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## BIO

I am a Professor of American History at Wright State. I earned my PhD at Duke in 2004 and, after a year as an adjunct in a small private college, have taught here since 2005. The research and publishing of two books on egalitarian struggles in the colonial-era South has shown me the relentlessness of power to secure control of labor and strategies for resistance to that power. The education of young people remains a top priority and this year, I was declared my College's Outstanding Teacher of the Year.

I have served as Secretary and Contract Administration Officer with AAUP-WSU since 2013 and have served on the Board for the Ohio Conference since 2014. I recently organized and led our Contract Campaign, which has been an overwhelming success in mobilizing the faculty and leading them towards strike readiness. In two days, over 80% of our Bargaining Unit responded to a strike authorization vote, and 90% of them chose "Yes"!

## STATEMENT

I grew up in a teacher's union family, and that, coupled with my study of the history of American social movements, informs my deep-seated loyalties to both collectivity and education. As a representative at the national level, I could be counted on to approach decision-making from the perspective of the most vulnerable among faculty.