




The United Academics of Philadelphia

# ADJUNCT SYMPOSIUM

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**Media Mobilizing Project**  
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United Academics of Philadelphia, American Federation of Teacher's (AFT) Local 9608 is an organization that seeks to unify and support the nearly 15,000 adjunct instructors currently working in Philadelphia-area colleges. As a vital but often underrepresented element of higher education, we believe that together we can accomplish what we cannot achieve as individuals. To ensure respect, security, fair pay and benefits from our institutions of employment, UAP is advocating for the unionization of adjuncts at Philadelphia-area colleges.

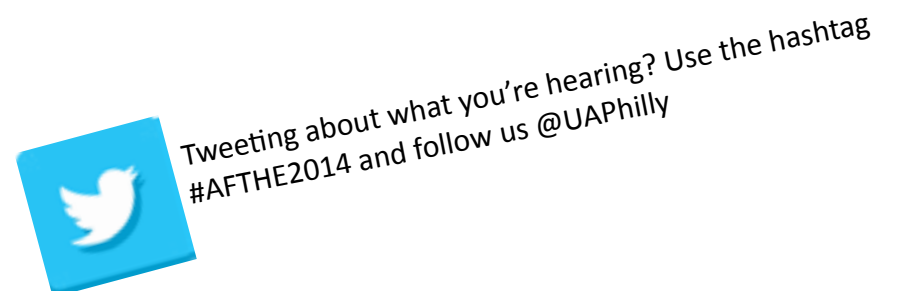
As colleagues, we will share resources, help each other organize, and create avenues for professional development and advancement in the field of higher education. UAP will work to establish transparency at local colleges and focus on creating and implementing solutions to problems that affect students and professors across higher education institutions in Philadelphia.

The AFT now represents over 200,000 higher education members in all types of institutions, from small community colleges to world-class research universities, across the country. As an AFT affiliate, UAP has the resources to evolve with industry trends in the region and nationwide as means of strengthening the careers of our members.

Already, our members teach at University of Pennsylvania, Drexel University, Temple University, Moore College of Art & Design, LaSalle University, Villanova University, Rutgers University, Community College of Philadelphia, and Rowan University with more joining every day.

In our first six months our membership has rapidly grown, we've hosted several community-building events across the city, and we've been educating in person, online, and in the press about the issues contingent faculty face daily.

Have you joined us yet? Sign up today! Membership cards are at the registration table or you can join online at [www.unitedacademicsphilly.org](http://www.unitedacademicsphilly.org)



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# Today's Agenda

9:00-10:00am: **Registration**

10:00am-10:30am: **United Academics of Philadelphia: Our Vision**  
Ryan Eckes, UAP member

10:30-11:30am: **Identifying the Challenges of Our Work**

This workshop is a facilitated conversation amongst contingent faculty from across the city where you can share your experiences and speak to the challenges and rewards you face teaching at different Philly colleges and universities.

11:45-12:30pm **Please select one of the following**

*\*National Trends in Higher Education*  
Alyssa Piccard, Assistant Director, Higher Education Division, AFT

*\*Organizing Academics Across Philadelphia*  
Jason Wedemeyer, Lead Organizer, AFT

*\*Community Engagement in Philadelphia*  
Andi Perez, Executive Director, Youth United for Change  
Richelle Fiore, National Representative, AFT

12:30pm-1:30pm: **Reclaiming the Promise of Higher Education in Philadelphia**  
Jennie Shanker, Don Deeley, Anna Neighbor, Stan Mir, members of UAP

1:45pm-2:30pm **Please select one of the following**

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2:30pm-3:00pm **Moving Forward with UAP**

3:00pm **Members Only**: If you are a member of UAP, please attend the members-only conversation with Lillian Parker-Medearis from Philadelphia Legal Assistance about unemployment compensation.

**Join Us for the Closing Reception!**



# Reclaiming the Promise



## **It's time to reclaim the promise of higher education**

by ensuring that all have access to high-quality and affordable higher education.

Reclaiming the promise is about ensuring **rigorous instruction that is student-centered and faculty-driven**, while supporting independent and innovative research.

Reclaiming the promise is about making **college affordable and accessible to all** and relieving the burdens of those costs that have been shifted onto students and families.

Reclaiming the promise is about fostering **diverse institutions that provide a richer educational environment for all students**.

Reclaiming the promise is about ensuring students are taught and mentored by **faculty and staff who are well-prepared, professionally supported and have a voice in academic decisions**.

The promise is under attack by those who demand and pursue austerity, polarization, privatization and deprofessionalization.

An accessible, affordable and high-quality system of public higher education is critical to the health of the nation—both to ensure that students reach their fullest potential, and to enable the United States to continue to develop as a just society, a vibrant democracy and an engine of economic opportunity.

By uniting our voices—students, parents, faculty, staff and the community—we can reclaim the promise.