

Faculty on the Front Lines: Screening Pitch

"Faculty on the Front Lines" is a series documenting the stories of AAUP members. While some participants have shared their experiences with the press, this project aims to provide additional context for their individual narratives. The goal is to draw attention to partisan interference and violations of academic freedom by giving affected individuals a chance to tell their own stories in their own voices. These stories are a small sample of a disturbing trend in higher education. Colleges and universities are increasingly taking alarming measures to silence educators who speak out on issues of social justice, often targeting them, in part, for the scholarship that made them desirable hires. Contingent faculty have been denied renewal without cause, and faculty have been fired for their speech. This is the type of academic freedom and freedom of expression that the AAUP exists to defend; however, the views expressed in these videos are of the individual featured, not of the AAUP.

Hosting a screening of this series can be an opportunity to:

- Engage your chapter
- Gather colleagues who are interested in organizing a chapter
- Partner with other unions on your campus or in your community
- Fundraise for your chapter or for the legal defense of a member
- Help share these powerful stories and amplify the value of academic freedom at this critical time

To request a screening:

Complete [this form](#), and an exhibition file (all interviews in one file in higher quality) for download will be sent upon request, along with a screening guide and a promotional toolkit.

Learn more about the project, which includes the full playlist, an introductory Substack post, and a related podcast: [Faculty on the Front Lines | AAUP](#)

For more information, reach out to the AAUP's Center for the Defense of Academic Freedom at cdaf@aaup.org