

Granville Ganter, English, St. John's University (New York)

Candidate Biography

Granville Ganter is an associate professor of English at St. John's University in Queens, NY. His academic research has been on nineteenth-century oratory and the language of civic justice. He has edited the collected speeches of the Seneca orator, Red Jacket, and has published on antislavery literature, women's oratory, and Native American literature. He has been awarded fellowships by the American Antiquarian Society, the New York Historical Society, and the NEH. He has been an executive committee member of the local chapter of the AAUP at St. John's since 2003. As a graduate student, he worked as an organizer for part-time faculty at CUNY, and served as an executive committee member of the graduate student caucus of the Modern Language Association in the late 1990s. He was elected as a faculty representative to his college's faculty council from 2001-5, and is presently a representative to his university's senate. He edits the *St. John's-AAUP Newsletter* and serves as the steward of the local chapter's webpage.

Candidate Statement

My principal interest in becoming a representative to the national AAUP is to work toward tenured, full-time status for as many faculty as possible, to protect academic freedom and tenure, and to get health benefits for part-time faculty. I believe in an active, high-profile union and one which makes a strong effort to keep its members informed about what it is doing (and I applaud the AAUP's

efforts in this regard over the past several years). As a student government officer and writer for my graduate school student newspaper, I helped organize part-time faculty at the City University of New York, and successfully fought to get improvements in health care coverage. While a union member at St. John's, I have worked to keep faculty aware of union issues by editing the *STJ-AAUP Newsletter*.