

THE UC SANTA CRUZ CENTER FOR LABOR STUDIES PRESENTS A PUBLIC CONFERENCE:

# Teachers' Unions, Education, & Social Justice: from the Local to the Global



## KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

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Understanding the Global Assault on Teaching, Teachers, and Their Unions

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**T**HROUGHOUT THE WORLD, teachers' unions have emerged among the most well-organized and politically active of social movements. In the U.S. alone, teachers are the most highly unionized group in the country, with over four million members. As massive cuts in government spending ripple through our schools and universities—especially devastating poor communities and communities of color—teachers' unions are increasingly confronting the neoliberal agenda, global in scope, that contests the very notion of free, quality public education for all. Meanwhile, attacks on tenure mount and teachers are increasingly scapegoated themselves for the decline in public education. This conference brings together scholars, educators, teacher union leaders, and UCSC alumni, from K-12 through the universities, to explore the role of teachers' unions in meeting these challenges and struggling at the forefront of social justice—from British Columbia and Honduras to our own back yard at UCSC, in Santa Cruz, and in California.

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