

Rus Funk

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Rus Ervin Funk is a consultant specializing in working with organizations and communities to promote healthy masculinities; equity, diversity and justice; and violence prevention.

Rus is a long-time activist and community organizer focusing on anti-racism, and gender justice.

Among his organizing efforts, he is co-founder of DC Men Against Rape (now Men Can Stop Rape, Inc.), Men for Gender Justice, the Baltimore Alliance to End Child Sexual Abuse, MensWork: eliminating violence against women, the Own It Initiative (a project of the Center for Women and Families), the Ohio Men's Action Network, White Folks Against Racism, among others.

Rus currently serves on several national and transnational boards. He is the secretary of the Board of the National Center on Sexual and Domestic Violence, serves as the Co-Chair of Male Engagement for World Without Exploitation (WorldWE, an international coalition to combat human trafficking and exploitation) and is a co-founder of the North American Men Engage Network (NAMEN – a US and Canada network of efforts to engage and organize men to promote gender equality) where he currently serves on the Steering Committee, is the Newsletter Editor, and serves as the NAMEN liaison to the Global MenEngage Alliance Board.

Rus is currently working with Nebraska to create statewide supports for engaging men to help end gender-based violence, with Metro-Louisville to help promote structures to support engaged and responsible fathering, Lexington do develop a community-owide Engaging men Initiative, and the Jefferson County School System to create an environment supporting healthy masculinity, among others.

Rus has travelled extensively throughout the US and internationally, he is a sought-after trainer and speaker. He was part of the coalition that crafted and worked to pass the original Violence Against Women Act (focusing on the Safe Campuses and Civil Rights sections of that law).

Rus has also written extensively. In 1993, Rus wrote the first book in the US, by a man, for men about stopping rape (*Stopping Rape: A Challenge for Men*, New Society Publishers).

Some of his recent publications include:

- “The Role of adult pornography in intimate partner sexual violence perpetrators’ offending” (with Walter S. DeKeseredy) in *Perpetrators of Intimate Partner Sexual Violence: A Multidisciplinary approach to prevention, recognition and intervention* (2017) Ed by Louise McOrmond-Plummer, Jennifer Y. Levy-Peck and Patricia Easteal. Routledge Press (pp 134 – 142).

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- “Addressing and combating intimate partner sexual violence” (with Lundy Bancroft) in *Perpetrators of Intimate Partner Sexual Violence: A Multidisciplinary approach to prevention, recognition and intervention* (2017) Ed by Louise McOrmond-Plummer, Jennifer Y. Levy-Peck and Patricia Easteal. Routledge Press (pp 179 – 189).
- “Men’s Work: Men’s voices and actions against sexism and violence.” in *Journal of Prevention and Intervention in the Community*. (2008) Vol 36: 1 – 2; (pp 155 – 171).
- “Be realistic, Demand the impossible: Taking action against pornography” in *Pornography: Driving the demand in international sex trafficking* (2007) ed by Captive Daughters Media.(pp 346 – 381).

Rus lives in Louisville, KY with his partner, their 8-year old child, and cat who belongs to himself. He enjoys writing, baking, tending his roses, bike-riding, hiking, and photography.