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Welcome our newest HELU member organizations:

- [AAUP Biomedical and Health Sciences of New Jersey](#), AAUP-BHSNJ (NJ)
- [Massachusetts Teachers Association](#), MTA (MA)
- [Professional Staff Congress CUNY](#), PSC-NEA-AFT-AAUP Local 2334 (NY)

[Visit our website](#) for more information about what it means for a local organization to formally join HELU.

Save the Date for HELU's Founding Convention!

May 17-19, 2024

We are excited to announce the dates for **HELU's founding convention**. We will come together on **May 17-19, 2024** to learn from one another, build community, and decide HELU's strategic priorities and programming for the coming year.

[Let us know you're interested in attending](#) – it'll help us plan!

Let us know you want to attend!

Upcoming Event

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[a 2-Part Reading & Action Series \(virtual\)](#)

We invite activists and teacher-scholars to a [2-part virtual discussion](#) about the new book [Contingent Faculty and the Remaking of Higher Education: A Labor History](#) (2024). Taking place on two Thursdays, **February 15 and March 14, 2024, 7:30-9pm ET/6:30-8pm CT/5:30-7pm MT/4:30-6pm PT.**

[Learn more and register here](#)

Solidarity Asks

- [Sign: Maryland higher education workers deserve collective bargaining rights!](#)
- [Take action: Stop the Closure of SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University](#)
- [UNC Greensboro Announces Cuts: Sign petitions to save academic programs](#)

HELU Solidarity Asks come from higher education labor organizations looking to build solidarity with workers on a larger national or regional basis, to drive participation in a particular action or campaign that supports higher ed workers. This can include (but is not limited to) contributing to strike funds, writing letters to policy-makers, signing petitions, participation in virtual or in-person actions, and more. To submit a solidarity ask, please [complete the form here](#).

From the HELU Blog:

[What is the Contingency Task Force?](#)

The Contingency Task Force is the place in HELU that draws people for whom the issue of contingency is central, where they can report, discuss, debate, and strategize... [Read more](#).

[Labor@Wayne and HELU Team Up for Labor History Lectures](#)

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history/labor issue lectures... [Read more.](#)

[What HELU Offers](#)

US higher education is facing a period of unprecedented precarity, decades of disinvestment, spiraling costs, and more recently, direct assaults on academic freedom. While individual higher ed faculty, staff, and student worker unions have fought the good fight, on the state, local, and national level, local struggles have often been siloed by institution, union, and work to make it hard to band together... [Read more.](#)

Higher ed labor in the news

- "[The Boom in Campus Strikes Is Likely to Continue in 2024. Just Look at California.](#)" *Inside Higher Ed*
 - "[From Florida to Barnard](#)" *Academe Blog*
 - "[Tenure would end at Nebraska public colleges under new legislative proposal](#)" *Higher Ed Dive*
 - "[Caltech's Postdocs and Grad Workers Seek Union Recognition](#)" *The American Prospect*
 - "[CSU employee walkout is largest university faculty strike in US history](#)" *Courthouse News Service*
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We're growing – get involved!

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

- 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 whose union isn't a HELU member organization, [sign up for individual membership today](#).
- Want to attend a meeting or join a committee? Email us at info@higheredlaborunited.org.

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