

# U.S. Congressman Barney Frank Speaks at UNH Jan. 20

## Talk Focuses on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Issues in Presidential Race

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DURHAM, N.H. -- U.S. Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) will speak at the University of New Hampshire Thursday, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Union Building's Granite State Room.

Frank's talk will focus on contemporary gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender issues in light of the upcoming Presidential primary. The event, sponsored by the UNH Kidder Fund Distinguished Guest Lecture Series, is free and open to the public. A reception will follow in the same location.

Frank is one of three openly gay members of Congress. He was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from Massachusetts in 1980, and is a member of the Judiciary Committee and the Banking Financial Services Committee.

In a recent evaluation of Congress, the Almanac of American Politics cited, "Frank is one of the intellectual and political leaders of the Democratic Party in the House, political theorist and pit bull at the same time." Politics in America also noted, Frank's "penchant for trying to match liberalism with hard-nosed pragmatism in order to move the legislative ball."

Frank is the author of the 1992 book, *Speaking Frankly*, an essay on the role that the Democratic Party should play in the 1990s. Also co-sponsoring Frank's talk are UNH's Department of Political Science, Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, President's Task Force for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Issues, Alliance (a student organization dedicated to the concerns of the GLBT community), and the GLBT Alumni Network.

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