



Dear Colleague,

The American Association of University Professors' [Journal of Academic Freedom](#)--a peer-reviewed, online, open access publication--seeks scholarly articles for its 2015 issue.

The AAUP's *Journal of Academic Freedom* welcomes essays on Steven Salaita's "de-hiring" by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the aftermath of the decision by UIUC chancellor Phyllis Wise and the board of trustees to withdraw the offer of a tenured position in the Native American Indian Studies program.

The Salaita case raises serious issues related to the AAUP's 2011 recommendations on the hiring of politically controversial professors; the AAUP's recently revised guidelines regarding electronic communications and the use of social media; the AAUP's policies regarding the criterion of "collegiality" in tenure and promotion; and, not least, its guidance on the role of chancellors and trustees in faculty decision-making.

Essays that draw out these implications are especially welcome. Essays should not confine themselves to supporting or challenging the decisions made by Chancellor Wise and the board of trustees; on the contrary, essays should ideally expand on the broader implications of those decisions--for academic freedom, for extramural speech, for professors' use of social media, and for the relations between faculty, administration, and trustees.

In addition to seeking scholarly papers relating to these topics, the *Journal of Academic Freedom* continues to welcome submissions on eclectic subjects relating to academic freedom.

Electronic submissions should be sent to jaf@aaup.org and must include an abstract of around 150 words. The *Journal* uses the sixteenth edition of the Chicago Manual of Style, and authors should anticipate that, if an article is accepted for publication, it will need to be edited for Chicago style.

The due date for papers is **March 15, 2015**. An invitation to submit an article does not guarantee publication; the *Journal of Academic Freedom* is

under no requirement to publish any submission. Submissions should not include defamatory statements or raise other significant legal concerns. The *Journal* also discourages articles entirely devoted to specific ongoing disputes involving individuals and their institutions, except in extraordinary cases of broad significance. Promotion or criticism of candidates running for office within the AAUP or in local, state, or national elections is not allowed.

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--Michael Bérubé,
Journal of Academic Freedom editor

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