

**Coalition on Men and Masculinities
Leadership Team Candidate Profile
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Please indicate which position you intend to run for:

Vice Chair for Research & Scholarship

Please respond to the following questions below (no more than 250 words for each answer):

1. Why are you interested in running for a Coalition on Men and Masculinities leadership team position?

I am interested in becoming a member of ACPA's Coalition on Men and Masculinities Leadership Team as I am passionate about pursuing gender equity through understanding male privilege. In particular I often focus on male-identified individuals role in violence prevention as I work for a survivor advocacy and bystander intervention education office, The Aurora Center, at the University of Minnesota. I believe I have a lot to offer the coalition regarding the work I have previously done exploring men's identity development and my eagerness to learn from peers. I am interested in learning from fellow members of the coalition and ACPA members at large as we begin to develop a men's engagement initiative specifically within The Aurora Center. This will be an opportunity for me to continue to engage with professional learning and connect with professionals with whom I can discuss and reflect upon what healthy masculinity means as opposed to focusing predominantly toxic and negative elements.

2. What would be some goals that you have for the Coalition on Men and Masculinities if you were to be elected to your position?

I would have three main goals personally if I were to become a part of the coalition's leadership team; 1) explore what healthy masculinity means rather than focus predominantly on the toxic negative qualities to provide hope and direction to students and staff who want to engage in this discussion, 2) expand the connection between student affairs professionals and administrators with survivor advocacy departments or organizations and Title IX compliance offices across the nation, and 3) to establish mutually beneficial and personally enriching connections with professionals who are passionately exploring concepts relating to masculinity.

3. What unique skills, talents, and contributions can you bring to your specific leadership team position on the Coalition on Men and Masculinities?

When it comes to being a member of a team, I offer the ability to focus on team cohesion and working towards equitable contributions from all involved. I value a depth of connection, both personally and professionally, seeking to understand and support each member's personal goals. When it comes to the operational aspects of a team, I often am the driving force behind achieving our collective purpose or mission and clearly articulating our hopeful vision for the future. As an example to highlight these claims, I am currently organizing our departmental training of our volunteers that provides 40 hours of structured learning to become state certified sexual assault crisis counselors. My approach to re-developing this training has been to create learning outcomes and lesson plans outlining desired topics and engagement for each session and I am personally meeting with all presenters to ensure they feel supported and prepared. Professionally I offer my passion and experience towards exploring masculinity with students and staff. At the University of Minnesota I have worked with the Women's Center, GLBTA Programs Office, and Greek Life to engage in recurring dialogues including presentations, panel discussions and viewings of films such as "The Mask You Live In." All of these efforts and the various partnerships I have created thus far have resulted in The Aurora Center's newly developed Men's Engagement Initiative and the Office for Student Affairs funding a Men's Engagement Coordinator pilot position within our office.

4. What potential collaborations would you be interested in pursuing in your specific position on the leadership team with other Coalitions, Commissions, or other professional associations outside of ACPA? How might you follow through on seeing those collaborations come to fruition?

As I previously mentioned, one of my main goals if given the chance to serve on the coalition's leadership team would be to explore and further develop connections with survivor advocacy groups on campuses and in communities in addition to Title IX compliance offices. Often the conversations and work with exploring masculinity are among student affairs professionals who are predominantly administrators and I would like to see the involvement expand even further than say it has on the University of Minnesota campus. It is important that people of all identity intersections and designs are a part of conversations exploring gender and so as many of the other coalitions within ACPA are focused on components of identity. I would be interested in collaborating with the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender awareness coalition and coalition for women would provide excellent insight and perspective moving forward. I would also plan on incorporating my own learning from ongoing office research exploring the intersections of power and control with violence and privilege, especially after I attend the international "End Violence Against Women conference this coming March which has a theme this year of focusing on engaging boys and men.

Thank you for your time and consideration, I truly appreciate all of the excellent work the Coalition on Men and Masculinity has done in the past and hope to become a more active part of your initiative and efforts moving forward!