

We faculty and staff members of Trinity College, Central Connecticut State University, University of Connecticut and Wesleyan University are in complete solidarity with the Occupy Wall Street and the Occupy Hartford protest. We support its demand for social justice and real democracy. We recognize, too, the effects of the economic crisis on the conditions of life for millions of people in this country and around the world. We agree that actions to end this crisis cannot be based on the reduction of public spending and cuts to public services. Such discriminatory measures will further harm those who are suffering the most and prolong the economic crisis.

For three decades those at the very top of the economic ladder have prospered while the vast majority of our population is increasingly indebted and impoverished. The concentrations of great wealth in poorly regulated banks and corporations threatens our democracy and enables the plundering of our national resources. The gap between rich and poor is greater than ever before in our nation's history. Our wealthiest citizens are not paying their fair share. We join Occupy Hartford and Occupy Wall Street in demanding solutions to improve the economic and social circumstances of everyday people.

This crisis and the austerity measures under consideration by the government will affect the future of young people, and among them, the dedicated students we teach. Many of them, now deeply in debt, find themselves unemployed when they graduate. The current economic situation is such that our students will probably carry these debts for decades to come. Where is the federal bailout for students, crushed and dispirited by debt?

We applaud and stand with Occupy Hartford and Occupy Wall Street for highlighting the injustice and unfairness that is weakening America and undermining our economy and democracy.

We actively support this movement and will do everything we can to make it a success. We are in this together.

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