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### ACPA STANDING COMMITTEE FOR MEN E-NEWSLETTER #3.2009

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#### 1. We NEED YOU to help review SCM Programs!

The ACPA call for reviewers for programs for the National Convention is already out, but we'd like to solicit you to help us with reviewing the programs that were submitted to us for sponsorship by the SCM. Being a reviewer is a great way to get involved in ACPA and also get a "behind the scenes" look at how programs are selected for the National Convention. If you sign up to be a reviewer for the SCM, you will be assigned about 3-5 programs to review. The total time commitment is about 2 hours. Sometime after September 15, you will receive instructions on how to complete these reviews online. You will have approximately two weeks to complete this process.

Please consider becoming a reviewer by filling out the following form: <http://cdms.myacpa.org/reviewer.cfm>

#### 2. Accessible Publishing Opportunity: Write an SCM Brief

My name is Zach Nicolazzo, and I am currently the Vice Chair for Research and Scholarship for the SCM. I am writing to you to extend an offer to write for our upcoming SCM Briefs! This is usually something we just do just for the Annual Convention, but we had decided to do some ongoing professional development, this being one of the ways.

Reaching out to other Standing Committee's for submissions is something we have wanted to do in the past, but are just now getting around to doing. A recent focus of ours has been intersections of identity, and as such, I feel it would be especially beneficial to reach out to you as a Standing Committee Chair to see if you, or other members of your membership, would be interested in writing something for our SCM Briefs.

I appreciate the start of the academic year is fast approaching, but this is a great way to become involved, share some knowledge, and gain some experience writing and having that writing peer-reviewed! In an attempt to give folks time to collect their thoughts and get them down on paper, the deadline for submission will be: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30!

Furthermore, if you could let me if you are interested in writing a brief, what type of brief, and what your topic will be by Wednesday, September 16, that would be dynamite!

For those who may not be familiar, there are three types of SCM Briefs, which are detailed below:

**Thought Briefs:** these briefs are not researched based and are focused on general ideas and thoughts the author has related to topics of mens development.

**Research Briefs:** these are research related pieces that discuss current, ongoing, and/or relevant efforts to

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explore issues related to masculinity, mens development, gender role socialization, and intersections of identity.

Practice Briefs: these briefs do not need to be research-based, but should have connections to scholarly work and/or developmental theory. They focus on best practices working with men, men's groups, or other things related to men's development issues.

Please note that special attention will be paid to brief submissions that focus on intersections of identity, namely dimensions of identity that intersect with topics of men and masculinities.

All briefs should be no longer than 4-5 pages in length (single spaced, 12 point font, 1 inch margins) and should be submitted to me via email ([zachary.nicolazzo@arizona.edu](mailto:zachary.nicolazzo@arizona.edu))

The briefs will then be peer-reviewed, sent back to authors for final approval, and then published through the SCM. We will do this via email.

If you have any questions about this process or topics you may want to write on, please be in touch with me directly. My information is below in my signature.

Best regards, and many warm wishes of luck as the new academic year approaches!

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### 3. Participation in Study on Entry-Level (0-5 years) Men in Student Affairs

One of our SCM members is conducting a study about the potential impact that male identity may have on the satisfaction and attrition levels of entry-level men in student affairs. The data collected from this study will be published in his doctoral dissertation.

Please consider participating or forwarding this request to any entry-level men (0-5 years post-masters) within student affairs that you think could be interested in participating.

The information gathered from this study may help us to better understand the experiences of men within the field of student affairs. The information found could help lead to better support to those men within the field and also could be used to better prepare male student affairs professionals before they enter the field, thus potentially decreasing attrition rates. It is important therefore, to get participation from men of all levels of satisfaction – both highly satisfied and highly unsatisfied with being a man in student affairs.

If you agree to participate in this study, thoroughly read over and sign the attached consent form. Then simply mark the level of satisfaction that best describes your experience in student affairs on the accompanying Visual Analog Scale and return it to me. This whole process will take only a couple of minutes.

Shortly thereafter, you may be contacted for a follow up interview to discuss your experiences as a man in student affairs. This interview will take approximately 30-90 minutes, depending upon what is discussed. Additional follow up may take place once the data is compiled, which should last no longer than 60 minutes.

Your privacy will be protected throughout the process. Although you will be audio taped during the interview, you will not be identified by name or other identifiable information as being part of this project.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact Dan Calhoun at [dwcalthou@uncg.edu](mailto:dwcalthou@uncg.edu) or 336-334-4072.

[link to information on study](#)

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