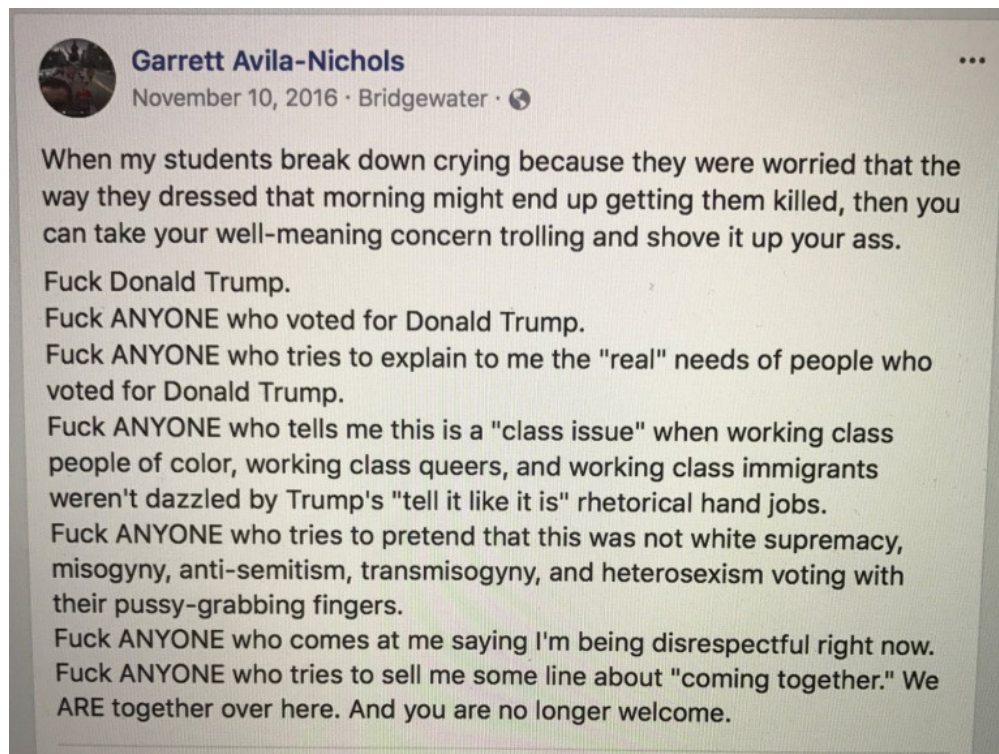


Ethics Alarms

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Ethics Observations On The Trump-Deranged Prof's 2016 Post-Election Freak-Out



Bridgewater State University professor Garrett Avila-Nichols wrote the Facebook screed above shortly after the November 8 defeat of Hillary Clinton by President Anti-Christ. Somehow the post didn't become known to students—at least the ones he hate—and apparently even the university's administration until this week.

Observations:

1 We are seeing one example after another of college professors making tweets and other social media posts denigrating conservatives, Republicans, whites, men and Trump voters in emotional, vicious and frequently obscene rhetoric. Can anyone recall any similar conduct from professors directed against liberals, conservatives, minorities, women, or Obama, Clinton or Carter voters? I know that there was no

social media to abuse for much of those periods, but still: when did professors get the idea that attacking large segments of the population and the student body was tolerable? Why do they think it is acceptable conduct now?

2. Is it because they see, hear and read so much similar hate and fury in the mainstream media, social media, and mouth-foaming anti-Trump fanatics like [Maxine Waters](#), Keith Olberman, and Stephen Colbert, and see them get away with it relatively unscathed?

3. Professor Turley is almost an absolutist on the matter of professors being able to exercise their First Amendment rights on social media. Would he defend this? Really? How can someone teach students when he has declared in print and online that some of them aren't welcome? How could such students trust such a professor to grade them objectively and fairly? Teachers are supposed to be mentors and allies: how can someone who hates you perform those roles? How can a school trust a professor who writes something like that?

4. Does it matter that this is an old post? I don't think so. Emotions that intense and judgement that terrible are signature significance. Rational, reasonable, trustworthy professionals don't make public outbursts like that. Ever.

5. An apology should not matter in such a case. "I'm sorry I hate you"? "I'm sorry I behaved in public like a spoiled 8-year old when students pay a fortune to have me teach them"? "I'm sorry I let people know how I really think"? Avila-Nichols's best chance would be the Pazuzu Excuse: "This wasn't me, I don't believe that, it isn't who I am." Of course, that fake apology is a lie.

6. I am beginning to think that the victims of this hyper-partisan virulent Trump-hate should be able to claim temporary insanity, but that would seem to require a public consensus that a lot of public figures, elected officials, journalists, pundits and my friends are clinically ill. Charles Blow and Hillary would definitely have to be institutionalized. I don't think it will fly, unfortunately.

Too bad.

