

Statement of Support for Alexi Amaya

We, the members of the Gender Working Group of the Coalition for Academic Freedom in the Americas (CAFA), express our deepest solidarity with Alexi Amaya, who for nine years has faced a long and painful process of institutional gender violence at the National University of Colombia (UNAL) after having the courage to report a professor for sexual and workplace harassment.

This situation represents a serious case of violence through revictimization and silencing by an institution that, instead of protecting the complainant and guaranteeing her rights, kept her in a toxic environment and then dismissed her on the grounds of a false administrative restructuring of the Faculty of Law, Political and Social Sciences.

Alexi's journey has been marked by resistance against a structure that insists on making her pain invisible, delegitimizing her voice, and perpetuating gender-based violence rooted in the university environment.

The prolongation of this process for almost a decade is a clear example of institutional neglect in the face of allegations of harassment, as well as complicity with misogynistic practices that put the physical, emotional, and professional integrity of women and dissidents in academia at risk. We reaffirm that no university can consider itself democratic or committed to human rights while it normalizes or covers up gender-based violence.

We demand that UNAL acknowledge its institutional responsibility, repair the damage caused to Alexi Amaya, and implement real and effective institutional measures to address gender-based violence with transparency, attentive listening, and justice.

Alexi is not alone. We will continue to stand by her side, for truth, justice, and reparation. For universities free of violence.