

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>St. Lawrence University</b> <b>Nondiscrimination, Discriminatory Harassment &amp; Sexual Harassment Policies</b></p>
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### **Nondiscrimination Policy**

All members of the St. Lawrence community are valued equally. We are committed to multicultural diversity in our faculty, staff, student body and curriculum. Awareness training for students, faculty and staff is designed to eliminate all forms of discrimination. St. Lawrence University subscribes fully to all applicable federal and state legislation and regulations (including the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Americans with Disabilities Act; the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; New York State Human Rights Law; and Part 53, Section 607 of the New York State Educational Law) regarding discrimination, as well as the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988. The University does not discriminate against students, faculty, staff, or other beneficiaries on the basis of race, color, gender, religion, age, disability, marital status, veteran's status, sexual orientation, or national or ethnic origin in admission to, or access to, or treatment, or employment in its programs and activities. Retaliatory action of any kind taken by any employee, student, or beneficiary against any other employee, student, or beneficiary as a result of that person's seeking redress under this policy is prohibited. St. Lawrence University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. For further information contact St. Lawrence University's Age Act, Title IX, and Section 504 Coordinator, Susan M. Cypert, Special Assistant to the President for Equity Programs, Vilas Hall Room G1, St. Lawrence University, Canton NY 13617, 315-229-5584, FAX 315-229-7431, [scypert@stlawu.edu](mailto:scypert@stlawu.edu).

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### **Discriminatory Harassment Policy \***

It is the policy of St. Lawrence University that all our employees and students should be able to enjoy a work and educational environment free from all forms of discrimination and discriminatory harassment, including sexual harassment. St. Lawrence University provides for the development of a climate of tolerance and pluralism and prohibits expressive behavior which is demeaning, intimidating or hostile, communicated verbally, physically or with other communication device, including telephonic or electronic means. It is expressly against University policy for any employee or student to engage in discriminatory harassment which is defined as any demeaning, intimidating or hostile verbal, physical or symbolic behavior that is based on race, religion, ethnicity, age, gender, national origin, marital or veteran's status, disability or sexual orientation, and has the effect of interfering with a reasonable person's academic or work performance or of creating, as experienced by a reasonable person, an intimidating or hostile situation or environment. Such behaviors include, but are not limited to, the use of slurs, epithets, gestures, demeaning jokes or derogatory stereotypes.

**\*Sexual harassment is one form of discriminatory harassment, and is covered by this policy.** It is expressly against University policy for any employee or student to engage in sexual harassment. A charged atmosphere is often involved in instances of sexual harassment, which is defined as any unwelcome sexual advancement, request for sexual favors, or other physical or verbal conduct of a sexual nature when:

- 1) submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment or education; or
- 2) submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for academic or employment decisions affecting that individual; or
- 3) such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's academic or professional performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive employment, educational, or living environment.

No forms of discriminatory harassment of students or employees will be tolerated. Any employee or student will be subject to disciplinary action for violation of this policy, up to and including termination or expulsion. Discrimination and harassment may be found to be illegal under both state and federal law. In some cases, it may be susceptible to prosecution under criminal sexual law.

This policy is not intended to proscribe, and should not limit free discussion of, the merits of any issue relating to ethnic, racial, religious or other multicultural difference or open inquiry into any material or issue relevant to the academic content of a course.

Not all offensive conduct or language that might be derogatory concerning an individual or group necessarily constitutes discriminatory harassment. Whether a specific act does in fact constitute discriminatory harassment must be determined on a case-by-case basis in light of all relevant circumstances.

If you believe you have experienced or are experiencing discriminatory harassment, talk to the person or persons who may be responsible for the problem. If that is not possible, or doesn't work, speak to someone for help or advice. Any St. Lawrence University employee having a complaint of harassment is urged to notify his or her immediate supervisor at once. If the complaint is against the immediate supervisor, or if the complainant for any other reason is not comfortable with or is unable to contact his or her supervisor, the University's Office of Equity Programs, the Human Resources Office or the Office of Security & Safety may be contacted.

If you are a student you may speak to your academic advisor, the chairperson of the department, any staff member in student life, particularly residential learning, security, counseling, or the Associate Dean of Student Life, or to the special assistant for equity programs.

If you are an employee, speak with the human resources office, the vice president or dean of the area involved (academic affairs, administrative operations, admissions and financial aid, business and finance, information technology, student life, university advancement), the equity programs office or the Office of Security & Safety.

Formal complaints of alleged discriminatory harassment are heard by the Discriminatory Harassment Hearing Board, which is described in the Student Handbook and on the SLU website under *Policies* or *Human Resources* as well as a Section 504/ADA Grievance Procedure for complaints relative to those regulations. For more information about the DHHB or other venues for complaints contact Susan M. Cypert, Special Assistant to the President for Equity Programs in Vilas G1, 229-5584, Fax 315-229-7431, [scypert@stlawu.edu](mailto:scypert@stlawu.edu) .

Retaliatory action of any kind (such as, but not exclusive to adverse action vis-à-vis standing in employment or student status, adverse decisions re salary, job performance or student performance, or adverse action taken re opportunity for advancement for an employee or student) taken by any employee (including faculty, department heads, supervisors, and co-workers), student or beneficiary of the University against any other employee, student, or beneficiary as a result of that person's seeking redress through an appropriate means, including under the procedures of the DHHB, cooperating in any appropriate inquiry in the matter, or otherwise participating in any proceedings under the procedures of the DHHB or appropriate University body is prohibited. Any such retaliatory action can be the basis for a separate complaint.

Any person may also contact outside authorities to file complaints. External agency rules, or procedures internal to St. Lawrence University, may obviate further internal review in the event a complainant chooses an external route.

For more information about the DHHB consult the SLU Policies website [SLU/Faculty & Staff/Policies] @ <http://www.stlawu.edu/policies/index.html> or contact Susan M. Cypert, Special Assistant to the President for Equity Programs, Vilas G1, 315-229-5584, FAX 315-229-7431, [scypert@stlawu.edu](mailto:scypert@stlawu.edu) .

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