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M&M27 will follow a less formal format than in the past. Plenary sessions will be held throughout the
weekend on a range of topics of interest to members and
friends of NOMAS and attendees will participate in Gay
Pride Rockland events demonstrating national support for
grassroots initiatives that embody NOMAS principles.

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M&M27 – NOMAS Gathering:
Supporting Local Initiatives

See back cover for details!
From the Co-Chair – Moshe Rozdzial

I am pleased to announce that after several unavoidable setbacks, NOMAS will sponsor the 27th National Conference on Men and Masculinity in Rockland County, New York. Entitled NOMAS Gathering: Supporting Local Initiatives this conference will be held in conjunction with Gay Pride Rockland – An Event for Everyone. NOMAS will co-sponsor and support this local initiative for gay rights and visibility which is the brainchild and continuing project of National Council Member, Phyllis Frank. We will also be supporting our Rockland County NOMAS chapter, which is just getting started under the chairmanship of Jim McDowell who is also committed to the success of Gay Pride Rockland.

Unlike many past M&Ms, this one will feature plenary sessions and informal presentations during the day with participation in the organized Gay Pride Rockland events, including keynote speakers, in the evenings. The “gathering” format will bring together the NOMAS leadership collective and task group leaders to facilitate discussions on the various pressing issues and positions of the pro-feminist men’s movement, relative to third wave feminism. Topics will include, but will not be limited to, pornography and prostitution, ending men’s violence, over-population, globalization, men in prisons, etc. The gathering will be held Thursday evening June 6 through Sunday June 9, 2002. Please see the enclosed registration form for particulars.

In 2003, the 28th Men and Masculinity Conference (M&M28) will be held in Jersey City, NJ. Organized by our recently created New Jersey chapter M&M28 planning will be directed by National Council Member, John Sherry and a core group of activist students at the New Jersey City University. If you are interested in helping, please contact John at jsherry@njcu.edu.

Speaking of new chapters, I would like to welcome NOMAS-Athens, Ohio, as our newest group. Thanks to Steve Kehnel and his fellow University of Ohio students for their dedication to starting a campus chapter committed to anti-violence work.

In further news of local initiatives NOMAS-Boston has come together with other grassroots organizers in New England to support Jane Doe, Inc., a consortium that brings together organizations and people committed to ending domestic violence and sexual assault (see www.janedoe.org).

In the West, NOMAS-Denver recently held its third annual Martin Luther King, Jr., social justice workshop, entitled “Civil Security vs. Civil Rights,” that brought together a panel of experts to discuss issues of racial profiling, immigration rights, hate crimes, and economics and the media relative to the September 11 aftermath.

I want to extend a personal thanks to Lisa Reynolds, our M&M25 videographer, for her capturing on tape our silver anniversary conference and for creating a video series and a 60-minute documentary of the event.

Also in NOMAS news our pro-feminist tenant has been featured in a new book for girls called “33 things every girl should know about Women’s History– From Suffragettes to Skirt Lengths to the E.R.A.” Edited by Tonya Bolden, the book was released by Random House in honor of Women’s History Month.

Finally, I am happy to report that NOMAS continues to grow at the rate of about 80 new paid members every year. Thanks to this growth in membership and to the generous grants from the Jones Family Trust, NOMAS is finally in a financial position to begin funding the many projects we have proposed in our 2000 re-visioning.

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From the Editor – Donald Cavanaugh

This was an interesting issue to pull together. I was pleased to be able to attend the Mid-Winter National Council meeting and to receive, as a result, the material that Phyllis Frank has submitted on the development of the NOMAS Empowerment Process, a unique tool that I have also had the opportunity to see in action at past meetings. I was also grateful to Jack Stratton for finding and resubmitting the article on battered husbands. This piece will be posted on the NOMAS website in the near future and we will be adding more reference pieces in the near future – including the task group statements mentioned in the council meeting minutes.

As always, we welcome submissions of materials for future issues of Brother and welcome your feedback by letter or email at nomas_25@yahoo.com. We are also eager to receive any information about members’ activities, life changes or announcements that would be of interest to the NOMAS family.
NOMAS News
Mid-Winter 2002

The National Council Mid-winter meeting was held in Stony Point, NY from January 19 through January 21, 2002. Many thanks to Phyllis Frank and Jim McDowell for all their work in coordinating the accommodations at the Stony Point Center.

