

## Masculinity Project

This is an ongoing research project led by Professor Graham Lindegger of the School of Psychology, UKZN, Pietermaritzburg. This project is broadly concerned with understanding the psychology of masculinity, and especially some of the critical issues such as masculinity and HIV.

At present the main study being conducted is funded by [SANPAD](#) – the South African Netherlands Research Partnership for Alternate Development. This project is examining narratives of masculinity in late adolescent boys/young men, and the implications for HIV/AIDS. This a collaborative project of Prof G Lindegger (project leader) and Michael Quayle, Chitra Ranchod of the School of Psychology (UKZN), Prof Gill Eagle of Psychology (University of the Witwatersrand), and Gethwana Makhaye of the Targeted AIDS Project. Prof Karin Willemse of Erasmus University in the Netherlands is our Dutch collaborator on the project.

The ongoing masculinity project has involved a number of student theses, including:

Pam Attwell (2001) *Real boys: Concepts of masculinity among school teachers*. (Masters thesis in Clinical Psychology).

Anita Kriel (2002). *Masculinity in first year university students*. (Masters thesis in Clinical Psychology).

Andrew Burnard (2002). *Dialogical aspects of the crisis of masculinity*. (Honours project in Psychology.)

Sally Dankwertz (2004). *On masculinity in teenager boys 12-14 years*. (Masters thesis)

David Blackbeard (2005). *A photonarrative study of adolescent masculinity*. (Masters thesis.)

Lee Joseph (2006). *Development of masculinity in visually impaired boys*. (Masters thesis.)

### Conferences and Publications:

(1999). Lindegger,G. Durrheim,K. (1999). HIV/AIDS and masculinity. Paper to be presented at the First International Psychology Congress in Africa, Durban, July.

(2000). Lindegger,G. & Durrheim,K. From technology to identity. Paper presented at 12<sup>th</sup> International HIV/AIDS Conference, Durban, July.

- (2001). Lindegger,G., & Durrheim,K. (2001). Men, HIV/AIDS and masculinity. In C. Stones (Ed.). *Socio-political and psychological perspectives on South Africa* (pp. 229-250). New York: Nova Science Publications.
- (2005). Lindegger,G. Maxwell,J. *A gendered analysis of targeted AIDS Interventions*. Oxfam Australia.
- (2005). Lindegger,G. Masculinity: the double bind of conformity to hegemonic standards. Paper presented at conference From Boys to Men: Masculinities at Risk, International Conference at University of Western Cape, Cape Town, January.
- (2006). Lindegger,G. HIV/AIDS and the crisis of masculinity in South Africa. Invited public address at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, USA, July 2006.
- (2007). Blackbeard,D., & Lindegger,G. Building a wall around themselves: Exploring masculinity and abjection with photo-biographical research. *South African Journal of Psychology*, (in Press)