

Advisory Committee on Renaming Jordan Hall and  
Removing Statue of Louis Agassiz

Ad Hoc Committee Reporting to the President

Charge

The Advisory Committee on Renaming Jordan Hall and Removing the Statue of Louis Agassiz is charged with reviewing two related requests to rename Jordan Hall, one from the [Department of Psychology](#) and one from the [Eugenics at Stanford History Project](#). The request from the Department of Psychology also includes a request to remove the statue of Louis Agassiz on the front façade of the building.

The committee will apply the [Principles and Procedures for Renaming Buildings and Other Features at Stanford University](#) approved in 2018 (hereafter, Principles) to evaluate the requests to rename Jordan Hall. It will also develop an approach as to how the Principles can be extended to address requests for the removal of public monuments, and apply that approach to the request to remove the statue of Louis Agassiz.

The committee will engage robustly with the campus community, particularly with groups that may have a special interest in the issues described in the requests. It will create an open forum for input to ensure opportunities for comment from all interested parties. And it will conduct the historical research it deems necessary to evaluate the issues set out in the requests.

The committee will present its recommendations in a report to the President, who may approve them or ask for additional information, outreach, or analysis. The President will take the final approved recommendations to the Board of Trustees for confirmation.

All committee members will serve with an objective to represent the best interests of the entire university and need to be open to multiple perspectives. Committee members are not intended to represent any particular constituencies, but rather to consider issues impartially. It is possible that committee members have heard, or even participated in, discussions on the issues in the requests. However, the committee's role is to ascertain the relevant facts through the committee's fact-finding process and consider applicable principles with an open mind. Advocacy groups and stakeholder perspectives may provide input on the issue through other methods, as determined by the President and/or the committee chair.