

Protecting Academic Freedom in the Managed University

University authorities generally acknowledge the principles of academic freedom, as laid out in the AAUP's 1940 statement. However, the growing ranks of precariat faculty, the erosion of meaningful shared governance, and the increasingly managerial culture of the university all conspire to erode tenure protections for academic freedom.

At UW, our increasing reliance on corporate donors and private funding is eroding academic freedom. Additionally, administrators enjoy outsized power to impose arbitrary disciplinary sanctions, especially imperiling women and BIPOC faculty who speak out.

As we face a fresh round of austerity in the wake of pandemic, and as our Faculty Senate considers revisions to the Code regarding grievance and discipline, it seems particularly timely to revisit the question of academic freedom at our annual meeting.

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Panelists



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Rachel Chapman is an associate professor of Anthropology at UW, and adjunct faculty in the Departments of Global Health and Gender, Women and Sexuality Studies. Her research, teaching and service address the intersections of race, class and gender in the politics of health justice within and outside of the U.S. She serves on the governing board of the UW's chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP).



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