



## *Opinion Forum*

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### *Oakland Journal Opinion Forum*

The Opinion Forum invites essays concerning current issues and problems, as well as letters of response to articles in the OAKLAND JOURNAL. Letters should be sent to Natalie B. Cole, Editor, THE OAKLAND JOURNAL, at [cole@oakland.edu](mailto:cole@oakland.edu).

This letter responded to Professor Timothy Larrabee's essay, "Equality for LGBT Faculty at Oakland University?" in the Fall 2010 issue of the OAKLAND JOURNAL:

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Dear Editor Cole,

I found the article on equality for homosexual faculty to be singularly unpersuasive; it is nothing more than a clever ploy to circumvent the will of the people as expressed in the vote of 2004. I hope that our Board does not yield on this issue. And I was gratified to know that other library staff were offended by the exhibit on gay families that was placed in the library. I am not saying that such an exhibit cannot be held on campus but not in a library as libraries must be neutral on social issues. I mean, the votaries of such exhibits would not allow religious folk, say Evangelicals or Muslims, to hold a counter exhibit in

the library. By taking stands on social issues as librarians and as a library we estrange the communities we seek to serve.

Regards,

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