OUR MISSION
The Center for Gender Resources and Sexual Education (GRASE) cultivates a transformative community by providing leadership, expertise, and resources on gender and sexuality. We envision a campus environment that is radially inclusive, equitable, and participatory of LGBTQIA+, women, and femme students.

OUR VALUES
Community Voice & Action
Social Justice
Intersectionality
Education
Leadership

THE PACE OF GRASE
Our work is grounded in the following pillars: Policy, Advocacy, Community Engagement, and Education.

40+ YEARS OF HISTORY
The Center for Gender Resources and Sexual Education (GRASE) was established as the Women's Center in October 1981 with officially opening doors for operations in the spring of 1982.

The transition to a coeducational environment at the College, as the first class of women enrolled in 1981, presented urgent needs to address the gender-based discrimination and violence. Following the demands from students and staff for support, the Center was established with a mission to support women with dignity, respect, and confidence.

Over the years, the Center has grown to provide students with support and resources around gender, sexuality, and sexual education. In 2020, the Women*s Center was renamed as The Center for Gender Resources and Sexual Education (GRASE) to accurately reflect the expanded work within the LGBTQIA+ communities.

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Sign up for our monthly newsletter to learn about upcoming events and highlights!
GRASE INITIATIVES

Our Roots: QTBIPOC Healing Space
A monthly gathering space with workshops and events centering the stories of Queer and Trans, Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (QTBIPOC) and providing a space for open dialogue, community connections, and collective resilience.

Anthologies: HerStory & HaverQueer
A tradition that began with the first co-ed class graduating in 1984, HerStory is an anthology that is composed of students’ stories, poetry, and art capturing their years at Haverford. The anthology is published annually and archived at GRASE. HaverQueer is a new anthology that will capture the history, experiences, and stories of queer and trans students at Haverford.

Alumni Mentorship Program
The GRASE LGBTQIA+ Alumni Mentorship (GLAM) Program aims to enhance LGBTQIA+ students’ overall college experience by matching students with alumni mentors for guidance, support, and resources on gender identity and sexual orientation.

QHouse
The QHouse is a residential and community space for students invested in the histories, legacies, liberation, and celebration of LGBTQIA+ communities. Led by residents, QHouse hosts monthly events for residents as well as the larger campus community.

ANNUAL PROGRAMS

Latinx History Month
Joint programming with Alliance of Latin American Students (ALAS), Latinx Center residents, and partners on intersectional identities.

LGBTQIA+ History Month
Series of events honoring and celebrating the LGBTQIA+ liberation movement, trans and queer history at the College and Philadelphia, National Coming Out Day, and International Pronouns Day.

Trans Awareness Month
Celebrate trans and gender-diverse communities with trans resilience series, name change clinic, culminating with Transgender Day of Remembrance.

Black History Month
Joint programming with Black Students’ League Officers, Office of Multicultural Affairs, and campus partners to celebrate Black trans and queer joy.

Women’s History Month
Series of events that celebrates women in history and today, including women who played an integral role at the College

Campus Pride Month
Celebrate Pride Month with Drag & House Ball, Pride Festival, film screenings, community conversations, mixers, and more.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month
Joint programming with Title IX Office and campus partners on sexual violence prevention, healthy relationships, and boundaries.

Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Heritage Month
Joint programming with Pan-Asian Resource Centers and partners on intersectional identities.

Lavender Graduation & Senior Women/Femme Brunch
End-of-year celebrations: Lavender Graduation honoring LGBTQIA+ graduates, and Senior Women/Femme Brunch with HerStory readings.

RESOURCES & OPPORTUNITIES

Trans & Gender Diverse Support
GRASE Center offers support for trans and gender diverse students, including guidance on preferred name and pronouns on college platforms, navigating health insurance, and accessing psychological and health services, in addition to regular programming.

All-Gender Restrooms
Following a celebratory win in 2018 Special Plenary Resolution on Gender Neutral Bathrooms the College have expanded all-gender bathrooms in academic and administrative buildings. Visit GRASE site for an updated list of all-gender bathrooms.

Leadership Opportunities
Get involved by applying for Student Associate internship program, LGBTQIA+ Advisory Council, Alumni Mentorship program, and volunteer engagement opportunities with the Center and local LGBTQIA+ organizations.

Visit the GRASE Center
The GRASE Center in Stokes 119 offers an extensive library of books and publications on gender and sexuality, large TV monitor, fridge, microwave, games, and comfortable seating!