

Professor says n-word, sparks uproar at University of Windsor

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The teacher apologized on Twitter Thursday. (File photo)

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A professor spoke the n-word twice in class at the University of Windsor on Wednesday, sparking outcry from some students and staff.

Professor Ashley Glassburn-Falzetti added the n-word warning her students that the word is in a book she had just read out. Josh Lamers, who is not in Ms Glassburn-Falzetti's class, posted his outrage on Twitter on Thursday.

The instructors often say they use the word n as a teaching tool, but often these instructors are not black and they use academic freedom and freedom of expression to tell these anti-Black things, did -he declares.

As much as it is glaring, this is an example of what is continually happening on campus.

In a letter to University of Windsor President Robert Gordon, students and faculty members, united under the name Researchers, Academics, and Advocates of Color for Equity in Solidarity (RAACES, Researchers, Academics and Advocates of color for equity and solidarity) expressed serious concerns about the incident.

Ms. Glassburn-Falzetti is an Assistant Professor in the University's Women and Gender Studies program.

She posted an apology on Twitter to students in her class on Thursday. She claims to have realized that her words hurt some people.

She also apologized to Mr. Lamers.

Ms Glassburn-Falzetti did not respond to CBC News interview requests.

The University of Windsor provided the following statement via email: The word has been used in a classroom setting and the University considers this to be a serious issue and is in the process of being resolved. We hope that a resolution will be found. The University must provide a welcoming and supportive environment for all, and all forms of anti-black racism must be combated.

According to Lamers, the word is linked to a long history of dehumanization, defamation, violation, prejudice and murder of blacks, and for that reason alone, it is deeply unacceptable for non-blacks to use it .

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