Hate Crime

- Criminal action intended to harm or intimidate people because of their race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion or other minority groups status (Herek, et.al., 1999)

- Hate as a normative judgement

- Emotion, Disposition, or Syndrome (Stermberg, 2005)
Source of Hate

• Hate involves anger with a self perception of powerlessness

• More likely when the transgressor perceives self as a superior than a subordinate (Fitness, 2000)

• Role of perceived loss of privilege
Duplex Theory of Hate
Sternberg, 2005

• Hate is closely related psychologically to love
• Hate is neither the opposite of love nor the absence of love
• Hate, like love, can be characterized by triangular structure generated by these stories
• Hate is a major precursor of many terrorist acts, massacres, and genocides
Triangular Structure of Hate

• Negation of Intimacy (Distancing) in Hate: Repulsion and Disgust

• Passion in Hate: Anger-Fear

• Decision-Commitment in Hate: Devaluation-diminution Through Contempt
Hate, Conflict, and Moral Exclusion
(Opotow, 1990)

• When hate becomes destructive, morals act as accelerant
• Moral exclusion results from moral justifications for doing harm
• Hate is relational and intrapsychic
• Emotions and Cognitions are the building blocks
Moral Exclusion

- Views those excluded as psychologically distant and unconnected with oneself
- Lacks constructive obligations or responsibilities toward those excluded
- Views those excluded as nonentities, expendable, and undeserving of fairness and the community resources and sacrifices that could foster well-being
- Condones procedures and outcomes for those excluded that would be unacceptable for those inside the scope of justice.
FBI hate Crime Definition

• Pre formed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons based on their race, religion, ethnicity/national origin, or sexual orientation.

• Perpetrator perspective that their actions are justified by their beliefs and values; some kinds of people are outside the scope of justice

• Inflicting harm is a justified and worthy goal
Hate Crimes on Campus

- Matthew Shepard, Jena 6, Noose incidents
- 1998 statistics based on 450 colleges and universities from 40 states
- 241 incidents of hate crime reported by 222 schools
  - 57% motivated by race
  - 18% motivated by anti-Semitism
  - 16% motivated by sexual orientation
Hate Crime vs Bias Incidents

• Bias incidents defined as acts of prejudice not accompanied by violence, threat of violence, property damage, or other illegal conduct
• May violate some campus disciplinary or harassment policies, but not rise to criminal hate crime statues
• Temple University ruling for free speech
Cyber – Harassment & Hate

- E-mail
  - Organization recruitment example
- Texting
  - Free and anonymous websites
- Blogging
  - Free speech anything goes culture
- Juicy Campus.com
  - Gossip, hate speech and bullying peers
Campus Response Principles

- There is no such thing as a “local event” that can be contained
- Silence is Acquiescence
Possible Best practices

• Prepared news releases for anticipated events
• Bias Response Team, BART – e.g. The Ohio State University
• Comprehensive Campus website e.g. Miami University
• Campus Dialogues
• Alternative action campaigns e.g. University of Missouri