

## Timeline of pivotal (or at least interesting) events related to USD's LGBTQ Community

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**1990-2000:** Broad coalition of students, administrators, & faculty support inclusion of "sexual orientation" in non-discrimination policy; Board of Trustees rejects revision on four occasions

**1990:** BGLLSA founded: Bisexual Gay Lesbian Law Students Association

- Founded under "registered but not recognized" determination of Gay Rights Coalition of Georgetown University Law Center v. Georgetown University (1987)
- Advisor: Steven Hartwell
- Purpose: support, socializing, networking

**1991:** SAESO founded: Student Alliance Embracing Sexual Orientation

- Peter Fajkowski, prompted by Judy Liu's Social Problems course, & other students found SAESO
- Advisors: Judy Liu (Soc), Joe Colombo (THRS)
- Purpose: support, socializing
- Motto: "If you support gay rights at USD, SAY SO!"
- Posters not list time or place; prospective member had to call campus extension
- Met on 1<sup>st</sup> floor Nursing School, 2 doors on classroom
- Members did not acknowledge one another on campus

**1992:** Homophobia at USD panel

- Students & Joe Colombo speak to audience of 250 on inhospitable campus climate

**1993-2006:** hate crimes, bias-related incidents, acts of intolerance

- Female student received death threat on home answering machine
- Male student had to be escorted to class by Public Safety after coming out to roommate
- SAESO/PRIDE posters routinely defaced & ripped down
- "Catholic Crusaders" picket outside campus

**1993, 1998:** internal surveys indicate GLBT students & faculty perceive high degree of alienation & discriminatory treatment

**1997:** Gay & Lesbian Voices: first GLBT-themed course taught by Gene Labovitz (Soc) & Joe Colombo

- Sponsored by Social Issues Committee; offered by Sociology Department
- Objections raised by provost
- Sociology of Sexual Minorities (now Sexualities) added to permanent course offerings of Sociology Department

**199?:** Law school adds "sexual orientation" to non-discrimination policy

**1998:** Judy Shepard, mother of Matthew Shepard, speaks on campus for Coming Out Day

**1998:** Joe Colombo appointed chair of Theology & Religious Studies Department

- Initially rejected by provost
- First openly gay chair of theology dept at RC university in USA

**1999(?):** reporting procedure adopted for hate crimes, bias-related incidents, acts of tolerance; Public Safety begins documentation of reported incidents

**1999(?):** non-harassment policy adopted

**1999:** SAESO changes name to PRIDE; revises constitution

- Begins meeting in United Front Multicultural Center; posters state meeting time & place
- Allies join
- Members greet one another & socialize on & off campus