Attendees:
Council Members
Bob Brannon
Allen Corben (co-chair)
Phyllis Frank
Rose Garrity
David Greene
Brian Klocke
Moshe Rodzdial (co-chair)
Zev Schuman (Sunday)
John Sherry (Sunday)

Guests
Donald Cavanaugh
Jim McDowell
Jennifer Mullan (Sunday)
Alexis Ocasio (Sunday)
Christopher Roberson (Sunday)
Raynelle White (Sunday)

Chair Report
Budget -- Moshe provided a recap of the budget for M&M26 as well as NOMAS as an organization.
Membership: Renewals for membership were sent out this month. The Fall Brother was sent to over 13000 addresses as a membership drive.
Web Site: Allen Corben agreed to assume responsibility for the website.
Video Series: Will soon be available and we have several requests pending.
501c3 status: Moshe will investigate this with Illinois

New Chapter Activity -- possible chapters forming in Santa Cruz, U. of N. Texas, U. of Kansas at Lawrence, Dartmouth and Chicago.

Chapter Reports
Boston -- engaging forces with statewide men's organizations focused on violence against women
Colorado -- Six active members; ran 3rd annual Martin Luther King observance workshop; have provided speakers for a variety of local groups and events
Rockland County -- have held several informal meetings; will continue this format for now

Discussion Points
M&M27 -- There is currently no definite plan for a 2002 M&M. Plans for Chicago had to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Several alternatives were suggested, including coordination with Gay Pride Rockland but no decision was made. Phyllis will investigate space in New Orleans where an unspecified "gathering" may be held for interested parties.
M&M28 -- Currently planned for 2003 in Jersey City, NJ under the leadership of Council Member John Sherry.

Speaker's Bureau -- The council considered and approved an proposal from the Boston chapter to create a speakers bureau for NOMAS members who would like to participate.

New Business
By-Laws -- OMAS By-laws have been reformatted and the former appendices have been integrated into the new format.
Bob Brannon will review the new document to insure continuity and accuracy and submit corrections before publication. The Empowerment Process as reflected in the revised document is incorrectly presented and will be changed per original material from Phyllis.
Council Meeting Attendance -- a proposal was passed to require council meeting attendance by a representative from each chapter at least once a year.
Task Groups -- Position papers will be prepared for each of the active task groups. Inactive task groups will be removed from the website unless someone steps forward to claim ownership.

Up the River Endeavors -- NOMAS has received a financial donation from URE and must use some portion of the money to support the URE objectives. Various ways of using the moneys were discussed but no conclusion reached. A proposal is due March 31 and a concept paper is due in June, 2002.

The Alchemy of Peacebuilding

June 4-11, 2002 -- Dubrovnik, Croatia

Join Praxis Peace on the Adriatic coast to pose the relevant questions of our time and seek imaginative solutions to the cycles of war and terrorism in the contexts of historical cycles, culture, gender, race, economics, spirituality, and propaganda. Speakers include Dennis Kucinich, Riane Eisler, Hafsat Abiola, Angeles Arrien, Paul Ray, Aqeela Sherrills, and Vesna Pusic
Colorado Chapter MLK Observance

NOMAS-COLORADO organized its third annual Martin Luther King social justice workshop as part of the Denver’s city-wide observance. Titled “Civil Rights vs. Civil Liberties” the program included a panel of speakers with expertise in a variety of subjects related to issues of concern to many Americans since the terrorist activities of September 11, 2001.

Speakers addressed issues of racial profiling, immigration, cultural religious tolerance, and post-9/11 media and economics. After the panelists spoke the attendees broke into small groups according to the panelists topics. Below are listed the questions that the chapter developed to help generate discussion.

Reaction to Panelists:
- What did you hear that resonates with you?
- What part of the panel leaves a lasting impression with you?

9-11 and Government Response
- What has happened with domestic policy since Sept. 11?
- What meaning does the current crisis have for you? For our nation?
- What troubles you the most about our government’s current domestic policies?
- How do you think civil security and civil rights are related?

Racism/MLK’s Legacy/Non-Violence:
- How is racism imbedded in our culture?
- What are the roots of racism?
- How can we stop violence?
- Is non-violence practical in today’s world?
- If MLK were alive today, what would he do?
- What does it mean to be an ally? How can someone be an ally to you?
- How was MLK able to inspire so many people

Media:
- In what ways does our consumption of media focus what we talk about?
- What are some ways to get good information about our government’s policies?
- How can the public discourse be broadened?
- What role do we have with media?

