

## American Scholarly Societies Joint Statement on "Campus Carry" Legislation

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The undersigned learned societies are deeply concerned about the impact of Texas's new Campus Carry law on freedom of expression in Texas universities. The law, which was passed earlier this year and takes effect in 2016, allows licensed handgun carriers to bring concealed handguns into buildings on Texas campuses. Our societies are concerned that the Campus Carry law and similar laws in other states introduce serious safety threats on college campuses with a resulting harmful effect on students and professors.

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