

York University academics, students, and alumni GORMLESS FEMINISTS OF THE MONTH



[J4MB](#) presents the November 2015 ‘Gormless Feminists of the Month’ award to the 191 academics, students, and alumni, at York University, who co-signed the [open letter](#) which led to the spineless university authorities withdrawing their marking of International Men’s Day. A particularly gormless paragraph in the letter:

According to its official UK website, ‘International Men’s Day’ exists to raise awareness of global issues facing men and boys, and to ‘celebrate the contribution that men make.’ It does not, however, seek a dialogue on such issues with women’s equality campaigns or initiatives. [Oh no – those evil patriachs!] Nor does it acknowledge that the patriarchal structures which underpin society are inimical to both male and female advancement and well-being, or that the achievements of men are celebrated and disproportionately highlighted as a matter of course. [Maybe not ‘acknowledged’ because both claims are *demonstrably* ridiculous? Just a thought...] We believe in a critical approach towards equality and diversity, which seeks to understand the structural causes of disadvantage. [This ‘critical approach’ will be 100% based upon radical feminist conspiracy theories, fantasies, lies, delusions and myths, i.e. the core curriculum of all Women’s Studies courses globally, by definition.]

The more senior gormless feminists among the co-signatories include Derek Attridge (Professor, Department of English and Related Literature), Stevi Jackson (Director, Centre for Women’s Studies), Peter Smith (Professor, Department of Economics), and Tom Stoneham (Professor, Department of Philosophy). We thank Simon for drawing this matter to our attention, and invite you to email him yorkimd2015@gmail.com to express your support. Thank you.