

CAMPUS EQUITY WEEK 2019



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“BY DEVALUING THE PHD as a credential for college instruction, college administrators have massively expanded the supply of job candidates, thereby allowing them to reduce teaching salaries to poverty wages. The average annual salary of a part-time lecturer (or ‘adjunct’ faculty) with a PhD is an abysmal \$26,321, which is less than the stipend that most Ivy League graduate students receive just to read and write papers. The average annual salary of a part-time lecturer with an MA is an even more astonishing \$14,272 per year. That’s 120 percent of the federal poverty level, and worse than the average salary for some college instructors without any graduate degrees!”

– Trevor Griffey, “The Decline of Faculty: Less from an Oversupply of PhDs, and More from the Systematic De-Valuation of the PhD as a Credential for College Teaching,” *Labor Online*, LAWCHA, Jan. 9, 2017

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