



Information for Participants

Registration

Registration is now open online at www.adjunctfacultyassoc.org. There is a registration fee of \$30 for non-tenure-track faculty members, students, and low-wage workers, and \$60 for tenure-track faculty and all others. These fees cover conference costs, including several meals that will be provided throughout the event and a Saturday reception. After registering online, please mail a check or money order, payable to "USW Secretary Treasurer," for the appropriate fee to:

Laura Donovan
Countering Contingency Conference
Five Gateway Center, 10th Floor
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Registration will also take place at the conference, but the fees will be higher, and all attendees will be required to register. One-day passes will also be available at the conference with rates of \$15 for Friday or Sunday, and \$25 for Saturday.

If you are financially unable to afford a registration fee, you may be able to volunteer for a short time at the conference (at the registration table, book exhibit, or with set-up, for instance) in lieu of a fee. Volunteer positions are limited and will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis. Please email nttfconference@gmail.com soon if you are interested in volunteering.

Hotel and Dining

From April 5 to April 7, a discounted rate of \$101.00 a night is available at the Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh if you book before March 23. The discount code is 04056781UN. The Wyndham is only a 3-minute walk from the conference.

Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh
600 Commonwealth Place Pittsburgh, PA 15222
Wyndham Reservations: 1-888-317-0197
Hotel Direct: 412-391-4600
www.GrandPittsburghDowntown.com

Those who would like to find a fellow participant with whom to share a hotel room should email nttfconference@gmail.com as soon as possible. We will do our best to match people up with roommates as necessary.

Coffee and tea will be provided at all times during the conference. A continental breakfast bar will be available in the conference space Saturday and Sunday at 8:00am, drinks and light refreshments will be served during the Friday reception, and dinner will be served at the USW building Saturday evening. For dinner Friday and lunch Saturday, there are a range of affordable dining options available in Market Square within two blocks of the conference and hotel.

Audio-Visual Needs

If your presentation requires any audio-visual technology, please let us know by March 1 (even if you mentioned this in your proposal). A projector, screen, and speakers will be available in the meeting room, but we want to make sure that any specialized equipment is available as well.

For those planning to use PowerPoint or similar software to support their presentation, please bring all necessary cords with your laptop, as well as a copy of your presentation on a thumb drive to the conference. This will allow us to troubleshoot any technical difficulties that may arise.

Schedule and Presentation Time Limits

A draft of the conference schedule follows this information for your reference when planning travel. The schedule is still subject to change, and a final version will be posted online as soon as it is complete. The beginning and ending times of the Friday and Sunday events will not change.

In order to ensure that all participants have equal time for their presentations and that ample time is left for discussion during each panel, we ask that presenters strictly limit themselves to speaking for no more than 15 minutes. This is the equivalent of reading 7.5 typed, double-spaced pages in a 12-point Times font. If you are not reading, please practice and time your presentation ahead of time to make certain that you will stay within the time limit. There will be no penalty for speaking for less than 15 minutes.

Using Your Name in Publicity Materials

We would like to list all participants' names online and on posters publicizing the conference. However, we understand that some participants in contingent positions

may prefer that we list their names on materials that will be distributed only among participants.

If you would prefer that we not list your name online and on posters, please email nttfconference@gmail.com before Friday, February 8, to let us know.

Mailing Address for Posters

We will shortly be printing posters advertising the conference, and we would like to advertise the conference as widely as possible to adjunct faculty in the Pittsburgh region and surrounding areas. If you are willing to place some of these posters on your campus, we would very much appreciate the help. Please email your mailing address and the number of posters you would like to nttfconference@gmail.com.

Book Exhibit

We are organizing a small book exhibit and sale to run concurrently with the conference. It will feature regional presses and independent booksellers, but we also are able to offer space to participants to bring and sell their own books. If you are interested in bringing some of your own books (on any subject, scholarly or creative) to exhibit and sell, please email nttfconference@gmail.com to let us know by Friday, February 15, so that we can set up the relevant logistics with you.

Deadlines and Dates Checklist

February 8	Deadline to exclude your name from publicity materials
February 15	Deadline to notify us of interest in exhibiting books
March 1	Deadline to notify us of audio-visual needs
March 23	Deadline to book hotel room at discounted rate
April 5-7	Conference

More Information and Inquiries

Please contact nttfconference@gmail.com at any time with questions or concerns.

We look forward to meeting you in April for a great conference!

The Countering Contingency Planning Committee

Adjunct Faculty Association

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Countering Contingency: Teaching, Scholarship, and Creativity in the Age of the Adjunct

Draft Schedule, Revised February 4, 2013

Please note that this schedule is subject to change. Email nttfconference@gmail.com for the most up-to-date schedule whenever you need it.

