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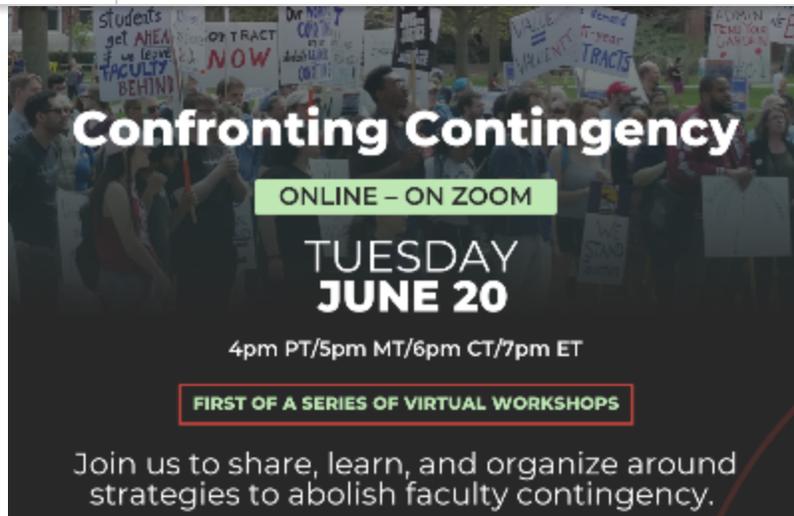
*Dear HELU Supporter,*

*We are thrilled to write to you today to try to capture the fast-changing scene in higher ed right while building an organization that can carry out our ambitious, bottom-up, wall-to-wall and coast-to-coast strategy. HELU has many moving parts and is almost entirely led by volunteers. You can shape what happens next. Talk to your local union and [bring them into the movement](#).*

*Read on for updates on the latest developments in the higher ed labor movement, including our upcoming summer event series Confronting Contingency, and to take actions in solidarity with higher ed worker fights across the country.*

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## **Upcoming HELU Event: Strategies to Abolish Faculty Contingency**

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On June 20th, join the fight for labor rights and academic freedom in higher education as we meet to collaborate around **Strategies to Abolish Faculty Contingency**:

- LEARN about cutting edge strategies and models leading to recent historic wins
- MEET the people fighting for the future of higher ed
- JOIN the wall-to-wall movement to abolish contingency in higher ed

[Register here](#) and [share widely](#) with your union and networks!

[Register Now](#)

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## Dispatch from United Faculty of Florida: On the Front Line of Resistance Against DeSantis's Fascism

“Florida Teachers Unions are Front Line of Resistance Against DeSantis’s Fascism.” This headline from [a vital interview with Paul Ortiz in Truthout](#) on April 1, 2023 catches the mood in the United Faculty of Florida and its large K-12 affiliate, the Florida Education Association, in the face of the current onslaught of hostile legislation and well-publicized right-wing attacks against virtually every non-MAGA person and public and progressive institution in the

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resistance, but also something more positive and less reactive, a growing determination to organize for a very different Florida than DeSantis and his minions want to bully us into... [Continue reading on our website](#)

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## Solidarity Asks

Take action now to build national solidarity and show your support for higher ed workers of all kinds organizing around the country.

- [Help build the strike fund](#) for postdocs & research scientists at the University of Washington
- Tell Colorado Gov. Jared Polis to [protect public workers by signing SB 23-111](#)
- Tell the University of California to [invest in workers, not corporations!](#)
- [Sign and share](#) to resist University of California faculty layoffs
- [Sign and share](#) to protest faculty firings at Virginia Commonwealth University
- [Sign to support Lecturers](#) at Eastern Michigan University (EMU)

[Reach out to us](#) if you have solidarity asks you would like included in the next HELU newsletter or on our website.

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## Higher Ed Labor Snapshot: May 2023

- [An overview of the anti-tenure agenda](#)
- [Historic higher ed union activity in 2022](#)
- The NEA releases a large [new study of faculty salaries](#)
- What to do where workers don't have unions? [Organize anyway.](#)
- [Wave of higher ed union strikes swells nationwide](#)
- [Adjuncts rally in Maine](#)
- With U of Michigan grad students on a grade strike, [administration orders fake grades; faculty balk](#)
- [Florida teachers' unions take on DeSantis](#)
- [Work-to-rule works in Plattsburgh, NY](#)
- [Harvard Clerical/Technical workers reach TA](#)

## Get Involved in HELU!

Are you inspired by the pace-setting organizing HELU member unions and allies are leading? Get your union involved in HELU today!

- If you represent a union that has joined HELU, signed our vision platform, or is simply interested in getting your union involved, make sure you make it to our next General Meeting. [Contact us](#) to receive the calendar invite and Zoom link.
- If your union has not yet formally joined HELU as a member and is interested in getting more involved, [contact us](#).
- If you are an individual who does not have a union or worker organization through which to be involved in HELU, [sign up for At-Large membership today](#).

And don't forget to keep an eye out for more updates and opportunities to support higher ed labor organizing.



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