

The Department of Writing & Rhetoric Studies stands with students, faculty, and staff of color.

We stand with those in our community who are Muslim, Jewish, LGBTQAI+, differently abled, undocumented, and/or women.

We stand with those who are low-income, working-class, and in the first generation of their families to attend college.

We value the many ways of speaking, writing, and being that students and faculty bring to our classrooms.

We know our teaching and scholarship are made better by the diversity of the members of our learning community.

We commit to the ongoing and unfinished work of building a more diverse department, developing curricula that reflect the experiences and interests of our students, and supporting the intellectual, emotional, and material well-being of *all* members of our department.

We can, must, and will do better.

We commit to engaging in teaching, learning, and scholarship that strengthens our communities beyond the University.

There is no place for hate or white supremacy in our department.