

# GESO: The Union for Graduate Teachers & Researchers at Yale

FEDERATION OF HOSPITAL AND UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES  
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## Media Advisory

# Teachers at Yale Joined by John Wilhelm

As the Yale graduate teachers' strike goes into its second day, about 450 Yale classes--with 7500 cumulative enrolled undergraduates--will be cancelled or otherwise impacted by the strike this week. A majority of the graduate teachers on Yale's central campus are respecting the strike.

Today, teachers will be joined by undergraduates at 10:45 for "classrooms in the streets". Teachers, undergraduates, and members of Locals 34 and 35 will lead classes to educate passersby about the strike.

Strikers will be joined by UNITE HERE President John Wilhelm on the picket lines in the morning and at the noontime rally. Jorge Perez, acting mayor of New Haven (and Aldermanic President) will also speak.

John Wilhelm graduated from Yale College in 1967, and helped lead Local 35 through three strikes in the 1970s, and then helped organize the clerical and technical workers into Local 34 from 1982-1985. He also helped negotiate the Yale workers' contracts in 1996 and 2003.

### **GESO Picket Schedule for Tuesday, April 19**

8:00 Breakfast at 425 College at First and Summerfield Methodist Church

8:30 Picketing at departments

10:45 Classrooms in the Streets - College St. between Elm and Wall

11:30 Lunch – First and Summerfield Methodist Church

12:00 Rally on Elm St.

Guest Speakers:

- John Wilhelm, President, Unite Here
- Roger Vann, Executive Director, Connecticut Civil Liberties Union
- Jorge Perez, President, New Haven Board of Aldermen
- Rev. Scott Marks, CCNE

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