General:
- What am I buying into? What am I not buying into? What kind of constructions are we buying into?
- How do these issues impact you? Impact our local communities?
- What is my role? How can I be a good citizen of the world? What is our role?
- What should be done?
- How can we build community?
- What vision do you want to enact?
- What keeps us from living our principles on a daily basis?

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NOMAS EMPOWERMENT PROCESS

Thanks to Phyllis Frank for providing Brother with the following material that is the origination of the NOMAS Empowerment Process. Since the adoption of this process, every NOMAS meeting includes an empowerment session before the meeting is brought to a close. Ed.

When I walked into a NOMAS meeting along with other men and women, I picked up an attitude of arrogance and superiority from one of the white men. This is not an unusual experience and I acted as I most often do. I ignored it and attempted to go on with business as usual. My resentment, however, kept me from hearing what he had to say, even though what he had to say was very important. I can hardly explain the sensation of knowing that I was not alone when another man of color expressed his sense of the white man’s attitude. The white man listened and considered this feedback, but this was at the end of the meeting.

I realized suddenly how much time is wasted and clearly how ineffective we will continue to be without coming up with a process to address these occurrences better. It has to be noted that in a situation with oppressed and oppressor groups meeting together, internalized, publicly unaddressed attitudes held by the oppressor group will have profound and stifling effects on the oppressed group.

It feels important for me to say that I believe that the person with the arrogant attitude doesn’t think about it or intend to do harm, but he also has no sense of his impact on the oppressed groups that are around him. For myself, I didn’t know if the white man’s attitude was directed at me, if the man thought he was better than me, or if he was just a person with good, high self esteem. What I did know was there was no positive structure in place to address that situation.

Wayne Morris, NOMAS Council Member
Problem Statement & Rationale

Wayne’s story refers to an atmosphere that usually does occur whenever a multi-cultural group of men and women assemble. Perceived offenses go unmentioned and tiny resentments wind up escalating, adding to the minor and major indignities that people of color (women, Gay men, Lesbians, etc.) experience every day in the real world.

Having an attitude in NOMAS that we are beyond this kind of atmosphere serves to perpetuate the problem. We may even end up arguing, attacking, or become oppositional on substantive issues without ever addressing the deeper problem.

This proposal creates a format to address racism, sexism and/or heterosexism as it is perpetrated (however unintentionally) within NOMAS Council/Leadership Collective meetings.

To be true to our stated principles, to affirm anti-racism as a basic tenet and to enhance our ability to work together productively, we must incorporate a process that will enable us to expose and acknowledge these practices.

Knowing that a process exists to address an actual or a perceived injustice, will allow work to proceed ethically. Our goal is to create a process that is educative and informative while being sensitive, respectful and responsible.

NOMAS Process Sessions, well suited to addressing our personal interactions, are not structured in a manner most effective to the goal of examining and eliminating the even more subtle dynamics of the isms.

Procedure

A. Timing:

A session will be held once during every Leadership Collective meeting period. It is suggested that the second half of each morning, afternoon or evening meeting period begin with this session, not to exceed 30 minutes.

B. Material:

Material processed is to be limited to interactions that take place during the current meeting session.

C. Speakers and listeners:

It is a general rule that speakers will be people of color, gay men and lesbians and/or women, about issues of racism, heterosexism and sexism. Infractions against other marginalized groups may be brought up by members present of that group.

If a non-member of a marginalized group feels a disparagement against a marginalized group, he/she could ask it as a question to that group’s members present. It is preferable not to.

Though interactions discussed may be attributed to a specific member, it is not that member’s education that is the goal, but an information sharing to the whole about the kind of subtleties done by the oppressor group that result in harm to the oppressed group.

An important part of this process is that even if the oppressed group member misheard or misunderstood it is more important that the group hear and learn from the speaker, than that the person who made the remark or mannerism defend themselves.

NOMAS process guidelines will be generally, but not exactly followed. NOTE: This DOES NOT replace process time, where related issues, not appropriate for this newly developed session, may be brought up.

Proposal passed unanimously by the NOMAS Council Mid-Winter 1994 Leadership Collective Meeting

Providence, Rhode Island

Wayne Morris and Phyllis Frank

M&M25 Video Tapes

A set of seven 30-minute videotapes featuring programs from the 25th National Men & Masculinity Conference and a 60-minute documentary of our silver anniversary conference are now available for loan or sale. NOMAS will lend the tapes to schools, organizations or public access television stations for airing to the public. Tapes are also available for purchase. For more information, please contact NOMAS at info@nomas.org or call 303-666-7043.

