

Men and Study Abroad

Terminology & Background

“The argument that ‘boys will be boys’ actually carries the profoundly anti-male implication that we should expect bad behavior from boys and men.”

--Jackson Katz

Why aren't men going abroad?

According to the Open Doors Data (IES), men have participated in education abroad at a rate of 1:2 when compared to women for as long as we've been keeping records.

Why should we care?

- Logistical planning (rooming assignments)
- Increasing number of US students going = tap new populations
- Pedagogically diverse voices within our programs
- Benefits to male students
- Benefits to society-institutions dominated by males need global perspective

Why is this happening?

Nature	Nurture
• <i>Differences in brain structure</i>	• <i>Socialization</i>
• <i>Lags in cognitive and social development</i>	• <i>Gender roles</i>
• <i>Genetics</i>	• <i>Environmental factors</i>
• <i>Hormones</i>	

Brannon's Theory of Masculinity

- **No Sissy Stuff** - Avoid actions that make them look weak or effeminate; they should shun all things female and LGBTQ related
- **Be the Big Wheel** - Be successful and seek success; strive for titles, wealth, etc.
- **Be the Sturdy Oak** – Be responsible and dependable; take care of your family
- **Give'Em Hell** – Be aggressive, take risks, don't follow the rules

