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## **Out and Greek: Shane Windmeyer to speak on sexual orientation issues and Greek life**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. --Shane Windmeyer, co-editor of the book "Out on Fraternity Row: Personal Accounts of Being Gay in a College Fraternity" and "Secret Sisters: Stories of Being Lesbian & Bisexual in a College Sorority," will speak at Illinois Wesleyan University on Thursday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Main Lounge of the Memorial Student Center, 104 E. University St., Bloomington. Windmeyer, one of the foremost educators on sexual orientation issues and Greek life speaks candidly about his own experience of coming out to his fraternity and how homophobia affects everyone.

Gay or straight, Greek or non-Greek, Windmeyer opens the closet door that traditionally keeps students silenced on issues surrounding sexual orientation. He combines humor and personal experience to destroy stereotypes that perpetuate homophobia and sheds light on an often invisible segment of the college Greek community -- gay, lesbian and bisexual brothers and sisters.

Windmeyer joined Phi Delta Theta fraternity in the Spring of 1992 and recalls coming out to his fraternity as one of his most rewarding undergraduate experiences. As a result, he founded and currently serves as coordinator of the Lambda 10 Project--National Clearinghouse for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Greek Issues.

This interactive, fun and thought-provoking presentation explores some of the myths about being gay and allows for a greater understanding of sexual orientation among all college students. Audience members will leave challenged to create stronger communities free of homophobia and build coalitions for change on campus.

Windmeyer has been a featured guest speaker on many college campuses and published his second book titled "Secret Sisters: Stories of Being Lesbian and Bisexual in a College Sorority," in April of 2001.

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