1. NOMAS Overview – the history and an exploration of some of the issues the pro-feminist men’s movement has addressed during its 25-year history including men’s violence, homophobia, and racism - presented by Bob Brannon, co-founder of NOMAS.

3. The 12th Annual Men’s Studies Association Meeting -- a sampling of academic papers addressing the issues of masculinity, male friendship, and gender bias in daycare.

4. Creating a Safe Environment for GLBT Youth -- a workshop presented by Edgar Rodriguez, Executive Director of the Gay Officers Action League, discussing safety issues unique to GLBT youth.

5. Sexual Harassment Prevention Training: Opportunities to Confront the Ideology of Straight White Male Supremacy in the Workplace, Schools, and the University -- a workshop presented by Barry Shapiro, Executive Director of Barry Shapiro & Associates, an organization specializing in anti-harassment training for the workplace.

6. Beyond the Color of Fear – Dismantling Racism -- a workshop presented by Victor Lewis, an internationally recognized leader in the field of anti-oppression diversity work, on anti-racism and activism.

7. The Importance of Reaching New Fathers Early: Early Intervention = Prevention -- a workshop presented by Chuck Ault, Coordinator for the Fatherhood Programs of Exempla Healthcare, and Ken Sanders, the Director of the Center on Fathering, on educating and supporting new fathers.

A Range of Issues

Rebels, Rubyfruit, and Rhinestones: Queering Space in the Stonewall South
By James T. Sears, PhD -- Rutgers University Press -- Review

James T. Sears is not only a brilliant writer, he’s an incredible historian who manages to make fascinating a dense, complex, and often confusing time, place, and movement in American history. The people who inhabit the pages of Rebels, Rubyfruit, and Rhinestones are very much alive to Dr. Sears and he makes them alive to his readers. None of them is bigger than life. None of them is diminished by any prejudice that Dr. Sears may have from his own background as a Midwesterner. And none of them is disconnected from the intricate fabric of history that Dr. Sears weaves through the twenty-six chapters and 324 pages that comprise this tome, the second of a projected multi-volume work on homosexuality in the South.

That is not to say that readers should approach Rebels, Rubyfruit, and Rhinestones expecting a gay lark through Southern queer history. This is a serious work with a comprehensive index and seventy plus pages of footnotes that are, blessedly, collected at the back of the book, thus not intrusive on the flow of information Dr. Sears has to share. While it is dense, and it can be confusing, it should become a part of every public library history section and every private collection of activist literature – gay or otherwise.

The book covers the decade of the ’70s in the Southern United States. From the Stonewall Riot of 1969 to the first March on Washington in 1979, Dr. Sears walks, drives, and carries his readers from the Mason Dixon line to tropical Florida. From Tennessee to Texas, Kentucky to Georgia, around the Gulf of Mexico to Florida, the book explores the lives and times of real people in Knoxville, Austin, Louisville, Atlanta, Memphis, New Orleans and Orlando and more. -- people who stood up as rubyfruit lesbians, rhinestone drag queens or just plain of southern rebels, sick of being relegated to the bottom of the social heap and ready to join the waves of change roaring through American society at large.

Parallel to and integrated with the gay liberation movement of the ’70s was the rebellion against the Viet Nam war and the second wave of American feminism. The gay liberation movement after Stonewall was as serious as the civil rights movement in the previous decade. Oh people had a lot of fun. And it must have been incredibly liberating for these men and women who were throwing open the doors of their closets, but it was scary, painful and even deadly. Dr. Sears tackles it all, covers it all, positions it all in relationship to other social movements and makes it all come to life.

Some events in southern gay liberation became national in scope and awareness -- who hasn’t heard of Anita Bryant and her Save Our Children campaign that overturned a gay rights ordinance in Dade County and is still being felt today? Others were more localized but just as intense and Dr. Sears provides vivid descriptions of events like the horror that engulfed the patrons of the Upstairs Lounge in New Orleans when they were unable to escape a furious fire that killed 29 and injured 16 more. The only national figure involved in this tragedy was the Rev. Troy Perry, founder of the gay Metropolitan Community Church who brought the outside into this closed community.

Dr. Sears introduces the readers to dozens of people and gives them memorable voices
because they led memorable lives. Many are no longer alive; many are still among us and should be proud of their stories and their lives, as Dr. Sears should be proud of this work chronicling theirs.

