blueprints for change
healthy models of manhood
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a discussion about men and masculinity
How Gender Impacts Learning, Life and the Campus
Roles we can play from the classroom to the living room in helping create more inclusive and safer spaces for student achievement and success.

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QUESTIONS NOT ANSWERS
What is your reputation?
What do you want it to be?
“It’s an important moment for men to look at themselves and decide who they want to be in this world.”

- Hannah Markham
What are the traditions handed down here?
What do you want them to be?
"If I love you, I have to make you conscious of the things that you do not see." - James Baldwin
Role and Responsibility vs. ‘Blame and Shame’
Why I do this work
The Ladder of Manhood:
Boys

What do you like or not like about being a boy?

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What I don't like about being a boy

- Not being able to be a mother
- Not supposed to cry
- Not allowed to be a cheerleader
- Supposed to do all the work
- Supposed to like violence
- Supposed to play football
- Boys smell bad
- Having a automatic bad reputation
- Grow hair everywhere

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Created Ideas of Manhood
The formula for manhood is 'prove you are not a woman'.

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LA Lakers rookies Tarik Black and Jordan Clarkson with fake baby.

(They have to wear pink backpacks and push the strollers to games all season)
Belonging.

Men want to belong.
But: problem is when you must do this’ or ‘dislike this’ to be accepted…

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“If we want to create safe learning environments, we need to take a hard look at how power disparities influence who feels safe and who doesn’t — and how we can challenge those power disparities as leaders, colleagues, fellow students, and fellow human beings.

- Steph Guthrie
(Where are you on this pyramid?)
Perfect Fit
Dressing for Every Shape from Size 0 to 16

Plus
87 Swimsuits to Flatter Every Figure

You Are (Not) What You Eat Debunking Diet Myths

Shape Issue
Secrets of the Best Bodies

Gisele & LeBron + the World's Top Models and Star Athletes

No-Exercise Diet What Happens When You Quit the Gym

The Power of an Hour How Fast Can You Get Fit?
"I AM THE GREATEST!"

"NOT ONLY DO I KNOCK 'EM OUT, I PICK THE ROUND!"
In a hyper masculine world, you see people as tools. Now I see them as family.

- Terry Crews
When you feel less than, you feel powerless

how do you access power?

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violence

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Even if we taught every woman in the world to defend themselves, why would we ever accept a world in which they have to.

- @ElliottBayev

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let's start something.
IT'S TIME TO DRAW NEW MAPS TO MANHOOD
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Who are you in this picture?
Research suggests that the strongest influence on men’s behavior is other men.

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The power is in men taking this conversation back into everyday ‘male spaces’

we need Brave Spaces

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What a difference it makes when someone has your back...
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Comfort with the Discomfort
Discomfort is diagnostic

– Dr Derald Sue
Speaking in a Language of Consent
Consent starts before you even interact with someone.

It starts internally with exploring your wants, motivations and intentions.
UMass Men and Masculinities Center

Commonwealth Honors College

Men’s Education Network

UMASS PHALLACIES THE BIG SHOW

Monday Apr 11
7:00-9:30 PM
Bowker Auditorium

Special Guest:
Carlos Andrés Gómez
Book signing following event for Mr. Gómez’s book “Man Up: Reimagining Modern Manhood”
“Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better.”
– Maya Angelou
Keep the conversation going.