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PREFACE

Volume seven, issue two of *New Male Studies - An International Journal* publishes articles on a variety of topics that enrich our understanding of maleness, of boys' and men's embodied experience.

The three refereed articles in this issue examine discrete inhibitors of male affirmation. Stephen K. Baskerville's *The politics of family dissolution* describes the “political pressure and ideological manipulation” that adversely impacts fatherhood and occasions the fragmentation of the family. As his article's title indicates, Steve Moxon argues in *'Misogyny' has no scientific basis of any kind: the evidence is of philogyny* that, “misogyny and sexism have become defined circularly and are, therefore, entirely non-scientific notions in being unfalsifiable.” He speculates, furthermore, that *misogyny* “should be investigated as an expression of misandry.” Peter Wright examines the historical bifurcation of chivalry into “military chivalry and romantic chivalry” in his essay, *Bastardized chivalry: From concern for weakness to sexual exploitation*. Adding to his already significant contribution to the male-positive study of chivalry, this work concludes that “romantic chivalry is a sexist convention” and speculates “whether it's time to de-genderise its principles of operation.”

Philip W. Cook has kindly agreed to share some of his research on “adult male rape by adult females.” His article, *The new definition of rape: When women assault men*, examines “the relatively new federal definition of rape” and its “implication” for “change in the legal field and in society at large.” Paul Nathanson's *Sowing the wind, reaping the whirlwind: Identity politics, ideology and the contagion of hatred* is occasioned by the 27 October 2018, killing of eleven worshippers at a synagogue in Pittsburgh; the essay examines this horrific event in the context of recent open expressions of hatred in our culture. The essay argues that, “... all forms of

hatred—including the identity harassment adopted by ideological feminists who have undermined the collective identity of all men“feed on each other.” Gerard Nicol’s second contribution to **New Male Studies** argues that “when all you have is a feminist hammer, everything looks like a nail.” In other words, ideological feminism is oblivious to the harm it causes vulnerable males. The issue once again concludes with a photographic essay by Jan Andersen.

The opinions expressed by the authors herein do not necessarily reflect those of the Editorial Team. The papers published here are offered in a spirit of open, evidence-based dialogue regarding gender, relationships and issues related to male experience. The Editorial Team thanks the article reviewers for generously contributing their time and their insights.



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