

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

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## Media Advisory

### **Strike at Yale Goes Global** Teachers begin to see results from strike

Today is the last day of the weeklong strike at Yale and Columbia. Teachers won a key victory yesterday when they found Roland Betts, the Senior Fellow of Yale's Corporation, on campus. Betts yesterday agreed to meet with the union, GESO, next week. This is the first time ever that such a meeting has taken place.

Barbara Ehrenreich, author of *Nickel and Dimed: On Not Getting By in America*, will join the strikers today.

Today, teachers at four Australian universities are doing solidarity actions. Other highlights include:

- A Written Declaration in the European Parliament supporting GESO (Yale) and GSEU (Columbia)
- ORIT, the Interamerican Regional Organization of Laborers, which represents 45 million people in the western hemisphere is scheduled to pass a resolution at its annual congress this week in Brasilia condemning US Labor law for stripping workers of the right to organize and specifically mentioning ORIT's support of GESO and GSEU.
- Dozens of other letters of support spanning the globe, all available at the strike center: [www.geso.org](http://www.geso.org)

Teachers at Yale will spend the morning picketing. At 11:45 they will gather at Helen Hadley Hall where international scholars protested discriminatory housing practices two weeks ago. They will then march to the Globalization Center on campus, which also currently houses the President's office.

#### GESO Schedule for Friday April 22, 2005:

**8:00 AM** Breakfast

**8:30 AM** Picketing

**11:45 PM** Rally and march beginning at Helen Hadley Hall, 420 Temple St., up Prospect Street, to Yale's temporary President's Office at 393 Prospect St. (the old Davies Mansion).

Picnic and lawn party to follow

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