The Steve Street Award for Extraordinary Faculty Activism

Given by New Faculty Majority/The NFM Foundation

in recognition of activism on behalf of contingent faculty through writing and other forms of creative expression

Overview

Steve M. Street was one of New Faculty Majority's earliest mentors and leaders. His dedication and many years of activism are at the heart of NFM's work, especially the Unemployment Compensation Initiative, which now bears his name.

Steve's dedication to advocacy through writing was well known. As an accomplished writer, he was a trusted advisor and collaborator, co-authoring key NFM publications including "Who Is Professor Staff and How Can This Person Teach So Many Courses?" In addition to influential pieces published in the higher education press, Steve started a blog that he gave to NFM to administer in September 2009. Steve was also financially generous to NFM. His bequest was critical to NFM's ability to engage in advocacy and to ensuring its future.

By establishing this award, NFM hopes to encourage other activists to follow Steve's example. Like Steve, award recipients will be recognized for: using their talents to advance the causes of economic and social justice; engaging in fearless intellectual critique with artistry, integrity, and compassion; and always remaining committed to the mission at the heart of contingent faculty activism: teaching and learning.

About the Award

The Steve Street Award for Extraordinary Faculty Activism will be announced in 2014 on Steve's birthday, November 17. Thereafter, the award will be presented at the International Conference of the Coalition of Contingent Academic Labor (COCAL) and in alternate years during Campus Equity Week. The award will consist of a $500 prize and publication/recognition in a venue to be determined.

Eligibility Criteria

Anyone who has written, performed or otherwise expressed his or her advocacy in a public venue including social media is eligible. Nominations for the 2014 award must be received by September 30. In subsequent years, nominations must be received by July 1.

To submit a nomination, please include the nominee's full name and contact information, including email address and telephone number, as well as the nominator's name and contact information. Please include either a copy of the piece(s) that form the basis of the nomination or provide a working link. Email your nomination materials to info@newfacultymajority.info. For more information, visit the New Faculty Majority website at http://www.newfacultymajority.info/