Dr. Sears is an educator as well as an author and editor of over 12 volumes including Growing Up Gay in the South and Lonely Hunters: An Oral History of Lesbian and Gay Southern Life, 1948 – 1968. He plans additional chronicles of the history of the American movement for civil rights for homosexuals. Much more information about Dr. Sears is available at http://www.jtsears.com/

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Gloucester Men Go Public Again

Gloucester, MA – National Council Member, Ben Atherton Zeman is shown in front of a billboard that was put up in Gloucester by more than 485 men against domestic abuse. They called it a Valentine to women.

One of the organizers, Willie Greenbaum of Men for HAWC (Help for Abused Women and their Children), who is also a prime mover of the annual participation of men against domestic violence in the Gloucester Independence Day parade, stated that this will become an annual event.

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September MALAISE

Vague cloud of un-ease deadened by ennui,
Nothing shakes me loose from…

A vague sense of not-quite-right;
The world feels shifted but not left nor right nor center nor…
What?

What?  What?  What?  What?
What is this fog?
Through which I weakly strive to lift my arms to reach…
What?

My breath continues through no will of my own.
My eyes, lids drooping, stay open and blink at…
Nothing?

Not tears, not screams, not wails of despair
But a sense of despair, desperate air, no air.

Vague cloud of un-ease deadened by ennui,
Nothing shakes me loose from…

Donald Cavanaugh
September 11, 2001

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The Myth of the "Battered Husband Syndrome"

By Jack C. Straton, Ph.D.

This article was originally published on the NOMAS website in 1994 but got displaced during the website revision in 1999/2000. Although the article is eight years old, the issue remains mostly unchanged to this day and the information is still valid. We will be publishing this article on the Website again in the near future. Ed.

The most recurrent backlash against women's safety is the myth that men are battered as often as women. Suzanne Steinmetz [1] created this myth with her 1977 study of 57 couples, in which four wives were seriously beaten but no husbands were beaten. By a convoluted thought process [2] she concluded that her finding of zero battered husbands implied that men just don't report abuse and therefore 250,000 American husbands [3] are battered each year by their wives,[4] a figure that exploded to 12 million in the subsequent media feeding frenzy.[5]

Men have never before been shy in making their needs known, so it is peculiar that in 17 years, this supposedly huge contingent of "battered men" has never revealed itself in the flesh. Could it be that it simply does not exist? Indeed, a careful analysis of domestic violence, using everything from common experience to medical studies to U.S. National Crime Survey data, shows that only three [6] to four [7] percent of inter-spousal violence involves attacks on men by their female partners.

In the myth's latest incarnation, Katherine Dunn (The New Republic, 8/1/94) is unable to counter these hard scientific data so she turns to disputed sociological studies by Murray Straus and Richard Gelles [8,9] for "proof" that violence rates are almost equal. She first implies that these studies are unassailable by calling the authors "two of the most respected researchers in the field of domestic violence." Then she cynically attempts to undercut Straus' critics by labeling them as "advocacy groups." In fact Straus' critics are unimpeachable scientists of both genders, such as Emerson and Russell Dobash [10,11] and Edward Gondolf,[12] who say his studies are bad science, with findings and conclusions that are contradictory, inconsistent, and unwarranted.[13,14,15]

There are three major flaws in Straus' work. The first is that he used a set of questions that cannot discriminate between intent and effect.[16] This so-called Conflict Tactics Scale (or CTS) equates a woman pushing a man in self-defense to a man pushing a woman down the stairs.[17] It labels a mother as violent if she defends her daughter from the father's sexual molestation. It combines categories such as "hitting" and "trying to hit" despite the important difference between them.[18]

Because it looks at only one year, this study equates a single slap by a woman to a man's 15 year history of domestic terrorism. Even Steinmetz herself says the CTS studies ignore the difference between a slap that stings and a punch that causes permanent injury.[19] Indeed, after analyzing the results of the U.S. National Crime Surveys, sociologist Martin Schwartz concluded that 92% of those seeking medical care from a private physician for injuries received in a spousal assault are women.[20] The NCS study shows that one man is hospitalized for injuries received in a spousal assault for every 46 women hospitalized.[21]

Even if we ignore all of the previously mentioned flaws in Straus' CTS studies, they are bad science on a second set of grounds. Straus interviewed only one partner, but other studies [22,23] that independently interviewed both partners found that their accounts of the violence did not match. Also a study by Richard Gelles and John Harrop [24] using the CTS failed to find any difference in self-reporting of violence against children by step-parents versus birth-parents — in vivid contrast to the actual findings that a step-parent is up to 100 times more likely to assault a small child than a birth parent.[25,26] Any research technique that contains a 10,000 percent systematic error is totally unreliable.

