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Candidate Statement, AAUP Council, At-large Seat

I have been active in the fight for faculty rights in the union and also on governance bodies for more than twenty years. Currently, I serve as an at-large representative on the AAUP Council; I was elected to the CBC executive committee in 2018. I'm also serving my second term as Secretary of the Professional Staff Congress, the CUNY union representing 30,000 faculty and staff.

In a regime of imposed austerity and concerted attack on unions, I had the opportunity to work with other officers on the CBC executive committee to defend and nurture our collective bargaining chapters, and also to help with plans on restructuring the AAUP so it is strong enough to weather the blow from the Janus decision.

At a moment when there is a particular urgency to protect research and scholarship in general, and the institutions of higher education in particular, I believe the AAUP offers a site of resistance, of organizing and of community. Given the opportunity, I will be honored to serve on the executive committee of the association and work for strengthening the voice and working conditions of our members.