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RE: University of California, Davis – Professor Joshua Clover

Dear Mr. Duckett,

I write to you today on behalf of the Peace Officers' Research Association of California (PORAC) and our more than 70,000 members. It was with complete dismay that we learned recently of comments made by a tenured UC Davis faculty member, Joshua Clover. Professor Clover made the following unacceptable and vile comments about peace officers:

“I am **thankful that every living cop will one day be dead**, some by their own hand, some by others, too many of old age #letsnotmakemore” – tweeted on Nov. 27, 2014

“I mean, **it's easier to shoot cops when their backs are turned**, no?” – tweeted on Dec. 27, 2014

“People think that cops need to be reformed. **They need to be killed.**” – published in an interview on Jan. 31, 2016

While we absolutely believe in the first Amendment of the Constitution, this type of speech is unacceptable and outright dangerous. Hateful rhetoric has no place on a University of California campus, especially when it advocates the murder of people. I believe if Professor Clover had advocated for the murder of any other group of professionals or group of people, the University of California would have terminated his employment. Professor Clover's words, and continued defense of those words, cannot be tolerated in a time where police officers are being targeted and killed in the line of duty at drastic rates. This year alone, a mere 66 days in, 11 officers have already been killed by gunfire – exactly the method detailed in these repulsive statements by Professor Clover.

Not only has Joshua Clover contributed to the divide between police and the communities they put their lives on the line to protect, but he has had a direct hand in supporting their

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murders. To make matters worse, he is not even slightly apologetic, nor does he recant his statements. He, in fact, doubled down when approached about the matter by saying “on the day that police have as much to fear from a literature professor as black kids do from police, I will definitely have a statement.”

This situation is especially troubling in the wake of the tragic death of Davis Police Officer Natalie Corona. What kind of message is UC Davis sending to its community members, who are still mourning this incomprehensible loss, standing by a man so cavalier about his hate? University administration saying that they “support law enforcement, and the UC Davis Police Department and Chief Joe Farrow have been and remain critical partners to our community” is nice but simply not good enough.

We call on you to take immediate action by condemning Professor Clover’s irresponsible behavior in the strongest possible terms and dismissing him from any further service to the University of California system. Quite honestly, this man should not be teaching anyone at any level, let alone the future leaders of our great nation at UCD.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter. Please feel free to contact me at (916) 928-3777 or president@porac.org if you wish to discuss this further.

Very Truly Yours,
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