

quote submissions for campus sculpture

Experiencing discomfort in an intimate setting is a nearly universal experience, yet one that is rarely discussed. We know there is difference between being made to feel uncomfortable and being harassed or assaulted, but because the subject matter is so taboo, we don't have any sort of common understanding of where that distinction is.

Currently, we are finding out the hard way. It makes people uncomfortable to talk about what makes them uncomfortable. It also makes people uncomfortable to ask what makes others uncomfortable. The result is a lot more discomfort than either person bargained for. And far too often, ignoring these boundaries leads to assault.

These are difficult conversations to have, either preemptively or after the fact. Guilt, shame, fear of repercussions (legal or social), or feeling like "it wasn't that big of a deal" often prevents us from saying anything at all. This project is an abstract attempt to have that conversation together.

Write about what makes you uncomfortable. Write about a time you felt like something you did might have made someone else uncomfortable. Anything that gave you that uncanny feeling regarding the manner in which your body was perceived or treated by someone else. Maybe it was something subtle that just left you feeling a little bit uneasy the next day. Maybe it was more distinct. Only you can know what you are comfortable with, and comfortable with sharing with everyone else.

Your submission would be anonymous, and please please do not include any personal or identifying information. The goal is neither to conduct a witch-hunt nor to re-traumatize survivors, but rather a collective attempt to learn how to take care of one another.

* Indicates required question

1. What would you like to (anonymously) share? (unlimited submissions)

2. Do you want your submission to be included in the installation? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

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