

Candidate Statement
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During my years of involvement in faculty activism and governance, I have welcomed the wealth of knowledge, history, and authenticity of the AAUP both in words and actions. Starting with my work with my local advocacy chapter on projects that were aimed at improving working conditions on my own campus for part-time faculty, I knew I had found like-minded people, with a strong sense of justice and selfless pursuit of arduous goals.

Prior to obtaining union representation I worked in my role as a university senator to keep contingent faculty needs in the forefront, making significant gains by working on building coalitions and working with university committees to help enact change. In part due to this earlier work, I was elected as the first president of my local union Adjuncts United in 2006 and re-elected to a second term in 2008. During my tenure I worked on the negotiations committee for the 2.5 years it took to broker our first contract that included just cause protections as well as many other benefits, professional development funding, raises, minimums, and other vital protections such as academic freedom. Since ratification I have worked on a number of grievances receiving at least partial satisfaction in all our cases but one since our first three year contract took effect in Fall of 2008.

During the past two years I have devoted myself seriously to the tasks assigned to me in my multiple roles as a member of the New York State AAUP Conference including planning events, keeping active in the research of state trends in Higher Education and more. Since 2007 I have been the chair of the Contingent Faculty Committee. In April 2008 I was elected an Executive Committee Member at Large. I have served as the interim Vice President for the State Conference since April 2009, and am standing for re-election because I believe the work has value, and that I have proven myself as a hard worker, and passionate advocate. I also have connections via my local union to the AFT and NYSUT including serving on NYSUT's Higher Education Council, which will help the New York State Conference build key bridges and create stronger alliances.

As the continuing vice president, I will devote my energy to the transition of the AAUP into the next era; one that includes new and unique challenges. My vision of the future is to increase our membership and overall profile, to improve our communications processes, and to expand into state level lobbying as it applies to our key interests. If elected I promise never to forget our roots, our values, and our mission, especially preserving and strengthening tenure and academic freedom.