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## From the HELU Blog:

### [Higher Ed and Other Workers Organizing in North Carolina](#)

North Carolina presently has the second-lowest union membership in the United States, after South Carolina. But North Carolina has a long history of union organizing. To understand the increasing activity among AAUP higher education advocacy chapters, it is important to learn something about the labor history of North Carolina on which they are building... [Read more.](#)

### [Rest in Power, Bill Lipkin](#)

Bill Lipkin was a serious, passionate fighter for adjunct faculty rights across New Jersey and within HELU. From the very beginning, Bill was a key member of HELU's organizing efforts... [Read more.](#)

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What is tenure? Why is tenure valuable? Why is it so misunderstood? What is tenure not? [Read more.](#)

### [What is Garcetti and why does it complicate Freedom of Speech lawsuits?](#)

Here is a non-lawyer's shakedown of what *Garcetti* means when we're talking about job security, whether one is contingent or not. Basically, *Garcetti* created a false logic to use for disciplining or dismissing faculty for exercising academic freedom... [Read more.](#)

### [Check Before You Buy: Can the Faculty Afford to Teach?](#)

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## Upcoming Events

- **WEDNESDAY!** July 31, 8pm ET/7pm CT/6pm MT/5pm PT  
[Breaking the Chains of Debt and Contingent Labor](#)  
Join us on July 31 as we host a deep dive discussion into two related crises facing higher ed workers and students alike: debt and labor contingency.
- August 7-10, 2024, Gatineau, Canada  
[Coalition on Contingent Academic Labor \(COCAL\) 2024](#)  
Biannual conference of the longest-standing contingent faculty movement organization.
- September 12, 7pm ET/6pm CT/5pm MT/4pm PT  
[Shared Governance: A Bet Gone Bad](#)  
How anti-democratic governing boards are destroying universities and what we can do about it. From [Scholars for a New Deal for Higher Education](#).

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## Higher ed labor in the news

- "[A Contentious Pay Cut at Maricopa Community Colleges](#)" *Inside Higher Ed*
- "[Inside the Right-Wing Network Trying to Dismantle Higher Education](#)" *truthout*
- "[Tracking Higher Ed's Dismantling of DEI](#)" *Chronicle of Higher Education*
- "[The Crackdown on Campus Protests is Just Beginning](#)" *In These Times*

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## We're growing – get involved!

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- If your union has not yet formally joined HELU as a member and is interested in getting more involved, [contact us](#).

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