## Statement Disavowing Gender Based Violence UW-Whitewater Women's and Gender Studies Department

The Women's and Gender Studies Department stands in solidarity with all survivors of gender-based violence (GBV). Physical, sexual, psychological, and economic forms of GBV are present in many forms around the world. Approximately 1 in 3 individuals experience GBV in their lifetimes. This number increases for women of color, trans\* people, and those at the intersections of multiple socially marginalized identities. Importantly, college campuses can be both a site of increased gender-based violence and a site to challenge that violence. Today, and every day, the Department of Women's and Gender Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater reaffirms our commitment to educating our students and colleagues about gender-based violence and intersectional oppression. We proudly serve as a resource and support system for all survivors of gender-based violence at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and surrounding communities. We are committed to ensuring our community and institution are safe for all persons.