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## 40 Under 40

### Michael Mandel

Age: 27

**Job:** community projects manager, Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault

**Community involvement:** Pima County/Tucson Women's Commission; Southern Arizona Mental Health Corp. board; Wingspan Anti-Violence Project; Primavera Foundation Social Justice Calendar Committee; Project Safe Place/Open Inn; Governor's Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women

**What music is on your iPod or in your CD player?:** Yesterday at work I listened to the Indigo Girls, Alanis Morissette and the soundtrack to the musical "Company" by Stephen Sondheim.

**What book is on your bedside table?:** "A People's History of the United States" by Howard Zinn, "Common Sense" and "The Rights of Man" by Thomas Paine, and "Moral Politics" by George Lakoff. I'm a nerd.

**What is the most interesting or unique thing no one knows about you?:** I know my way around a scene shop and know how to use most construction tools, large and small. I can whip out a wall unit in under an hour.

**A word from the nominator:** "He constantly amazes me with his knowledge and his dedication to alert our staff and the community to the political issues that impact work in the area of violence reduction and justice for victims/survivors. Although he works long and difficult hours, he maintains a calmness that is amazing to observe. I see a great future for this young man and if Tucson is lucky that future will be with us." - Gypsy Barker Lyle, therapist, SACASA



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