

Loren Glass
Candidate Statement and Biography
AAUP Election, Council District 4

Biography:

I received my PhD in English from Duke University in 1998, after which I spent one year as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Oregon State Center for the Humanities. My first tenure-track position was in the English Department at Towson University, where I was able to finish my first book, *Authors Inc.: Literary Celebrity in the Modern United States* (NYU 2004). On the strength of that publication I was hired as Assistant Professor of English at the University of Iowa in 2004, where I have been ever since. I was promoted to Associate Professor in 2007 and Full Professor in 2015. I published my second book, *Counterculture Colophon: Grove Press, the Evergreen Review, and the Incorporation of the Avant-Garde* with Stanford UP in 2013. I am currently working on a literary history of Iowa City.

Since coming to Iowa I have dedicated myself to professional service at the departmental, college, university, state, and national level. I've done two stints as Director of Graduate Studies, served on both the Faculty Assembly and the Faculty Senate (for which I was Chair of the Governmental Relations Committee for three years), and served on multiple search, admissions, and award committees. I joined our local chapter of the AAUP in 2016 after the controversial hire of Bruce Harreld as President of the University. I have been in charge of membership and organizing since then.

Statement

Now, more than ever, college and university professors need unity and organization on the national level in order to confront an all-out assault on the principles and values that sustain higher education in this country. Drastic defunding by state legislatures, attacks on science and scientific method, disregard for academic freedom, and assaults on diversity are threatening the integrity of our profession in every state of the union, and only the AAUP is positioned to respond to these threats with a coherent national strategy. I want to participate in formulating and implementing this strategy.

Integrating non-tenure track faculty into our ranks will be crucial to the success of this strategy, and this is one of the challenges I have been engaging in our local chapter and hope to continue to engage as a District 4 Council Representative. Like other institutions both public and private, the University of Iowa has been expanding and improving its non-tenure track positions and it is crucial that the AAUP vigorously represent the interests of the individuals in these positions, and not allow administrators and legislators to exploit our divisions. We are One Faculty and we must speak with One Voice.