

# Men's Story Project:

Looking Within, Speaking Out

March 23rd, 2016

## Act I

Waves and Egg Shells  
by: Benjamin Koatz

Love, Fields of Sugarcane  
by: Ricardo Jaramillo\*

To Love and to be Loved  
by: Lars Tiffany

My Gender's Shroud  
by: Ramon Stern

His Footsteps  
by: Marc Peters

What's Really Scary...  
by: Tariq Cannonier\*

We Are, Therefore I Am  
by: Adam Gilbert\*



## Act II

Pretty Cool  
by: AJ Whitman\*

Mascrap

Keeping the Book Open  
by: Scott Turner

Twinning  
by: Eli Beck\*

"I"denity  
by: Isaac Albanese

Special Boy (Niño Especial)  
by: Juan Carlos Carranza\*

\* denotes storytellers who are participating in post-show audience talkback

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Justice Gaines

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Conversations on Masculinity  
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# Storyteller Bios

Isaac Albanese is the Administrative Coordinator for the Student Activities Office at Brown. He wants to help shed light on the impact that pervasive and exclusive masculinity has within the trans community.

Eli Beck is a sophomore who hasn't quite gotten around to declaring Education Studies as his concentration. Eli wants you to know that he was born the younger twin, but he will catch up eventually.

Tariq Cannonier is a senior concentrating in Cognitive Neuroscience. He is glad to critique ideas of masculinity and engage in these conversations.

Juan Carlos Carranza works as the Program Manager at the Swearer Center for Public Service. He is a Brown alumnus and hopes these stories will serve as a catalyst for thoughtful conversations around masculinity.

Adam Gilbert is a fourth-year undergraduate. He believes this is the cathartic space that he has been craving for most of his life to continue to unlearn toxic masculine norms. He aspires to be a public school teacher to facilitate growth, social awareness, and social activism.

Ricardo Jaramillo is a second-year student concentrating in ethnic studies and education studies. As he continues on his journey, he wants to help others to question and unlearn what they've been taught about what it means to be a man.

Benjamin Koatz is passionate about politics, poetry, words and music. They love Jewish femininity, queer Torah and creating things with computers. Ben's hips are their favorite body part, and dancing and fashion exist as two magical, co-equal releases for them.



Marc Peters is Brown's men's health coordinator. He works with male-identified students to promote healthy masculinity and explore how societal norms influence their behavior and campus culture.

Ramon Stern works for the Brazil Initiative and Brazilian Studies Association at the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs. He recognizes that despite the salience of questions of masculinity, gender expression and sexuality in his own life, conversations on these issues are much too rare.

Lars Tiffany is in his 10th year as the Head Coach of the Men's Lacrosse program. He is a 1990 Brown alumnus with an undergraduate degree in biology. He wants men to know that they deserve to love and to be loved.

Scott Turner is Brown's director of web communications and also teaches a course on communicating science and medicine. Scott writes a weekly nature commentary for the Providence Journal. He lives in Providence with his wife, two children, and Woody the Shih Tzu.

AJ Whitman is a junior concentrating in cognitive science. They identify as genderqueer, and have thought a lot about masculinity and the role it plays in their life. His experience motivated him to start Spectrum, a group for trans\*, non-binary, and gender-questioning students. They are an active member of the Jewish community, and he enjoys Swing dancing, playing guitar, and making things out of chainmail.