

Ohanna named interim contract administrator. Dr. Natalio Ohanna, Department of Spanish, has been named interim contract administrator for the WMU-AAUP, effective August 1, 2018. In addition to his interim appointment, the WMU-AAUP Executive Committee has also voted to recommend Natalio to complete the two-year term that runs through August 31, 2019. The Association Council will meet to discuss this recommendation and hold a confirmation vote at the first AC meeting of the 2018-19 academic year on September 21. Please join us in welcoming Natalio to the WMU-AAUP leadership team, and read more about him [here](#).

Decision imminent in *Janus v. AFSCME Council 31*. With only 14 undecided cases left in the term, the U.S. Supreme Court is expected to announce its decision in *Janus v. AFSCME* any day now (possibly today). The case is a challenge to the constitutionality of agency fees for public-sector unions. Most experts expect the court to rule in favor of the plaintiff, a decision that would essentially establish so-called "right to work" rules as the law of the land and weaken public-sector unions.

To follow in real time as rulings are announced beginning at 10 a.m. today, visit the [June 21 live updates page at SCOTUSblog](#). More decisions will be announced on Monday, June 25.

For more information about the case, check out [SCOTUSblog overview of the oral arguments](#), [CSPAN's video coverage](#), [NY Times Supreme Court columnist Linda Greenhouse analysis of the arguments and courtroom dynamics](#), [Washington Post columnist EJ Dionne on the politics of *Janus v AFSCME*](#), and this short video of post-argument commentary by national AAUP legal counsel [Aaron Nisenson and Mike Mauer](#).

A. Robert Kleiner Memorial Scholarship applications due June 29. The WMU-AAUP Kleiner Scholarship supports WMU students with interest or experience in collective bargaining and/or labor relations. Undergraduate and graduate students who will be enrolled at WMU during fall 2018 and/or spring 2019 are eligible for the 2018-19 award. Funded by donations honoring deceased bargaining-unit members, the robust performance of this account over the years has made it possible for the WMU-AAUP to increase individual awards to \$2000 (from \$1500) beginning with the AY 2018-19 award cycle, as recently approved by the WMU-AAUP Executive Committee.

Please help us identify promising students and encourage them to apply. Recent honorees include TAU outgoing VP Naomi Bick (2017-18), TAU then-President Kristie

Bailey (2016-17), TAU steward and activist Khari Dickey (2016-17), and undergraduate education major and student labor leader Tabrian Joe (2016-17). Candidates for the scholarship must complete an application form and provide a short statement that demonstrates their interest or experience in collective bargaining and/or labor relations. Applications for 2018-19 awards are available upon request (write to staff@wmuaaup.net) and must be completed and returned by close of business on Friday, June 29, 2018.

Fourth Friday Happy Hour tomorrow (Friday, June 22) at Arcadia. Relax, enjoy the company of faculty colleagues, and build solidarity in a fun and family-friendly environment at the WMU-AAUP Fourth Friday Happy Hour. As always, for dues-paying members, your first drink is on us, whether you prefer beer, wine, or soft drinks. Arcadia Brewing Co., 701 E. Michigan Avenue. Friday, June 22, 5-6 p.m.

RSVP for the 2018 WMU-AAUP Fall BBQ on September 6. That's right, our annual Fall BBQ is on a Thursday this year, September 6. Join faculty colleagues and friends for an evening of great food, fun for the kiddos, and union solidarity. And, of course, there will also be plenty of refreshing adult beverages. This event is always a blast, so don't miss it! Thursday, September 6, food served 5-7 p.m., at Montague House (814 Oakland Drive). Email staff@wmuaaup.net to RSVP.

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