



Plan to Attend
COCAL X * August 9-12, 2012 * Mexico City
Conference of Contingent Academic Labor

On the Agenda (Tentative)

- Health, social security, and retirement
- Organizing, challenges and strategies for the 21st century
- Employment rights (hiring, tenure, wages, benefits, safety, health)
- Union rights (recognition, alliances and federations, government management)
- Political and cultural rights (political organization, press freedom)
- Forms of struggle and achievement (strikes, work stoppages, earned negotiations, active strikes, demonstrations, campaigns, use of new technologies, success stories)
- Culture and identity of academic subjects
- Diversity of gender, ethnicity, and sexual preference; respected different capabilities
- Relationship of academics to students, other campus workers, authorities

What is COCAL?

COCAL is a loose network of activists. Its primary functions are to share information, educate colleagues and the public about contingent faculty issues, and build solidarity among the scattered ranks of faculty activists. Participants include members and staff of the AAUP and many other organizations, plus unaffiliated individuals.

Connect With COCAL

List serv: http://adj-l.org/mailman/listinfo/adj-l_adj-l.org

Website: <http://cocalinternational.org/index.html>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/COCALInternational>

Why Mexico City?

COCAL is a multinational group, and its conferences are organized by faculty groups who volunteer to host. Past conferences have been at the Universite Laval in Quebec, San Diego State University, and other locations in the US and Canada. This time, faculty at the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (or the National Autonomous University of Mexico) are hosting the conference.

What Are the Logistics?

Mexico City is about a five hour flight from DC, four hours from Chicago, and three and a half hours from LA. The conference will take place primarily at the university; arrangements include a group hotel and bus transportation to and from sessions. Registration information will be posted at <http://cocalinternational.org/events.html> when it is final. Some scholarships will be available; please-mail gbradley@aaup.org to get on the list for scholarship information.

Planned Social/Cultural Events:

- Visit to the castle of Chapultepec and the National Museum of anthropology
- Tour of Ciudad Universitaria facilities (UNESCO-World Heritage Site)
- Friday and Saturday dinners organized by Mexican university unions with music and dance
- Optional preconference excursion day:
 - Morning: Visit to the pyramids of Teotihuacan and the Chapingo Autonomous University
 - Lunch in Teotihuacán
 - Afternoon: visit private and public universities