All conference events will take place on the 4th floor of the United Steelworkers building, 60 Boulevard of the Allies, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

Friday, April 5

- 1:00-2:00 Registration + snacks and coffee provided
- 2:00-3:30 **Panel: Narrating Contingency**
Chair: Alexandra Oliver
Margaret Betz, “Contingent Mother: The Role Gender Plays in the Lives of Adjunct Faculty”
Stephen W. Mason, “Adjunct Noir: W&J Confidential”
Barbara J. Campbell, “I Was the Dean of Future Studies”
- 3:30-3:45 Break
- 3:45-5:15 **Workshop: How to Form an Adjunct Faculty Union**
Chair: Dan Kovalik
Robin Sowards, “The Emancipatory Cycle”
Josh Zelesnick, Title TBA
Panelists from SEIU and UAW, TBA
- 5:15-7:30 Welcome Reception + 5-minute talk by Charles Legere on his photo installation

Saturday, April 6

- 8:00-8:45 Registration + breakfast provided for participants
- 8:45-10:30 **Panel: Technologies of Exploitation**
Chair: Robin Clarke
Ian Butcher, “Against Student Evaluations”
Doug Sweet, “The Mediate Social Ideology of Academic Exploitation”
Eva Swidler and Jan Clausen, “Academic Freedom from Below: Towards an Adjunct-Centered Struggle”
John Champagne, “Assessment Revisited”
- 10:30-10:45 Break

- 10:45-12:15 **Roundtable: Histories of Academic Labor Struggle**
 The University Research Group Experiment
 Chair: Eli Thorkelson
 Eli Meyerhoff and Erin Dyke, Title TBA
 Mark Paschal, “The Secret’s Out: Nineteenth-Century Underground Student Societies and the Future of Education”
 Heather Steffen, “Positioning the Professoriate: The Early-Twentieth-Century Faculty Salary Debate”
 Eli Thorkelson, “Precarious Work and the Limits of the French Academic Labor Movement”
- 12:15-1:45 Lunch Break (see restaurant list in program for places nearby)
- 1:45-3:15 **Two Break-Out Panels**
- Panel A: Keeping Our Art Alive in a Contingent Position**
 Chair: Barbara Edelman
 Tom McWhorter, “Writing in the Margins”
 Ellen McGrath Smith, “Nurturing the Writing Self during the School Year”
 Barbara Edelman, “Inspiration in Short Breaths: Making Space for Art in the Workday”
- Panel B: The Power of Feeling Foreign**
 Marylou Gramm, Shiwei Li, and Minting Yu, “The Power of Feeling Foreign”
 Other speakers TBA
- 3:15-3:30 Break
- 3:30-5:00 **Panel: Solutions I: Organizing and Organizations**
 Chair: Robin Sowards
 Joe Berry, “It’s (Almost) All Organizing”
 John Baranski, “Workers of the World Unite: One Day at a Time”
 Michael Bérubé, “MLA and NTT”
 Jeff Cech, Title TBA
- 5:00-5:15 Break
- 5:15-6:45 **Panel: Solutions II: In, Within, and Beyond the University**
 Chair: Robin Clarke
 Beverly Ann Gaddy, “The AAUP: Countering Contingency”
 Philip E. Smith, “Looking Backward at Thinking Ahead”
 Jack Longmate, “Use of Program for Change in Collective Bargaining for Non-Tenure Track Faculty “
- 6:45-8:30 Reception and dinner served at USW building
- 8:30-10:00 Screening of *Junct* and follow-up discussion with Debra Leigh Scott

Sunday, April 7

8:00-9:00 Breakfast

9:00-10:30 **Panel: Advocating from Administrative Positions**

Chair: Sten Carlson

James Seitz, “Welcome to the Machine: Ruminations on Faculty Inequities from a
Composition Program Director”

Patricia Sullivan, Title TBA

Ryan McDermott, “How Should Faculty Advisors to Student Job-Seekers Adapt
to the New Faculty Majority?”

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-12:30 **Panel: Ideologies of Contingency**

Chair: Josh Zelesnick

Matthew Ussia, “Countering the Voices of Neoliberalism Within: Constructing
the Limits of the Myth of the Empowered Individual”

Salita Seibert, “The Language of Contingency”

Jeff Williams, “The Strategy of Segmentation”

Carol Hamilton, “Of Water and Diamonds— Value in Higher Education”

12:30-12:45 Break

12:45-2:00 Wrap-up Discussion

Throughout the conference, please view Charles Legere’s collaborative photo installation,
“These Utopias Are Not Invulnerable,” on the walls of the conference space.