

Maury Hutcheson – VICE PRESIDENT 2019

I have been an adjunct professor in the History Department at Pace University since 2011. Before that, I taught as an adjunct professor at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Va. (2004–2010), a long career of precarious contingency which little resembles the life of the mind that I prepared for when I earned my doctorate in Anthropology. I understand both the satisfactions we feel as educators and the frustrations we feel as all but invisible professionals within our chosen fields.

I have been active in UAFP affairs throughout my time at Pace, consulting with Union officers, participating in leafletting events, and attending Union meetings and social events. Within the History department, I have advocated for a greater adjunct voice in departmental affairs, regularly attending faculty meetings, and consulting with the tenured faculty about issues we have in common, as well as issues that are of special concern to contingent faculty, including workable scheduling, access to resources, and on-campus work space.

In my time at Pace I have taught “writing enhanced” WEC courses, freshman CAP courses (Challenge to Achieve at Pace), and regular lecture courses in Latin American history as well as anthropology, and I’ve developed two courses of my own, successfully steering them through the various curricula committees. Together with our other Union officers, I believe I can work effectively to help change the professional culture here at Pace, fostering communication to narrow the gap between the increasingly beleaguered tenure-stream faculty and the under-appreciated contingent majority of adjuncts.