

### **Jackson Katz, Ph.D.**

Dr. Jackson Katz is co-founder of the multi-racial, mixed-gender Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) program, at Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sport in Society. Founded in 1993, MVP is the first large-scale attempt to enlist high school, collegiate and professional athletes in the fight against all forms of men's violence against women – and other men. MVP is the first gender violence program to focus on bystanders; Katz is a key architect of the bystander approach. Today, MVP is the most widely utilized gender violence prevention program in college and professional athletics. It has been implemented by numerous teams in the NFL, CFL, Major League Baseball, the NBA and WNBA, as well as NASCAR and many other sports organizations.

Katz and MVP have a long history in the D.O.D. In 1997 Dr. Katz founded the first worldwide gender violence prevention program in the history of the U.S. Marine Corps. From approximately 1997 – 2009, MVP personnel conducted dozens of trainings and presentations on Marine Corps bases worldwide. MVP was part of the curriculum at Marine Corps University/Staff NCO academies for most of the 2000s.

A version of MVP is currently being implemented and evaluated system-wide in the U.S. Navy, with whom Katz has been working in various capacities since 2000. Katz and his MVP colleagues have been subject matter experts and primary consultants to the Air Force Bystander Intervention Training. They have trained AF Academy cadets and will be working with the AF athletic program this spring. For the past decade Katz and his colleagues have done trainings at Army installations nationwide, and presented at Army conferences and summits. Katz has addressed cadets at West Point, the Air Force Academy, and the Coast Guard Academy. MVP has also been implemented by the U.S. Army in Iraq. From 2000-2003, Katz was a member of the U.S. Secretary of Defense's Task Force on Domestic Violence in the Military.

For the past year Katz and his colleagues have been implementing MVP training systematically throughout the Australian Army.

Katz is the creator of award-winning and widely used educational videos for college and high school students, including "Tough Guise: Violence, Media, and the Crisis in Masculinity." His scholarship has appeared in numerous academic journals and college text readers, and his work is taught on college campuses across North America and beyond. His first book was entitled *The Macho Paradox: Why Some Men Hurt Women and How All Men Can Help*. He has appeared on radio and TV programs across North America, Europe and Australia, including *The Oprah Winfrey Show*.

Katz graduated in 1982 from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. He holds a master's degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and a PhD in cultural studies and education from UCLA. A native of Boston, he lives with his family in the Los Angeles area.