



# THE GAY ACADEMIC UNION

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

As gay men and women and as scholars we believe we must work for liberation as a means for change in our own lives and in the communities in which we find ourselves. We choose to do this collectively for we know that no individual, alone, can liberate herself or himself from society's oppression.

The work of gay liberation in the scholarly and teaching community centers around five tasks which we now undertake:

1. to oppose all forms of discrimination against all women within academia;
2. to oppose all forms of discrimination against gay people within academia;
3. to support individual academics in the process of coming out;
4. to promote new approaches to the study of the gay experience;
5. to encourage the teaching of gay studies throughout the American educational system.

We assert the interconnection between personal liberation and social change. We seek simultaneously to foster our self-awareness as individuals and, by applying our professional skills, to become the agency for a critical examination of the gay experience that will challenge those generalizations supporting the current oppression. We are people with a variety of life experiences and institutional affiliations, and we represent a diversity of academic disciplines. Our hope is that by pooling our experiences and sharing our expertise, we will be able to begin the arduous job of challenging the sexist myths that now dominate public discourse and influence private association.

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## MEMBERSHIP FORM --- GAY ACADEMIC UNION

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