

**March 5, 2023**

Dear UB Gender Institute Community,

We have just learned that the right-wing political commentator Michael Knowles, who recently spoke at CPAC and called for the “eradication” of transgenderism “from public life,” is scheduled to speak at UB this Thursday at the invitation of Young Americans for Freedom. The Gender Institute has posted a letter to UB's President Tripathi calling for Knowles' invitation to be rescinded and for the event to be canceled on the grounds that Knowles' call for genocidal violence against trans folk clearly contradicts UB's stated core values of diversity, inclusion, and mutual respect. If you are a UB student, faculty member, member of staff, alumnus, or member of the Western New York community and would like to add your name to the letter, please use the link below.

[Letter to President Tripathi](#)

Thank you for your support,

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