

We, the undersigned graduate assistants of the Penn State University Department of English, recognize that our first duty as teachers is to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for our students. We affirm the statement written by the Penn State LGBTQA Student Resource Center and posted to our department website (<http://english.la.psu.edu/we-are-with-you>), as well as the statement of general support written by English faculty which was first posted to our department homepage in late 2016 and updated in December 2018.

For these reasons, we will:

- Create classroom environments where students feel respected, dignified, and worthy of engaging with new and challenging ideas,
- Use the names and pronouns provided to us by our students as a means of affirming their individual identities, and
- Actively oppose discrimination based on race, gender, religion, national origin, LGBTQ+ status, immigration status, or disability.

Signed,

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