



Canadian Association of University Teachers
Association canadienne des professeures et professeurs d'université

Memorandum 20:53

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To: Presidents and Administrative Officers
Local, Federated and Provincial Associations

From: David Robinson, Executive Director

Re: **Register for CAUT's Fair Employment Week**

CAUT has organized a full week of online activities for Fair Employment Week (FEW), taking place from October 19 to 23.

Associations are encouraged to circulate the FEW schedule and registration links below to their membership.

Fair Employment Week, taking place from October 19 to 23, is CAUT's annual campaign to raise awareness about precarious employment on campuses and support local organizing to improve the working conditions of contract academic staff.

In light of COVID-19, this year CAUT has organized a full week of online events. Below is the schedule, as well as the links to register.

Monday, October 19 / 1:00pm - 2:30pm (EDT) // *Organizing to Win for Contract Academic Staff: A CAUT Members' Panel*

Hear case studies from across the country on how academic staff associations have organized around and won victories for contract academic staff.

This event will take place in English with simultaneous interpretation into French.

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEpdO6tqz8tHN3rSuOyraZeQBr1nMrKGO3g>

Tuesday, October 20 / 1:00pm - 2:00pm (EDT) // *Intellectual Property in a Time of Remote Learning for Contract Academic Staff: A Webinar with Dr. Sam Trosow*

Join Dr. Sam Trosow, a professor at the University of Western Ontario, who will discuss the issues of ownership and control of course content for contract academic staff in a time of remote learning. This event will take place in English with simultaneous interpretation into French.

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUpcu6sqzpjHtPSaMu2eLCtGRKejzphd3KN>

Wednesday, October 21 / 1:00pm - 2pm (EDT) // A Keynote Address by Dr. Liz Morrish

Liz Morrish, an independent scholar and activist for resistance to managerial appropriation of the university and co-author of the book *Academic Irregularities*, will present a talk titled, "A plague on universities: How the pandemic has created breach points for the future of labour, pedagogy and values in higher education."

This event will take place in English with simultaneous interpretation into French.

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cXISYq2ZSC-cXZj5bJY1VA

Thursday, October 22 // A Social Media Day of Action

Stay tuned for shareables and ways to engage online as part of CAUT's Social Media Day of Action.

Friday, October 23 / 1:00pm - 2pm (EDT) // A Zoom Social for Contract Academic Staff

Join contract academic staff from coast to coast in an informal Zoom social. Folks will be put into breakout rooms to get to know one another, talk about the unique issues contract academic staff are experiencing, discuss strategies to improve working conditions, and join together in celebration of the work and contributions contract academic staff make to our universities and colleges.

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMrC-murDsrH9JktPo-uT70bJ5v_ATrdK5-

If your association is organizing any local FEW events, please keep CAUT's Membership Engagement Officer, Christina Muehlberger informed of your plans. CAUT is available to support your association's organizing and help amplify your campaign.

If you have any questions, please contact Christina Muehlberger, Membership Engagement, Organizing & Outreach Officer, at muehlberger@caut.ca or at 613-327-2886.