

JACKSON KATZ ED.M.

Jackson Katz has long been one of America's leading anti-sexist male activists. He is widely recognized for his groundbreaking work in the field of gender violence prevention education with men and boys, particularly in the sports culture and the military. In 1993, he founded the Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) Program at Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sport in Society. The multi-racial, mixed-gender MVP Program is the first large-scale attempt to enlist high school, collegiate and professional athletes in the fight against rape and all forms of men's violence against women. Katz is the primary author of MVP's innovative curricular materials. Today, MVP is the most widely utilized gender violence prevention program in college athletics. It has been implemented in over 85 colleges and universities. For the past five years, MVP has also been used by the New England Patriots football club.

In 1997 Katz created -- and has since been directing -- the first system-wide gender violence prevention program in the history of the United States Marine Corps. MVP-MC is part of the curriculum at all six Marine Corps Staff NCO academies worldwide. Katz and his colleagues have trained hundreds of Academy instructors as well as thousands of Marine, Navy, Army and Air Force personnel at installations in the United States, Europe, and Japan. MVP has also been implemented in dozens of high schools in Massachusetts, Iowa, Colorado, and elsewhere. Since the Columbine tragedy in 1999, Katz and MVP have been working with several schools in the Jefferson County, Colorado school district, including Columbine High School.

Katz is the author of numerous articles in academic journals and popular newspapers that are widely used in undergraduate and graduate courses. Topics include white masculinity, Eminem, advertising, feminism, strategies for working with men and boys as allies in anti-sexist education, violence, juvenile prisons, sports, and media. Jackson Katz is also a pioneering figure in the media literacy movement. He is the creator, lead writer and narrator of an award-winning video for college and high school students entitled *Tough Guise: Violence, Media, and the Crisis in Masculinity*. *Tough Guise* was named one of the top ten young adult videos for 2000 by the American Library Association. His most recent videos include collaborations with two major figures in gender studies and media literacy: *Wrestling With Manhood*, about the gender and sexual politics of professional wrestling, was made with Dr. Sut Jhally and released in late 2002. *Spin the Bottle*, about gender in the marketing and pop cultural representation of alcohol, was made with Dr. Jean Kilbourne and is scheduled for release in the summer of 2003.

Katz has consulted with numerous corporations and non-profit organizations, including the Liz Claiborne Company, the Disney Channel, the Family Violence Prevention Fund, the Los Angeles-based Museum of Tolerance, the Waitt Family Foundation, and the Seattle Mariners baseball club. He is frequently quoted in print media and has appeared on numerous radio and TV programs coast to coast, including *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, *Good Morning America*, Montel Williams, *ABC News 20/20*, *MSNBC* and *Lifetime Television*.

Since 1990 he has lectured at over 700 high schools, colleges, professional conferences, and military installations in 42 states. Tens of thousands of professionals across the country in the fields of domestic and sexual violence, health care, law enforcement, education and media literacy have attended his trainings and seminars. A former three-sport high school athlete and all-star football player, in 1982 Katz became the first man at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst to earn a minor in women's studies. He holds a master's degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, where his research concentration was the social construction of violent masculinities through sports and media. www.jacksonkatz.com