

Dear Friend,

I'm writing to ask for your help to sustain and grow the [Bard Center for the Study of Hate](#) (BCSH).

In one year of operation we have already

- started to train a new generation of students to recognize, understand, and take actions likely to be effective against hate.
- helped faculty at Bard and elsewhere increase the serious study of hate.
- received a significant grant from [GS Humane Corp](#) that will support major initiatives, including new classes, new research (including an index of the annual cost of hate), and new programs (including one on social media).
- coordinated and posted a [growing database of hate-focused syllabi](#) in order to spur new thinking and classes among faculty worldwide. At Bard we already have [40 classes this semester that relate to hate](#).
- presented at other colleges and universities (most recently at [University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill](#)), and will be speaking at the January 2020 meeting of the Association of American Colleges and Universities.
- funded our [summer internship program](#), sending students to work with groups combating hate, among them the Syrian Archives (exploring the conundrum that new restrictions on posting violent images online means reducing the ability to collect evidence of mass atrocities) and the Southern Poverty Law Center (researching hate groups with tax exempt status). [We also support students investigating hate as part of their senior project](#).
- hosted a series of distinguished speakers about hate including neuroscientist Roberg Friedman, French author Marc Weitzmann, social psychologist Jonathan Haidt and Bard alum and media expert Matt Taibbi '92.

With your support, we can help fund more student and faculty programs, bring in additional speakers, and find more opportunities to share the model we're creating at Bard with the academic world and beyond.

As always, I welcome your ideas, thoughts, and concerns invite you to email me at kstern@bard.edu or to call me at 718-503-4441.

Thank you for considering [supporting](#) the Bard Center for the Study of Hate (click on link and go to the Center for the Study of Hate on the dropdown menu).

With best regards,

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