

**2008 NASPA Annual Conference  
March 9-12, 2008  
Boston, MA**

**Fraternity and Sorority Related Educational Sessions & Programs**

*This list was compiled by Carrie Whittier, AFA President-Elect, to assist AFA members in maximizing their educational experience at the upcoming NASPA conference.*

**Fraternity/Sorority Knowledge Community Interfraternal Luncheon**

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*(Invitation only for Senior Student Affairs Officers. Limited number of tickets may be available for purchase.)*

12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Sunday, March 9  
Grand Ballroom - (Salon F) - Marriott

AFA is one of the sponsors of this event designed to provide senior student affairs officers an opportunity to meet key interfraternal leaders and obtain updated information on the latest initiatives of the Fraternity/Sorority Knowledge Community and its partner organizations. Attendance is invite only, but there is a possibility that some seats may become available. If you would like to enter your name on a list of those interested in purchasing a \$50 ticket to this luncheon, please email Linda Wardhammar, Executive Director, at [linda@fraternityadvisors.org](mailto:linda@fraternityadvisors.org).

**Fraternity/Sorority Knowledge Community Business Meeting**

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7:00 AM - 8:45 AM

Monday, March 10  
Grand Ballroom - (Salon C-D) - Marriott

The Fraternity/Sorority Knowledge Community is one of the most active. This is your chance to get involved in promoting the fraternity/sorority advising profession in the larger higher education world. Start your day early and join the Knowledge Community in discussing issues and planning for the coming year. Set your alarm, and arrive early! It's always a large crowd (even at 7:00 a.m.)!

**Strengthening Greek Life - A Model for Success**

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Coordinating Presenter: John Smeaton

9:00 AM - 10:15 AM

Monday, March 10  
108 - Convention Center

The reality of Greek life often falls short of the ideals of the university and the Greek organizations. At Lehigh University, the actives, alumni, and administration developed a model which has transformed a struggling Greek culture to one embracing high standards. The model, including implementation and assessment strategies, will be shared. Participants will discuss the model and its applicability to their campus.

**Where Do We Go From Here? Identifying and Responding to Group-Specific Concerns Among College Men**

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Coordinating Presenter: Frank Harris III

9:00 AM - 10:15 AM

Monday, March 10  
111 - Convention Center

A panel of men's studies and student affairs scholar-practitioners will share their efforts and expertise in facilitating the development of healthy and productive masculinities in college contexts. Specifically, panelists will consider gender-related trends, needs, and concerns specific to college men of color, gay and bisexual men, student-athletes, fraternity men, and working class white men. Throughout the session, theoretically-based explanations for the trends and issues concerning college men will be offered, as will effective strategies for addressing problematic male campus norms.

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**Factors That Contribute To Hazing Among Collegiate Black Greek Letter Fraternities During Membership Intake Activities**

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Coordinating Presenter: Dwayne Scott  
10:45 AM - 12:00 PM

Monday, March 10  
108 - Convention Center

Fraternity hazing is a recurring theme among Black Greek letter fraternities (BGLF) during their membership intake activities. Utilizing the results of a phenomenological study, the presenters will examine the results, statements of participants, conclusions and recommendations for adjudicating and preventing hazing among BGLFs. Audience members will share approaches and practices relevant to dealing with hazing.

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**Experiences of Gay Men in Fraternities: From 1960 to 2007**

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Coordinating Presenter: Susan Rankin  
12:15 PM - 1:30 PM

Monday, March 10  
Liberty - Salon B - Sheraton

This session draws upon the results of a 2006-2007 research project examining fraternity members who self-identify as gay from 1960-2007. The results and analysis reveal both parallels and differences in the experiences of these brothers and reveal the need for student affairs professionals to be cognizant of the needs of this constituent group. The session will raise awareness regarding gay men in fraternities and provide recommendations for creating a climate where one can be both gay and a fraternity member.

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**Safe Sisters: Sorority Women Empowered to Confront Sexual Violence**

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Coordinating Presenter: Colleen Petterson  
12:15 PM - 1:30 PM

Monday, March 10  
304 - Convention Center

Georgia Tech's Safe Sister Program is a collaborative effort of the Women's Resource Center, Office of Greek Affairs and Panhellenic Council. Safe Sister training provides an introduction to the problem of sexual violence, an overview of advocacy and response at Georgia Tech, the evolution of the sorority image and basic information needed to assist a sorority sister in need of support. We will examine how our Greek communities can educate and empower women to take a stand against sexual violence.