In fact a third independent case can be made against Straus' study. It excluded incidents of violence that occur after separation and divorce, yet these account for 75.9 percent of spouse-on-spouse assaults, with a male perpetrator 93.3 percent of the time, according to the U.S. Department of Justice.[27] The Strauss study relied on self-reports of violence by one member of each household, yet men who batter typically under-report their violence by 50 percent.[28] Finally, the CTS does not include sexual assault as a category although more women are raped by their husbands than beaten only.[29] Adjusting Strauss' own statistics to include this reality makes the ratio of male to female spousal violence more than 16 to one.

Police and court records persistently indicate that women are 90 to 95 percent of the victims of reported assaults.[30] Promoters of the idea that women are just as abusive as men suggest that these results may be biased because the victims were self-reporting. But Schwartz’s analysis of the 1973-1982 U.S. National Crime Surveys shows that men who are assaulted by their spouses actually call the police more often than women who were assaulted by their spouses.[31]

- In any case, criminal victimization surveys using random national samples are free of any reporting bias. They give similar results
- The 1973-81 U.S. National Crime Survey, including over a million interviews, found that only 3 to 4 percent of marital assaults involved attacks on men by their female partners. [32,33]
The 1981 and 1987 Canadian surveys [34,35] found that the number of assaults of males was too low to provide reliable estimates.

The 1982 and 1984 British surveys found that women accounted for all of the victims of marital assaults[36].

This is not to say that men are not harmed in our society, but most often men are harmed by other men. Eighty-seven percent of men murdered in the U.S. are killed by other men.[37] Those doing the killing in every major and minor war in this and previous centuries have mostly been men! Instead of attempting to undercut services for the enormous number of women who are terrorized by their mates, those who claim to care for men had better address our real enemies; ourselves.

Of course we must have compassion for those relative few men who are harmed by their wives and partners, but it makes logical sense to focus our attention and work on the vast problem of male violence (96 percent of domestic violence) and not get side-tracked by the relatively tiny (4 percent) problem of male victimization. The biggest concern, though, is not the wasted effort on a false issue, it is the fact that batterers, like O.J. Simpson, who think they are the abused spouses are very dangerous during separation and divorce. In one study of spousal homicide, over half of the male defendants were separated from their victims.[38] Arming these men with warped statistics to fuel their already warped world view is unethical, irresponsible, and quite simply lethal.

**Jack Straton, a former NOMAS Council member, studies quantum scattering theory, the under-representation of women in science, diversity and multicultural awareness training, and methods for teaching quantum mechanics, relativity, and astronomy to nonscientists.**

References


Cool Sites for Hot Issues

The Gender Public Advocacy Coalition (GenderPAC) is the national organization working to end discrimination and violence caused by gender stereotypes. We are especially concerned with the way discrimination based on gender intersects with other kinds of discrimination, including those of race, class, ethnicity, and age.

GenderPAC believes that gender ought to be protected as a basic civil right, and we look forward to the day when it is universally respected and recognized as such.

Our Work
We focus on:
- Congressional Advocacy
- Education
- Gender Law/Impact Litigation
  www.genderpac.org

The King Center is a nonprofit organization that educates the world about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s philosophy and methods of nonviolence in order to create the Beloved Community”. www.thekingcenter.org

Titans Theatre Company is a collective of theatre artists with long track records as producers, directors, writers, actors, designers and collaborators. Dedicated to creating visions of the world as diverse, integrated and tolerant, Titans presents theatre that allows these visions to open the Mind while delighting the Spirit. www.titanstheatre.org

Leaven is a non-profit organization that provides education and resources in the areas of spiritual development, feminism, anti-racism, and sexual justice. The name "Leaven" symbolizes our commitment to providing support, nurture, and education for those who seek to be leavening agents for change – resisting oppression, engendering hope. www.leaven.org

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Checkout a world of ideas from members of the younger generations who have something to say and have found an alternative vehicle for expression. Ed.
National Organization for Men Against Sexism
M&M27 & MSA14 Meeting Registration

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*Gay Pride Rockland events include Friday theater (The Buddy Holly Story) with pre-theater dinner and post-theater dessert, and Saturday concert (NYC Gay Men’s Chorus) and a dance. Sunday’s event is free and open to the public. For tickets to Gay Pride Rockland events only, please contact VCS at 845-634-5729 or email vcsendisms@aol.com.

