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PSAC 901 Statement in Solidarity with Contract Faculty Members

Today, February 11th, 2016, contract faculty members across Ontario are coming together to protest their precarious working conditions. Contract faculty often work from contract to contract with no guarantee that they will ever have a permanent position. They receive few, if any, benefits. They may be teaching the exact same courses as full-time faculty members, but they receive dramatically lower compensation.

Public Service Alliance of Canada Local 901 understands the plight of contract faculty members, and we support them. We represent more than 1500 graduate teaching assistants, teaching fellows, and postdoctoral scholars at Queen's University, all of whom also work temporary contracts in an academic environment. Indeed, a teaching fellow is essentially a contract faculty member who is simultaneously a graduate student, and many postdoctoral scholars hold temporary teaching contracts. Therefore, the CUPE, OCUFA, and OPSEU members (and allies) who are standing up against precarious academic work today are also standing up for us. We, in turn, stand with them.

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