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What started with a few adjunct faculty crying into their beer over the way things are at school evolved rapidly into something far more powerful, once we found the AAUP. Our tiny chapter at Front Range Community College grew to scores of members within our 13-college system. Before you knew it we were hosting the first-ever Mini-Innie, the Damn It! Summit, Adjunct Survival Workshops, the Faculty Un-service, an adjunct-focused Health Care Fair, an Adjunct Film Series, monthly pub crawls, launching first a House bill and, the next year, a Senate bill in the Colorado Legislature. We published *The Adjunct Cookbook* in 2014, then *The Adjunct Coloring Book*. In 2017 we hosted the first-ever AAUP Winter Break Unemployment Workshops in three metro-area cities. This year we contributed to the Colorado Conference production of a video about the explosive labor practices in the CCCS: "Secrets, Scams, and Scandals: The Dirty Little Secrets of the Colorado Community College System." Our work finds facts, turns heads, changes minds, snags headlines, and dogs college administrators. In this work, my B.A. in Communications, M.A. in Journalism and M.A. in Education are being used to help higher education stay strong. The towering purpose of this work and the wonderful people in it inspire me to keep at it, with an imaginative and not-too lawless caprice.