

Henry Reichman, History, California State University, East Bay

Candidate Biography

Education: B.A., Columbia University, 1969; Ph.D (Russian/European History) University of California, Berkeley, 1977.

Academic Employment: University of California, San Diego, 1978; Northwestern University, 1979-80; IREX Scholar, Leningrad, USSR, 1981-82; Memphis State University, 1983-89; University of California, Davis, 1989; California State University, East Bay (CSUEB), 1989-present.

Honors: CSUEB Outstanding Professor Award, 1998; CSUEB Faculty Service Award, 2005.

Other Employment: Assistant Director, Office for Intellectual Freedom, American Library Association (ALA), 1980-81; Editor, *ALA Newsletter on Intellectual Freedom*, 1982-present.

Publications: *Railwaymen and Revolution: Russia, 1905* (U. of California Press, 1987); *Censorship and Selection: Issues and Answers for Schools* (ALA, 1988, 1993, 2001); articles and reviews in, among others, *Russian History*, *Russian Review*, *Slavic Review*, *Theory and Society*.

University Governance: History Department Chair, CSUEB, 1994-2003; Director, Jewish Studies, CSUEB, 2008-10; CSUEB Academic Senator, 1995-2010; CSUEB Academic Senate Chair, 1997-98, 2006-08; CSU system Academic Senator, 2002-10; CSU system Academic Senate

Executive Committee, 2005-07; Chair, CSU system Fiscal and Government Affairs Committee, 2004-05; Member, CSU system Faculty Affairs Committee, 2002-04, 2008-10. Nominated by CSU system Academic Senate as CSU Faculty Trustee, 2009. Governor Schwarzenegger declined to make any appointment.

California Faculty Association (CFA, affiliated with AAUP, represents all 20,000+ full- and part-time faculty in the CSU system): Member, Collective Bargaining Team, 2003-present; CFA Northern Representative to AAUP, 2010-present; Member Chapter Executive Board, CSUEB, 2004-present.

AAUP: California Conference Steering Committee, 2010-present; Presentation at AAUP Shared Governance Conference on "The Crisis of Shared Governance in the California State University," Washington, November 2010.

Other Memberships: American Historical Association, American Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (Chair, Reginald Zelnik Memorial Prize Committee, 2008-12); American Civil Liberties Union (expert witness, *ACLU v. Gonzalez*, 2006); Freedom to Read Foundation; Society for American Baseball Research.

Candidate Statement

AAUP is the only organization uniting faculty from all areas of the country, all disciplines, tenured and non-tenured, full- and part-time, to defend academic freedom and shared governance and to advance

faculty interests and the common educational good through collective bargaining. Today the need for a strong and active AAUP is more pressing than ever. A national conversation on educational "reform," which began in K-12, has reached higher education. This discussion and all meaningful reform efforts should be welcomed, but if "reform" is to be genuine and valuable, faculty must play a central and vocal role, and AAUP can and must be one of our most important voices.

Reformers talk about dramatic increases in college attendance and graduation rates, but there is virtually no consideration of how to support the educators needed to achieve such lofty goals. Instead, faculty are often portrayed, too frequently with the acquiescence of our own administrators, as part of the problem and not as central to any effective solutions. Shared governance is assaulted or simply bypassed in the interest of "efficiency," while the educational quality that governance institutions guarantee is eroded. Collective bargaining and intellectual property rights, pensions, and workload limitations are labeled obstacles to change, when the reality is that faculty working conditions are student learning conditions. And, most dangerously, the dramatic erosion of tenure and the heightened exploitation of contingent faculty has increasingly imperiled academic freedom. This freedom must include the freedom not only to teach and to publish freely but to participate fully in -- and, sometimes, dissent from -- university governance, a right imperiled by the *Garcetti* decision and its interpretation by lower courts.

My experience in shared governance, at both the campus and system levels, in collective bargaining and other union activity, and my work for more than thirty years with the American Library Association and others in defense of intellectual freedom, convinces me that when faculty unite and stand up for our convictions we will make a major impact. That is why I want to serve on the AAUP Council.