

Equity Week

October 26th - 30th, 2009

CUNY is becoming an **Edu-Factory**... and we need to be talking about it. Full-time, tenure-track positions are being eliminated in favor of insecure and underpaid adjuncts who already make up over half of all faculty in the CUNY system. Meanwhile, students pay \$300 more per term for their education and sit in overcrowded classrooms.

- **Students don't benefit** from having overworked and underpaid instructors.
- **Adjuncts don't benefit** from having to make ends meet with poverty-level wages or from the constant threat of lay-offs, which have already begun on several campuses.

Now is the time for all of us to do something about this.

What is Equity Week?

Equity Week provides an opportunity to discuss with our students the inequities that are growing at CUNY and how it impacts all of us, teachers and students alike. It will coincide with major legislative decisions impacting all of our lives at CUNY, and will provide a chance for all us to be better informed about what is happening to our CUNY.

What can I do?

For some portion of a class (or all of a class!) during the week of **October 26th – 30th**, both adjuncts and full-time faculty will make a coordinated effort to incorporate information on the changes happening to CUNY, including adjunct teaching conditions and rising tuition costs, into class lessons. This could include:

- A class discussion,
- A persuasive-letter writing exercise,
- A statistical analysis of adjunct and full-time wages for the same workload,
- An extra-credit assignment to find a link between course materials and adjunct labor.

Please consider bringing Equity Week to your classroom. If you don't feel comfortable leading this discussion on your own, or want to find out more about Equity Week and adjunct activism, come to our

Adjunct Project meeting on Equity Week Friday October 23, 2-4pm

in room 5409 at the Graduate Center

We have teaching materials available, as well as a colorful poster!! Contact us at theadjunctproject@gmail.com, or go to our website at <http://opencuny.org/adjunctproject/cuny-equity-week/>.