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Summit on inequality and higher education Feb. 10

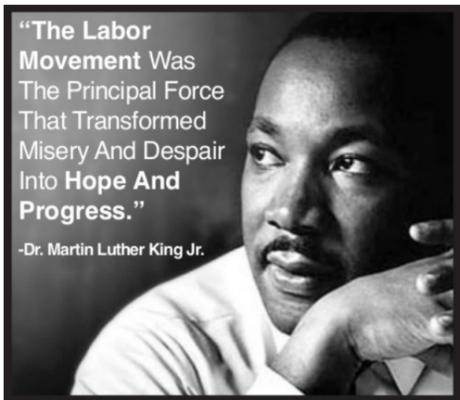
With defunding of public higher education and increased corporatization of campuses, [reports show that inequality is on the rise and the middle class is shrinking](#). To address this problem, CSU-AAUP is holding a summit on Inequality and the Crisis of Higher Education Feb. 10, 2016. The summit will feature panel discussions on inequality in our state and how public higher education can reduce that inequality. Faculty are encouraged to bring their classes to the day-long event held in CCSU's Constitution Room in Memorial Hall. The summit will be live-streamed to the other three CSUs for students and faculty to engage in a shared experience that raises important questions about the state of higher education today. The event is free and open to the university community and the general public.



Bill Fletcher, international activist and senior scholar with the Institute of Policy Studies, will deliver the keynote address. [Click here to see a schedule of speakers.](#)

CSU-AAUP is taking action!

CSU-AAUP members attended and [spoke out](#) at the Jan. 21 Board of Regents meeting. Faculty donned red CSU-AAUP shirts and held up Fair Contract signs to protest BOR contract proposals that would move faculty from one campus to another and stand to weaken or eliminate tenure. Contract negotiations are ongoing. [Click here to see articles about the most recent protest.](#)

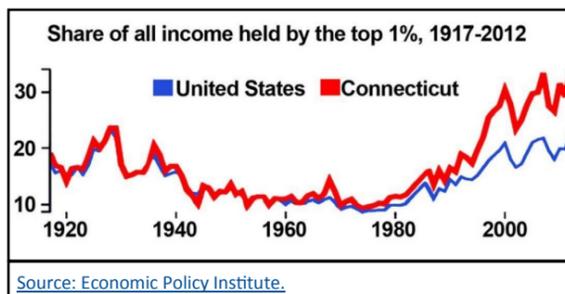


On Jan. 16, in a show of solidarity, CSU-AAUP members and staff joined other SEBAC unions honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. Inspiring speakers from community action groups, academics, labor leaders and the clergy weighed in on growing economic inequality, attacks on collective bargaining, and the importance of standing together because united we stand and divided we fall.

[Click here to see a video from the day.](#)

Justice Works to convene Jan. 30

The Connecticut Citizen Action Group will hold "Justice Works" at Middlesex Community College Jan. 30. The day-long event will examine runaway inequality, racial justice and its impact on workers, communities and the middle class. Topics of discussion include organizing strategies at the local, regional and state levels to develop common-sense policies for more equitable communities.



To register, visit www.ccag.net or call 860-209-1234.

FAC conference April 8; call for proposals

The Faculty Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents is soliciting proposals for presentations at the Second Annual Conference on Shared Governance and Student Success in the Connecticut State College & University System scheduled for April 8, 2016. Submission deadline is Feb. 15, 2016. The conference will be at Housatonic Community College in Bridgeport. The committee seeks proposals in research and innovation, governance, and student success, as well as topics and leaders for roundtable discussions. Last year's FAC conference attracted more than 200 participants. Proposals may be filed at the following address:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016CSCUConferenceSessionProposal.

New Legislative Session begins Feb. 3

Every year, the Office of Legislative Research issues a report on major legislative issues it predicts for the new session. [Click here to read the OLR's report.](#) Some topics that look set to return for debate include: State Authorization Reciprocal Agreement or SARA; open-source textbooks; criminal background checks; and outcomes-based financing. If you wish to join fellow CSU-AAUP members at the LOB on Feb. 3, which is opening day, to meet with and distribute information to legislators and their staff, contact Liz Newberg at newberge@ccsu.edu.

CSU-AAUP lobby day planned for March 8

CSU-AAUP is planning a lobby day for March 8, which is just before the legislative deadline for the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us anytime between 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to meet with your legislators and report back on responses received.

Bring your students as well!

[Click here to find your legislators.](#)



Read Table Talk Online Anytime

Contract negotiations with the BOR are ongoing. [Table Talk](#) provides CSU-AAUP members regular updates on developments in contract negotiation sessions. Written by members of the CSU-AAUP negotiating team, Table Talk is distributed to members and posted on the CSU-AAUP website. Contract proposals from both the Board of Regents and the CSU-AAUP are also at csuaaup.org.