7. This professor has to be fired.

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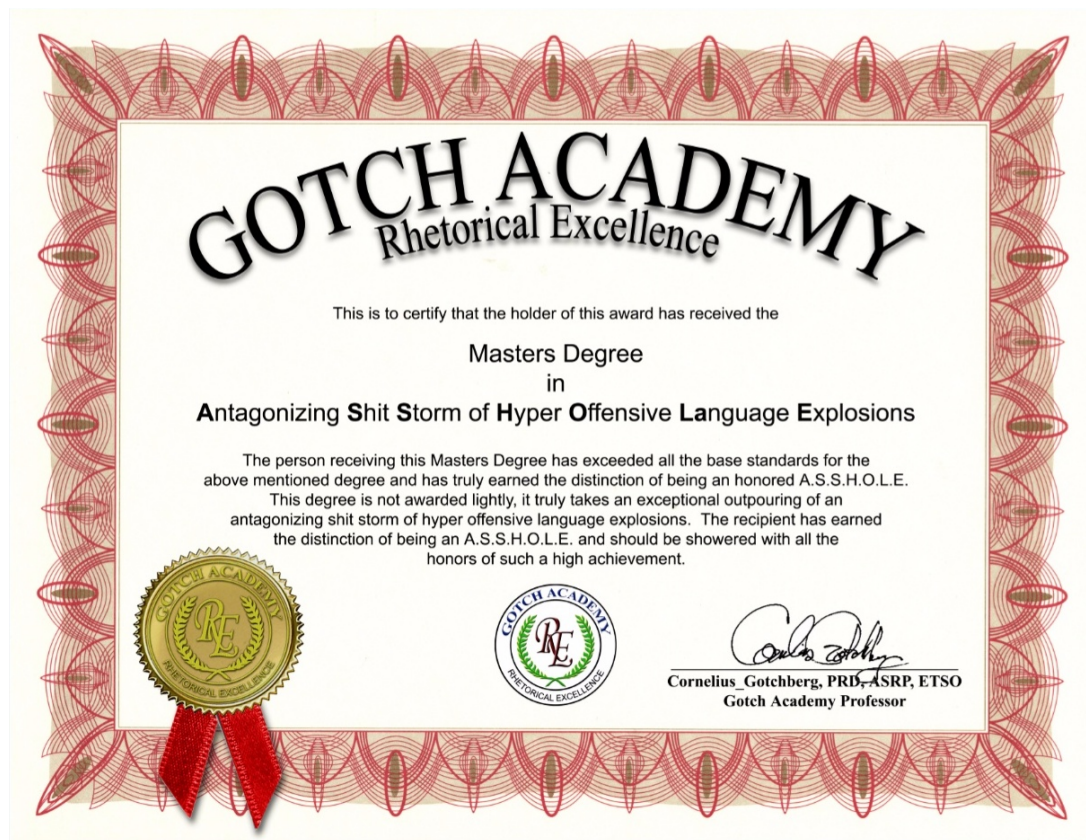
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Wow, that’s quite the tirade!

Professor Garrett Avila-Nichols earned himself one of these coveted awards...



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Zoltar Speaks!

September 20, 2017 at 9:01 pm



Jack wrote, "6. *I am beginning to think that the victims of this hyper-partisan virulent Trump-hate should be able to claim temporary insanity*"

How about [Traumatic Political Stress Disorder \(TPSD\)](#).

No joke matter anymore, I think it's a real thing.

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Chris marschner

September 20, 2017 at 9:54 pm



Had this professor used his/her position power to pressure a student into submitting to the sexual overtures of that professor we would and should hear outrage and demand punishment.

How is that any different when the pressure on the student is to adopt the desired political behavior to gratify the professor's desires or face adverse consequences by not acquiescing to the professor's

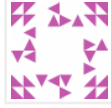
demand for a specific act that is unrelated to the educational experience.

In my mind, none. It is equivalent to a rape of the mind.

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Steve-O-in-NJ

September 20, 2017 at 10:55 pm



Ironically, I was 8 when I often responded to anger with strings of curses, until my father slammed me up against the wall and told me to stop it or he would give me the beating of my life. Sounds like this guy needs the same treatment.

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Extradimensional Cephalopod

September 20, 2017 at 11:11 pm



It occurs to me that the Left's strawman effigy of the Right has taken on a life of its own and become a huge scarecrow boogeyman. The Left trust their own assumptions about the motivations of the Right more than they trust the Right directly contradicting those assumptions through words and actions, so all they've got left is escalating paranoia. Their response is not to keep a watchful eye and make sure no lines are crossed, but rather to make all the people on the Right *go away*, because they must surely be up to something—building power in secret; preparing to wipe out or permanently oppress all of the ethnic, gender, sexual, and romantic minorities.

The most vocal people on the Left have become what they claim to hate, but based on their worldview, it's not what you do that's important, but who you do it to. It's the classic trope Protagonist Centered Morality, or alternatively Moral Myopia, and either way it's toxic.

I ended up writing this article to address this worsening issue:

<https://ginnungagapfoundation.wordpress.com/2017/09/12/educated-minds-unite/>. However, I don't have a huge following, so I'm glad the latest episode of Rick and Morty made a fairly clear statement against this sort of divisiveness.

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Wayne

September 21, 2017 at 12:32 am



He needs medication and a different setting to deal with his mental health issues. Alas, he probably has tenure so the university administration will most likely will give him a slap on the wrist and he will continue indoctrinating students.

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LoSonnambulo

September 21, 2017 at 12:47 am



I think it's a two-fold problem: the breakdown of religion, and the absence of any other code to serve as a brake on nasty behavior.

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