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Subject: [Administrators] Reminder: Register for the Sexual Conduct Policy Workshop, January 31, 2014, 3:00-4:30p.m., PDR
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The workshop is part of a series of three events on the topic of sexual consent that UDM will be hosting for students, faculty, administration, and staff on January 30th - February 1, 2014. The series is being co-sponsored by the Office of Academic Affairs, Women's and Gender Studies Program, Office of Student Life, Dean of Students Office, Philosophy Department, College of Health Professions, College of Liberal Arts & Education, Athletics Program, the Commission for Women in the University, and the Psi Chi Honors program.

The events will be facilitated by Dr. Harry Brod, a professor of Philosophy and Humanities who has worked with universities across the country on developing effective gender violence prevention policies and promoting a culture of sexual respect.

Dr. Brod is best known for his work on affirmative consent standards in which "Consent must be conferred by an explicit act . . . The initiator has a responsibility to know if [he/she has] obtained consent." This model of sexual consent stands in contrast to the more common implied consent standard, where the burden is on individuals to assert that sexual contact is unwanted.

On Thursday, January 30, 2014, Dr. Brod will be delivering a talk to the *entire campus* community entitled "Asking For It: The Ethics and Erotics of Sexual Consent." On Saturday, February 1, 2014, he will be working with student leaders and students active in the Greek system at the annual Greek Conference.

On Friday, January 31, 2014 from 3:00-4:30 p.m., Dr. Brod will be leading a workshop on sexual consent policy for UDM faculty, administrators and

staff. The workshop is designed for individuals across our university for whom gender violence prevention is an area of responsibility and/or interest. At the event Dr. Brod will facilitate our review of UDM's current sexual conduct policies and the standards of consent upon which they are based. We will then discuss what standards of consent our institution would want to consistently apply.

The workshop is intended to provide participants across UDM an opportunity to discuss the best means of promoting a culture of sexual respect and establishing effective gender violence prevention policies at our university. We hope to draw on the expertise of the many individuals at UDM already working towards these goals as we seek greater clarity about current standards, greater uniformity of implementation, and a clearer vision for moving forward in areas of education, prevention and enforcement.

[Please register for Friday, January 31, 2014 here:](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sexual-conduct-policy-workshop-tickets-9775868887)

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More information about Dr. Harry Brod and his work can be found at www.harrybrod.com. A video and transcript of his lecture, "Asking For It: The Ethics and Erotics of Sexual Consent", can be found at <http://www.mediaed.org/cgi-bin/commerce.cgi?preadd=action&key=243>.

For further information please contact Dr. Rosemary Weatherston, Director, Women's and Gender Studies Program, at weatherr@udmercy.edu / 313.993.1083. Thank you.

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