

## Biography

Paul Davis Ed.D

For over thirty-five years I have been an active member of the American Association of University Professors. In 1990 I was a member of the first bargaining team at Cincinnati State. I have served on the Executive Committee as the chapter's treasurer and president.

I have been active in the Ohio Conference, including serving on its Board of Trustees from 2002-2011. I also served as their conference's president.

Since 2009 I have been on the executive committee of the national AAUP Collective Bargaining Congress; and until the reorganization I was chairperson of the Collective Bargaining Congress. I have been on the AAUP Council, and currently I am the Vice President.

My educational background consists of a Bachelor of Arts in History, a Master of Arts in Labor and Employment Relations, and Doctorate in Educational Foundations, all awarded by the University of Cincinnati. In 1987 I joined Cincinnati State Technical and Community College as a full-time professor, where I have held several faculty positions. I am currently an Emeritus Faculty member teaching history and American government.

Paul Davis, running for an at large council position.

You might have noticed that I am not part of any slate. I have respect for everyone that is running, but instead of building slates we need to be building coalitions. I am a candidate that is pro affiliation, and since I come from a community college with an extensive background in the AAUP (see biography) I can give a voice to the largest chapters, but I can represent the smaller chapters as well.

I stood before the 2022 biannual meeting asking you to vote for the AFT affiliation agreement. An agreement that I believed then and I believe even more now is fundamental to the future of our profession, our association, our communities, and our democracy. In many ways this agreement is working, but unfortunately there are times when I think this agreement has gotten off track. Too many personalities have gotten in the way of the common good. The AAUP and AFT cannot fight the battles that we are facing alone. We can only succeed by doing it together. I am running because I want to be a voice in strengthening this affiliation. I know what needs to be done. There are hard choices ahead. Choices that we cannot run away from, and I feel I am a person that can help lead us to solutions.

I am running because every chapter and every member needs to be represented. If you look at the chapters that are present at the biannual meeting primarily, they come from larger institutions. I like to think I can represent those that are not here.

I am running because it is about all of us. Not just some of us, and I hope to represent members across the organization.