areas, including relationship violence and sexual assault.