

Jonathan Rees – Candidate Statement and Biography

Candidate Statement: I believe I am in a unique position to understand both the AAUP and the AFT. As a member of the AAUP National Council, I followed and supported the affiliation between the AAUP and the AFT. Since leaving that council, I have served on the AFT Higher Education Program and Policy Council. In this capacity, I have worked hard to represent both Colorado and advocacy chapters in general, advocating for whatever can be done to promote organizing in states where higher education trade unions are small or entirely absent. I have also done this in my temporary role as Vice President of AFT Advocacy Local 6741 and would continue to do so if formally elected to serve in this capacity.

Biography: Jonathan Rees is a former two-term member of the AAUP National Council and former Co-President of the AAUP's Colorado Conference. He is currently a member of the AFT's Higher Education Program and Policy Council; the AAUP's Committee on Teaching, Research and Publication; and a contributing editor for the *Academe* Blog. He is also the founder and current President of the AAUP/AFT chapter at Colorado State University – Pueblo, where he serves as Professor of History.