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Intro to Allyship Workshop -- 4/4/18 @1:30-3:00pm in CS150

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Men of CICS,

Are you ever confused by the language or expectations surrounding discussions of workplace gender dynamics? Do you feel like you should get involved but hesitate for fear of saying or doing something wrong?

We will be hosting an all-male version of our workshop events, intended as an introduction for sympathetic men to discuss gender inequity and male allyship in a forgiving, non-judgmental environment. This is in response to some feedback we've received since starting our workshops last fall that these conversations can be intimidating for people who aren't already familiar with the vocabulary and context used in these kinds of discussions.

We want to emphasize that this workshop is explicitly designed to be welcoming to those without previous experience or background knowledge of these topics. However, please note that it is not meant to be a space for men to debate the relative merits of allyship, feminism or masculinity. Our goal with all our allyship events, including this one, is to get more people involved and comfortable talking about what we can do as male allies to help make our department and future workplaces healthier.

The workshop will take place on **Wednesday, April 4th from 1:30pm to 3:00pm in CS 150**. If you've been hesitant to attend our previous events, we really encourage you to try this one out! Also, if you have attended our previous events, or are already experienced with these subjects, we would still love for you to join us!

Thanks,
CICS Male Allyship Co-Chairs