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Wed___ Thur___ Fri___ Sat___ Sun____  No. of nights_____ x $ 80.00 =   $_____
(please note: Wednesday and Sunday are for National Council Members only)
Single room $100.00 per night.
Wed___ Thur___ Fri___ Sat___ Sun____  No. of nights_____ x $100.00 =   $_____

Commuter $25.00 per day includes lunch (breakfast is available at $5.50 and dinner at $11.50 – payable on site
Fri___ Sat___ Sun____  number of days _____ x $25.00 =   $_____

NOMAS Membership (optional): $50 (general), $15-50 (sliding scale)  $_____

Donation to the Financial Aid Fund  $_____

Total (please add up all fees and donations and indicate total amount here)  $_____

Amount enclosed
(please enclose at least 50% of total registration)  $_____

Balance due  $_____

Acknowledgement: Registrations will be acknowledged by mail/e-mail

Payment of registration fees must accompany all registration forms. Make checks payable to:
NOMAS M&M 27, PO Box 455, Louisville, CO 80027-0455

Cancellation Policy: Written cancellation required. $25 fee for cancellations received before May 15, 2002. Cancellations received after May 15, 2002 will be refunded at 50% of total paid.
Disclaimer of Liability: No one under 18 may attend. The Conference or the Conference Organizing Committee assumes no liability for damages of any nature.
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NOMAS Gathering: Supporting Local Initiatives
&
The 14th Annual Men’s Studies Association Meeting

In conjunction with

GAY PRIDE ROCKLAND
An Event for Everyone!

The 27th national M&M and the 14th Annual Men’s Studies Association Meeting will be held in Rockland County, New York, in conjunction with, and in sponsorship of, Gay Pride Rockland’s fourth annual “event for everybody” – a celebration of living in community.

M&M27 will provide a unique venue and an alternative “gathering” format to past M&Ms. This M&M will offer an environment in which NOMAS men and women will come together to share their expertise and experiences in supporting the NOMAS goal of gender equality and social justice through the principles of pro-feminism, gay affirmation, anti-racism and dedication to the enhancement of men’s lives.

M&M27 will also demonstrate NOMAS’s commitment to, and support of, the efforts of our membership in fostering NOMAS principles in their local communities. M&M27 will be integrated into the suite of activities of Gay Pride Rockland, which is managed by national council member Phyllis Frank and local chapter chair Jim McDowell who have graciously agreed to let us experiment with this format in their backyard.

Gay Pride Rockland provides several major events during its celebratory weekend including: a weekend-long juried multi-medium art show and sale, dinner and play on Friday night; the New York City Gay Men’s Chorus, followed by music, dancing and refreshments on Saturday night and on Sunday a fabulous street fair that includes a children’s carnival, music, acts, some speakers and a host of vendors. These events alone would be worth a trip to Nyack but with the addition of NOMAS plenary sessions, reinforcement of our individual and collective commitments to pro-feminist ideals, and plain old camaraderie, what more could one ask? And, it’s close to New York City so attendees can extend their trips and visit that great tourist spot!

M&M27 attendees will be encouraged to join in the festivities and show their commitment to our principle of gay affirmation. Plenary sessions will be held during the remainder of the weekend starting on Friday and everyone will be invited to participate in presentations and discussions on a variety of topics. Task group representatives will be present to talk about their goals and new initiatives and everyone is invited to attend the summer national council meeting.

Call for Presentations

NOMAS invites interested parties to suggest topics for discussion and to propose discussion outlines that they would like to lead on such topics as pornography and prostitution, ending men's violence, overpopulation, globalization, men in prisons, etc. The MSA invites scholars and NOMAS members to submit outlines of papers they would like to present in an academic setting. As always, NOMAS places emphasis on improving communications between men and women, and among men of different sexual orientations, cultures, generations, races, and abilities. We encourage suggestions and discussion topics that focus on issues of male identity formation and men in middle and old age. To register, complete the form below and return it to NOMAS, PO Box 455, Louisville, CO 80027. For more information visit www.nomas.org.

Registration on the other side of this page. Sign up today!