

INTRODUCTION

SHANE WINDMEYER

“The Impact of Hate”

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My name is _____. I am (leadership position or organization), and it’s my pleasure to welcome you.

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Shane Windmeyer is a leading author on gay campus issues, a national leader in gay and lesbian civil rights and a champion for LGBT issues on college campuses. He is the founder and executive director of Campus Pride, the leading national organization for student leaders and campus organizations working to create a safer college environment for LGBT students.

Shane founded Stop the Hate, a national bias and hate crime prevention program. He led and developed this train the trainer initiative in 2001 through Campus Pride and in partnership with the Association of College Unions International, the Anti-Defamation League, the Southern Poverty Law Center, the Center for the Prevention of Hate Violence and the Wilbron Institute.

Shane recalls his “coming out” on a small rural campus in Kansas as difficult, frightening, lonely, emotionally complex and yet liberating—all at the same time. His commitment for social justice and diversity comes from his inner strength and passion to help others coming out today and his desire to motivate college students, gay and straight, to stand up against prejudice, bigotry and hate against all people.

Shane is here to talk to us today about destroying biases and prejudices, deepening understanding and acceptance, developing straight allies and creating a safer campus community for LGBT students. Please join me in giving a big (school or organization name) welcome to Shane Windmeyer!