The F. O. Matthiessen Visiting Professorship of Gender and Sexuality

The gift of members and supporters of the Harvard Gay & Lesbian Caucus to establish the F. O. Matthiessen Visiting Professorship of Gender and Sexuality. It is the intent of the donors that, whenever possible, this fund will support scholars studying issues related to sexuality or sexual minorities, specifically, gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender individuals. This visiting professorship will be awarded at the discretion of the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

Distributions from this fund may be used to support a visiting assistant, associate, or full professor, or a lecturer, including the compensation, recruitment, and related expenses of the professor and the professorship. Income not expended for these purposes may be temporarily capitalized, or may be used for graduate fellowships, graduate student research and travel, dissertation fellowships, conferences, workshops, instruction, acquisition of library materials, or other expenses related to field of the visiting professorship, at the discretion of the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

In the unlikely event that this fund does not reach the minimum level required to endow a visiting professorship in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences through outright gifts to the fund within three years of the date of fund establishment, the principal and/or the income of the fund may be used to support sexuality or sexual minority studies at Harvard at the discretion of the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

If, at some time in the future, the designation of this fund is no longer appropriate, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, in consultation with the Harvard Gay & Lesbian Caucus, or its successor organization, may direct the fund to another purpose at the University that is best in keeping with the fund's original purpose. If for any reason this consultation cannot occur, the Dean has the discretion to direct the fund's income to a project or purpose deemed to be best in keeping with the fund's original purpose and which will permit appropriate recognition of the intent and memorial character of this fund.

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