

James Klein: Council District II candidate statement:

I ask for your vote for a Council seat representing District II. I have a personal appreciation for the ideas and standards that the AAUP has championed. I joined the American Association of University Professors in 2007 when my institution, Del Mar College, formed a local AAUP chapter. At that time, Del Mar College was one of the few community colleges in Texas to adhere to a system of tenure for faculty. An interim college president proposed weakening tenure at Del Mar College. As an untenured faculty member, I joined a successful lawsuit against the college to protect existing faculty from these policy changes. This experience taught me the benefit of collective action, a lesson I have tried to apply in my interactions at the local, state, and national levels of this association.

AAUP offices held:

National Council, At-Large member (unexpired term), appointed 2017
Texas Conference of the AAUP, President, elected 2014, 2016, 2018
Texas Conference of the AAUP, Vice-President At-Large, elected 2012
Texas Conference of the AAUP, Vice-President for South Texas, elected 2010
Del Mar College chapter President, elected 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017

Education:

Ph.D., United States History, Oklahoma State University, 2003
M.A., History, University of Iowa, 1990
B.A., History and Journalism, University of Iowa, 1987

Academic Appointments:

Professor of History, Del Mar College, 2017
Associate Professor of History, Del Mar College, 2011
Assistant Professor of History, Del Mar College, 2006
Visiting Lecturer of History, Georgia State University, 2003
Adjunct Instructor of History, University of St. Francis, 1996
Adjunct Instructor of History, Kirkwood Community College, 1992

Academic Areas of Interest:

My research focuses on the campaign to prohibit alcoholic beverages in nineteenth-century and twentieth-century America. I study the liquor question as lens through which to examine issues of economic class, race, ethnicity, and gender in American society. In addition to journal articles on these and related topics, I completed *Grappling with Demon Rum: The Cultural Struggle over Liquor in Early Oklahoma* (University of Oklahoma Press, 2008).

Again, I ask for your vote for the District II seat on the National Council of the AAUP. Thank you for your consideration.