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**Providing a Compass: Trends and Opportunities in Fraternity and Sorority Research and Assessment**

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Coordinating Presenter: Eric Norman  
3:30 PM - 4:45 PM

Monday, March 10  
110 - Convention Center

The purpose of this program is to review and discuss focus areas for representative, outcomes-based research related to fraternity and sorority involvement. The presenters will review published, emergent, and recommended studies conducted at the chapter, institutional, and inter/national levels addressing both short-term and longitudinal outcomes. Among notable recent studies, researchers have found positive outcomes related to membership when evaluating student learning and cognitive development, leadership opportunities, self-governance among fraternal organizations. The presentation will conclude with a guided exercise for charting successful, and research-informed assessment opportunities for fraternal organizations.

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**National Panhellenic Conference Reception**

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7:30 PM - 9:00 PM  
Back Bay - (Salon A) - Sheraton

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**Charting a Course for the Success of Cultural-Based Greek Organizations**

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Coordinating Presenter: Keri Shiplet  
9:00 AM - 10:15 AM

Tuesday, March 11  
208 - Convention Center

Campus professionals working with cultural-based fraternities and sororities have the responsibility to the students they serve to have a basic understanding of these organizations. The presenters will introduce the National Umbrella Organizations that govern cultural-based organizations. In addition, the presenters will examine how member organizations function and key issues they face in an effort to prepare ourselves to serve, guide, and support the perpetuation of the fraternal movement.

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**Lessons Learned: What the Rider University Indictments Can Teach Any Administration**

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Coordinating Presenter: Not listed in NASPA schedule  
9:00 AM - 10:15 AM

Tuesday, March 11  
202 - Convention Center

In March 2006, a Rider University freshman tragically died in a hazing incident at an unsanctioned fraternity party. Five months later, two university officials were charged in the death, believed to be the first time that university administrators were indicted in such a case. Join the three panelists who worked side-by-side for nearly two months, planning and implementing the University's legal, media and public relations responses while the case moved through the legal system. Panelists will offer tips to attendees about how to assess their own risk, manage through a legal and PR crisis, and steps they can take to prevent a similar tragedy on their own campuses.

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**Are Film Depictions of the College Experience Off Course?**

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Coordinating Presenter: Sam Miller  
10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

Tuesday, March 11  
Liberty - Salon C - Sheraton

Film is one of the dominant media of our infosphere. Public perceptions of higher education are often informed, for better or worse, by film depictions of the college experience. In this program the presenter examines the genre of college films and explores some of the historically dominant themes. Are these depictions off course from the realities found on our campuses? How can we use these films to facilitate student learning? Can we use these films to deepen our understanding of higher education's environment?

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**Engaging Student Organization Advisors in Risk Management Education**

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Coordinating Presenter: Khrystal Smith  
10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

Tuesday, March 11  
111 - Convention Center

One of the best resources a student organization can have is their advisor, especially with regard to risk management education. Unfortunately, some student affairs professionals may ignore this resource, focusing solely on the education of the student. Presenters will highlight methods that can be employed by professionals who oversee the operation of student organizations to educate advisors about risk management as a way to make advisors partners in educating student leaders.

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**Charting an Award-Winning Course for Fraternity and Sorority Community Success**

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Coordinating Presenter: Monica Smalls  
1:45 PM - 3:00 PM

Tuesday, March 11  
303 - Convention Center

Through a variety of initiatives including the "Expectations for Excellence" accreditation program, the University of Rochester has created consistency among its own institutional values, academic mission, educational purposes and those of its fraternities and sororities (Kuh, 1995; Kuh, Shuh, and Whitt, 1991). This program highlights key research, strategies, and risks in developing an award-winning, college-centered, success-driven model for a fraternity and sorority system, and presents some initial data and anecdotes from its inaugural year of implementation.

**National Study of Student Hazing: Examining and Transforming Campus Hazing Cultures**

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Coordinating Presenter: Mary Madden

Tuesday, March 11

1:45 PM - 3:00 PM

312 - Convention Center

Despite the documented problems with hazing on college and university campuses, research on the nature and prevalence of hazing is relatively scant. The presenters will share the results of the National Study on Student Hazing. This is the first study to examine hazing across diverse types of student groups, and the findings are derived from more than 10,000 student surveys at 50 postsecondary institutions across the U.S. and 300 interviews with students and staff at 15 institutions.

**NALFO and LGLOs: Historical Perspectives and Current Trends of Latino/a Fraternal Organizations**

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Coordinating Presenter: Juan Guardia

Wednesday, March 12

8:30 AM - 9:45 AM

301 - Convention Center

Although the National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations (NALFO) was established in 1998, many institutions fail to understand the complexities and history of this organization and the history of Latino Greek organizations (LGLOs) overall. This program highlights the history and current trends of NAFLO and LGLOs and how institutions are able to mold a Greek culture that is inclusive, celebrates diversity, and enriches the entire campus community.