

To our sisters and brothers at Yale,

CUPE 3903, which is the union representing teaching assistants, graduate assistants and contract faculty at York University, stands in solidarity with Yale graduate teachers. We commend your resolve in your long struggle to form a union, and your courage in the face of Yale's shameful anti-union position and the US government's revocation of graduate teachers' rights at private universities. We find Yale's resistance to recognizing the contributions and the rights of graduate teachers totally deplorable.

We see your fight against this assault on basic rights of assembly, rights to organize, and freedom of expression as particularly important in light of the witch-hunt against dissident voices on US campuses, which has been highlighted by the right-wing campaign to demonize and marginalize Ward Churchill this year.

Now more than ever, it is critical that university communities organize to defend the principles of freedom of expression, and rights to organize.

We stand in solidarity with your strike next week.
Keep up the fight!

In solidarity,

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