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“What a year for MAVRIC!”

The 2017-2018 year has been a year of accountability, movement, and change. Those who’ve been silenced are using their voices to speak out against sexual and interpersonal violence in a multitude of ways. To witness the significant impact the #Metoo movement has made, including creating the platform for increased public conversations around Toxic Masculinity, has been amazing. The MAVRIC (Men’s Allied Voices for a Respectful and Inclusive Community) Project has had the opportunity to lead discussions on campus on how identifying and challenging Toxic Masculinity contributes to both the emotional as well as physical safety of all of us.

MAVRIC has held 12 lunch discussions where men-identified members (Princeton undergraduates, graduates, coaches and administrative staff from different departments) of the Princeton community gather to engage in a process-oriented and reflective dialogue on the varying intersections of toxic masculinity throughout the year. There’s been a consistent attendance ranging from 7-14 participants willing to do both the internal and external work of addressing Toxic Masculinity, being Mindful Allies, and addressing interpersonal violence.



Here are some of our lunch discussion topics for the year:

#METOO: The importance for us to both process our reactions to the #METOO movement and identify ways in which we can be involved.

Mass shooting: Why toxic masculinity needs to be a part of the conversation as well.

Love, Relationships, and Rejection: What does love mean to us? What makes a relationship healthy or unhealthy, and what is like for us to experience rejection for the things we want within a relationship?

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In the fall semester 2017 MAVRIC co-sponsored two separate Study break programs with the Princeton Women's Alliance and SHARE Peers. In both study breaks MAVRIC co-facilitated discussion on toxic masculinity, healthy relationships and consent.

Guest speakers were invited to share their expertise with the Princeton community:



Tony Porter

Wednesday, October 18th, 7:00pm

Carl A. Fields Center, Multipurpose Room

Tony Porter will explore gender norms of masculinity in an engaging interactive discussion. As the co-founder of A CALL TO MEN, and an author, educator, and activist, Tony is internationally recognized for his work to prevent violence against women and promote a healthy, respectful manhood. Tony is an adviser to the National Football League, National Basketball Association, National Hockey League and Major League Baseball, providing policy consultation, working extensively with player engagement, and facilitating violence prevention and healthy manhood training.

In 2010, Tony Porter gave a powerful presentation at TED Women about manhood and the role of men (as a collective) in preventing domestic and sexual violence. Telling powerful stories from his own life, he shows how this mentality, drummed into so many men and boys, can lead men to disrespect, mistreat and abuse women and each other. His solution: Break free of the "man box."

To view Tony's talk and to read more about A CALL TO MEN, visit acalltomen.org.

The first 20 people in the door will receive a gift from the Women's Center!

Co-Sponsored by Campus Conversations on Identities, SHARE Program and the Women's Center

In the fall semester, MAVRIC co-sponsored with the Women*s Center and Athletics to bring in Tony Porter, founder of "A Call to Men," to engage the Princeton community in a conversation on the intersections of masculinity, sexual violence and interpersonal violence. Tony Porter spoke with both students and coaches in separate small group discussions. He delivered an engaging large lecture to 150+ attendees (mostly comprised of student-athletes).

Men & Pornography:

Relationship, Sexual Health, & Masculinity



Join the Women*s Center and MAVRIC as we welcome

Dr. Robert Jensen

Dr. Jensen will explore with us the various ways in which mainstream pornography impacts masculinity, relationship dynamics, and overall sexual health among those who identify as men.

Thursday, April 5, 8-9:30 PM Lewis Thomas Laboratory

Robert Jensen is a professor in the School of Journalism at the University of Texas at Austin and a board member of the Third Coast Activist Resource Center. Prior to his academic career, he worked as a professional journalist for a decade. At UT, Jensen teaches courses in media law, ethics, and politics. Jensen's new book, *The End of Patriarchy: Radical Feminism for Men*, offers a critique of the pathology of patriarchy that is at the core of today's crises.



Co-sponsored by MAVRIC and the Women*s Center

For the spring semester, MAVRIC co-sponsored with the Women*s Center to bring in Dr. Robert Jensen to facilitate a small group discussion and large lecture surrounding the various impacts of mainstream pornography on masculinity and relationships. Dr. Jensen delivered an intersectional lecture providing an in-depth analysis on how pornography not only reinforces problematic attitudes towards gender, but also race and socioeconomic status.

Check out our [MAVRIC Blog](#) for more thought provoking reading material, produced by our Steering Committee, around the varying intersections of masculinity.

Farewell!

It is always bittersweet to say farewell to those who've impacted us in such a beautiful way. Carl Adair and Christopher Shin are two men who've embodied the ideas of MAVRIC. Their presence and leadership has allowed MAVRIC to grow into what it is today. The connections they've established will remain strong and their wisdom will forever resound through our hearts. Thank you both for your tireless dedication to MAVRIC and your pledge to be mindful allies in this work. Although you both have transitioned on to exciting areas in your lives, MAVRIC will always be an additional home. Thank you both for all that you've done!

**Welcome to our new Steering Committee:**

Due to the consistent participation and investment students have made in MAVRIC, we've doubled the size of our steering committee to 6 men-identified students (1 graduate student and 5 undergraduates) committing to the mission of MAVRIC.

Nicolas Choquette-Levy, PH.D Student

Corry Short '19

Moyin Opeyemi '19

Kesin Z. Ryan Dehejia '20

Carter P. Flaig '19

Niko Gjaja '21

To get a deeper understanding of what MAVRIC is about check out our blog titled "[What is a MAVRIC conversation? What do we talk about over lunch every other week?](#)"

For more information on how you can get involved with MAVRIC:

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