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Media Advisory

Rev. Jesse Jackson to visit NYU & Yale, as Strike Spreads

TAs at UMass will walkout today; Solidarity actions planned nationwide

Yale and Columbia enter the fourth day of their strike—but not alone. Today their fight takes on national proportions as universities from a walkout at UMass, to a rally at Ivy League University of Pennsylvania, to actions in Wisconsin, California, Rutgers, Florida, and beyond.

At 5:00pm the Reverend Jesse Jackson will arrive in New Haven to lead a rally at Yale, the final stop on his tour of Columbia University and New York University. The graduate teachers are on strike at Yale and Columbia. A union contract covering the graduate teachers at NYU will expire in August 2005. The NYU administration is threatening not to renegotiate, and bust the union instead.

Graduate teachers across the country have signed onto a common declaration of principles on all university workers' rights to organize. This declaration is the common theme of the national day of solidarity. Teachers at Yale will be joined by teachers from across the country for a rally at noon. A copy is available on the strike center at www.geso.org

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New Haven Schedule for Thursday April 21, 2005:

12noon Rally at Rose Walk on High St. between Elm and Wall.

- David Montgomery, Yale University Farnam Professor Emeritus of History
- Speakers incl. graduate teachers from Ohio State, UMass-Amherst, and other universities.

1:30 Lecture by Prof. Hazel Carby on the History of Women of Color in Universities at church on College/Elm

Note: Prof. Carby is the only tenured black woman at Yale.

2:30 March to Provost's office at 1 Hillhouse, followed by picketing all afternoon.

5:00 Rally with Reverend Jesse Jackson at Rose Walk on High St. between Elm and Wall.

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