

Nominations Sought for Officer Positions in the Tennessee State Conference for 2014-1016

Nominations are being solicited for officers to serve in the Tennessee state conference of the AAUP. Officers are expected to attend the bi-annual meetings of the state conference, held in different areas of the state, which take place in the Fall and in the Spring. The Vice Presidents represent their constituencies, and keep abreast of developments and issues affecting their constituencies. These positions are:

President of the Tennessee State Conference of the American Association of University Professors. The Tennessee AAUP State Chapter President should be someone already very active in their local and/or the Tennessee state AAUP. The President leads two meetings a year of the state conference officers, one in fall and one in spring. The state conference president also brings concerns of individual chapters to state conference officers and keeps abreast of news in higher education in the legislature, the Board of Regents system, the University of Tennessee system, and the Tennessee Higher Education Commission. The President of the Tennessee Conference of the AAUP should be willing to lead on matters concerning higher education in Tennessee, especially pertaining to the primary concerns of the AAUP: tenure, academic freedom, and shared governance. The President will work with a part-time lobbyist to identify issues that need to be brought before the Tennessee legislature.

Secretary of the Tennessee State Conference of the American Association of University Professors. The Secretary takes minutes at bi-annual state conference meetings; sends periodic e-mails to the membership; and edits the e-mailed newsletter.

Treasurer of the Tennessee State Conference of the American Association of University Professors. The Treasurer is responsible for caretaking the monies of the Tennessee state conference; corresponding with national AAUP office regarding financial matters; and writing checks for expenses incurred by the state conference and/or by individuals engaged in conference business.

Vice Presidents of the Tennessee Conference of the American Association of University Professors. The Vice Presidents represent their constituencies and keep abreast of developments and issues affecting their constituencies. There are three (3) vice presidents: **Vice President for Public Universities; Vice President for Community Colleges; Vice President for Private Institutions.**

Many development opportunities such as workshops and meetings locally and nationally are available to AAUP state conference leaders for which partial, and sometimes full, funding is available, and officers in the state chapter of the AAUP are making valuable contributions to the profession through their service.

Nominations should be made by Feb. 24 (you may nominate yourself as well)

Send your suggested nominations with contact information (especially e-mail address) to the AAUP nominating committee members: Josie McQuail at jmcquail@tntech.edu; Scott McMillan at scott.mcmillan@volste.edu and Femi Ajanku at femi_ajanku@loc.edu with the subject heading "state conference AAUP nominations."

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS EMAIL WITH NOMINATIONS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ELECTIONS AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS' DUTIES, PLEASE SEE THE CONFERENCE CONSTITUTION: http://www.aaup-tnconf.org/aaup_tnconf_constitution.html.

Court Ruling Takes Stand for Faculty Free Speech

A federal appeals court has given a strong endorsement to the idea that faculty speech rights at public colleges and universities were not constrained by a 2006 Supreme Court ruling that limited the rights of some public employees.

Read more: <http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2014/02/13/court-ruling-takes-stand-faculty-free-speech#ixzz2tLoFEMZq>

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IRS Clarifies Adjunct Work Hours for Affordable Care Act Purposes

WASHINGTON -- The Obama administration on Monday [released its long-awaited final guidance](#) on how colleges should calculate the hours of adjunct instructors and student workers for purposes of the new federal mandate that employers provide health insurance to those who work more than 30 hours a week.

Read more: <http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2014/02/11/irs-guidance-health-care-law-clarifies-formula-counting-adjunct-hours#ixzz2tLpaoX4P>
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PRIVATIZATION AWARENESS MONTH IN TENNESSEE

The **Tennessee Conference of the American Association of University Professors and the TTU and MTSU chapters** are pleased to host a nationally-prominent guest speaker to Tennessee in late March. Details follow. We hope you can join us for one or more of the programs and that you will help publicize these events with your colleagues. All are welcome! There are no fees to attend any of the programs.

Ellen Boesenberg, School of Education, SUNY Binghamton

Thursday, March 27, on the campus of Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville

TTU AAUP invites everyone to hear our featured speaker, Ellen Boesenberg, on "The Brave New World of Outsourcing Education: Displacing Tenure by Use of Adjunct Faculty, Standardized Testing, and Computer Technologies." Two events, one in the morning, and one in the evening. Co-sponsored by the Tennessee Education Association.

11 a.m. in 205 Henderson Hall (5 William L. Jones Dr., Cookeville 38505).

6 p.m. Special evening appearance in the STEM Center auditorium (155 W 7th St, Cookeville, TN 38505)
Contact Troy Smith at tdsmith@tntech.edu 931-372-6297 (office) or 218-591-2661 (cell) for more information. Campus map is at http://www.tntech.edu/map/campus_map.pdf

Friday, March 28, on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro

The AAUP chapter at MTSU invites you and your guests to hear Ellen Boesenberg's thoughts on outsourcing education, with particular attention to the situation of adjunct faculty. Plenty of time for discussion! Refreshments!

3 p.m. in the Faculty Senate Chambers, James Union Building Room 100. Park and enter from the parking lot between Middle Tennessee Boulevard and the James Union Building. Enter at Bell Street. Campus map and directions at

<http://www.mtsu.edu/maps/index.php>

Saturday, March 29, at the Tennessee Conference spring meeting in Nashville

9:30 a.m., Room 354, Avon Williams Campus of Tennessee State University in downtown Nashville (10th Ave S and Charlotte Ave, exit I-40 at Charlotte Ave and proceed toward the state capitol). Representatives from several advocacy organizations, including United Campus Workers and the Tennessee Education Association, will join Warren Tormey, contingent faculty activist at MTSU, and Ellen Boesenberg, whose presentation will be "Brave New World: From Academic Freedom to Academic Survival."

Lunch, followed by the spring business meeting for AAUP members. For more information, contact Coley McGinnis, conference president, at coleymac@comcast.net.

Ellen Boesenberg is a doctoral student in the School of Education at Binghamton University in Binghamton, N.Y. She has taught courses in education and in human development and was active in the Graduate Student Organization and the Graduate Student Employees Union. She also served as an instructor in an Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) summer program. Her scholarly work focuses on Foundations of Education, bringing an interdisciplinary approach to understanding educational issues. Her dissertation looks at the discourses that drive standardized testing, examining both the origins of testing and the current application of testing in the United States.

Can't attend? Wish to know more? Read Ellen Boesenberg's article "Privatizing Public Schools: Education in the Marketplace" [here](#).

U.S. House Issues Report on Adjunct Faculty Labor:

"The Just-in-Time Professor"

Read *Inside Higher Ed's* story [here](#)

“The Just-In-Time Professor’ document marks the first time Congress has so formally acknowledged a situation that adjunct activists have long deemed exploitative.”