

Utah State University Diversity Awards

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Faculty: *Jason Gilmore*

An embodiment of diversity and inclusion in all facets of his professional contributions, **Jason Gilmore's** work as an assistant professor in the Languages, Philosophy and Communications Department at USU clearly models behavior that nourishes acceptance of differences and strives to enhance relations among everyone.

Gilmore created a curriculum based on providing students the tools necessary to effectively and respectfully navigate issues of human difference, diversity and inclusion in their personal and professional lives. He created and leads USU students on a 10-day pilgrimage through the deep South of the United States to learn firsthand about the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 60s and the related issues still relevant today. Each pilgrimage is multiracial, multigenerational, multi-gendered, multi-sexual and multinational ensuring students receive a broad understanding of perspectives.

With the belief that issues of diversity and inclusion should not be confined to the USU campus, Gilmore has worked with USU students to produce three radio series with Utah Public Radio focused on the issues of civil rights and international and intercultural understanding. He also created the hashtag, #USUInclusion to be used by students engaged in activities that promote diversity and inclusion. For students interested in gaining more international and intercultural exposure and experience, Gilmore founded the USU Global Communication Club to promote ideas of cultural inclusion and diversity on campus with a number of different events and projects.