



Keystone College Interdependence Day

Keynote Speaker



Stephen A. Glassman

*“The Expansion of Human Rights: America’s
Place in a Rapidly Changing World”*

Thursday, September 16, 2010,
12:45–1:45 p.m., Evans Hall

Stephen A. Glassman is a tireless advocate for the civil rights of ethnic and racial minorities, women, religious groups, older workers and people with disabilities, as well as the expansion of current civil rights laws to include sexual orientation and gender identity.

He has lectured extensively across the country and has served as a director on numerous boards of arts and civil rights organizations. He has appeared on many television programs – including “Martha Stewart,” “CBS This Morning,” and an episode of the sitcom “Frasier” – as well as on radio and in the press, speaking on behalf of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and other civil rights causes, AIDS issues and architecture and design.

A trained architect, Glassman was the first openly gay political appointee in Baltimore, Md., where he served as civic design commissioner. After relocating to Pennsylvania, he served as president of Common Roads, a lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth support group, and as co-chair and founder of the Statewide Pennsylvania Rights Coalition.

Glassman was appointed by Gov. Mark Schweiker to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission and was unanimously confirmed by the PA Senate. He is the first openly gay individual to receive a gubernatorial appointment subject to Senate confirmation to a Pennsylvania board or commission. In 2003, Gov. Edward Rendell appointed Glassman as chairperson of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, making him the first openly gay person in the country to chair a state gubernatorial commission subject to Senate confirmation and the highest ranking openly gay appointed official in Pennsylvania. He was appointed by Gov. Rendell in 2006 as vice chairperson of the Governor’s Cabinet and Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities.