

## Justice for Gallaudet

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Jane Fernandes has issued a statement today which exemplifies her extreme lack of ability to appreciate the true nature of circumstances, contexts and events.

She issued a statement today which claimed that her resigning would cause worse problems for academia in general than if she stayed.

That would be an accurate observation if she were an innocent and upright party involved in this case. However, when she is the *perpetrator* and she has colluded with others to violate the spirit, if not the direct letter of the law, of the Education of the Deaf Act of 1986 (as amended), by, among other actions, transforming the Board of Trustees into a rubber-stamp-wielding group of figureheads; and when she participates in perpetrating extreme and onerous acts of oppression against the very stakeholders she is charged to help and provide benefit to, then *she* is the party that has gone against the rule of law and has therefore created episodes and epochs of anarchic dysfunction which deserve condemnation.

The protesters are acting in the spirit of responsible civic involvement and are, by their actions, sending **a wake-up call to the proper legislative, executive and judicial officers, so that proper investigations and proper lawful remedies may be implemented. This is intended, as I see it, to put pressure on Jordan and Fernandes to step down, in order to accelerate the process of justice, so that, as one protester put it, we may "get on with our lives."**

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*Note (Nov. 2, 2013): The highlighted portion above was later quoted in Lewis Perry's book: "Civil Disobedience—An American Tradition," (page 18).*