

# American Association of University Professors Centennial: *Celebrating 100 Years of Activism*

Saturday, February 14, 2015

9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Wesleyan University

Exley Science Center

265 Church Street, Middletown, CT

How do we ensure genuine faculty input in academic decision-making? Can the University read my email? How do we make our collective voice heard? How do we organize as faculty? Are faculty unions at private nonprofit colleges a possibility? How can we build campus support for traditional faculty priorities such as shared governance, disciplinary legitimacy, academic quality, and institutional identity while administrations promote distance learning, contingent staffing, and “branding”?

Join with your faculty colleagues from all over the state as the Connecticut State Conference of the AAUP commemorates the AAUP’s centennial with a day of advocacy, renewal, activism, organization, and celebration! Distinguished special guests and state AAUP leaders will lead a series of workshops and seminars on topics of importance to all faculty.

9:30 – 10:00 Coffee & Registration. Exley Science Center LOBBY

10:00-11:30 Aaron Nisenson, AAUP Senior Counsel, will provide an up-to-the-minute update on legal developments concerning the academy with plenty of time for Q & A. Topics covered will include recent National Labor Relations Board decisions expanding the ability to form faculty unions at private universities, and recent court decisions affecting applicability of *Yeshiva* and expanding the First Amendment rights of faculty at public institutions.

11:45-1:00 “To Make Collective Action Possible,” a Plenary Luncheon Address by Professor Joerg Tiede, Professor of Computer Science at Illinois Wesleyan University and Editor of the Centennial Edition of the Redbook, on the early history of the AAUP.

1:00-2:30 Emily McCann, national AAUP Organizer for the Northeast, will provide techniques and tips for building faculty power through organizing. Topics covered include identifying faculty concerns, developing effective communications strategies, and tactical uses of collective actions. Whether faculty on your campus currently have an AAUP chapter or not, and whether that chapter is organized for advocacy or collective bargaining, you’ll be able to use information from this presentation on your campus.

2:30-3:15 Break-out sessions on AAUP chapter development, strengthening shared governance, Faculty Handbooks, campus branding, Organizing 101, and more.

3:15-3:30 Coffee break.

3:30-4:00 Moderated Discussion on what the future holds for faculty in Connecticut.

The event is co-sponsored by CSU-AAUP, FWC-AAUP, UCHC-AAUP, UCONN-AAUP. Additional event details are available at: [csc.csuaaup.org](http://csc.csuaaup.org) or by emailing: [cscaup@gmail.com](mailto:cscaup@gmail.com).

THE EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO NON-MEMBERS AND MEMBERS. Bring a colleague!. Registration is required to ensure an adequate stock of food and program materials. Please RSVP by Friday February 6, 2015 to [cscaup@gmail.com](mailto:cscaup@gmail.com) with:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Discipline: \_\_\_\_\_

Institutional Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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