

2021 NOMINATION FOR OFFICE

Name David Simmons

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Name of Local Association of University of Wisconsin Professionals

Local #3535 _____ How long a member of the union since May, 2020

Office desired (circle one):

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| President | PK-12 Vice President | State Employees Vice President |
| Secretary | WTCS Vice President | PSRP Vice President |
| Treasurer | University Vice President | Graduate Employees Vice President |
| Regional Vice President (3 - Northern, Eastern, West/Central) | | Retiree Council Vice President |

Positions held in local _____ No positions in Local #3535; Vice President of UW-Whitewater United (at-large local as of November, 2021)

Activities with AFL-CIO affiliates: Local/State/National N/A

Political activities N/A

Educational background Ph.D., M.A., University of Chicago Divinity School; B.A., Bowdoin College

Profession Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies

Location UW-Whitewater

Other activities and qualifications Department Chair, Philosophy & Religious Studies 2018-present; Faculty Senate Chair, 2018-20; Member-at-Large, Faculty Senate Executive Committee, 2018; Secretary and Chair, College of Letters & Sciences Standards/Promotion Committee. 2016-2018; Member, UW-Whitewater Chancellor Search & Screen Committee, 2015; member, AAUP

This is to certify that the above-named candidate has been nominated for office in accordance with the Constitution of AFT-Wisconsin. Please indicate the procedure used in nominating the candidate on page two of this form.

Candidates may submit a position paper of no more than 300 words on why he/she is seeking a position on the AFT-Wisconsin Executive Board to be posted on the AFT-Wisconsin website. This must be submitted electronically to Kathy Kreul at kreul@aft-wisconsin.org no later than Sunday, September 19, 2021.

As a candidate for office in AFT-Wisconsin, I will not engage in name calling, whisper campaigns, slander, libel or other inappropriate tactics. I will conduct a clean campaign that operates in a dignified and respectable manner that befits our union. I will instruct my supporters that they should do the same.

Signature  _____ Date: October 8, 2021

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By any 10 members of the Federation or respective council/region (print names-they must be legible):

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| Nathan McGovern _____ | ✓ Nicholas Fleisher <i>Nich Flei</i> _____ 3535 |
| Christopher Ramaekers _____ | Robert Gehrenbeck |
| Deborah Wilk _____ | Crista Lebens _____ |
| Bruce Cohen _____ | Michael Hackett _____ |
| Elena Levy-Navarro _____ | Wade Tillet _____ |
| Brandon Thomas _____ | Susan Chandler |

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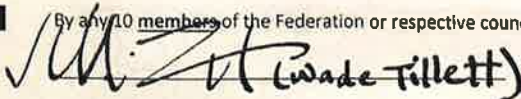
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Candidate Statement for David Simmons:

My name is David Simmons, and I'm running to serve on the AFT-W executive board as Vice President for the Eastern Region. I currently serve in this position, and as chair of the Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies at UW-Whitewater, where we formed an at-large local, UW Whitewater United, in the spring of 2020. As the chair of the Faculty Senate from 2018-2020 and a member of the AAUP, I am a strong believer in shared governance, in which faculty and other governance groups become decision makers with the Chancellor, Provost, and other administrators, based on the principle of the labor movement that the best decisions are made when workers and managers collaborate. As Faculty Senate chair I worked with shared governance leaders from all over the University of Wisconsin System, including university staff represented by AFSCME. As an employee of the Evanston Public Library, my mother-in-law joined AFSCME and organized the municipal workers in Evanston. But my education in the labor movement began much earlier. Since I began my career at UW-Whitewater in 2006, my teaching and service have been informed by values I learned from my mother, a middle school teacher, and father, a professor at the community college in my hometown. Labor organizing has always been a "kitchen table" issue for me. My mother negotiated contracts for her teachers' union, and among her union sisters was Becky Pringle, my middle school physics and chemistry teacher who is now president of the NEA.

As Faculty Senate chair, I visited many campuses in the UW System, including UW-Parkside and UW-Milwaukee. I am familiar with UW System politics at the highest levels among the Board of Regents and UWSA, and have worked with shared governance leaders at every campus in the System, including campuses that have strong AFT-W locals. I have a good sense of the different needs of the various locals and campuses in our region, and I am a fierce advocate of both faculty governance and the right of all workers to self-determination and negotiation in their workplace and compensation. As a faculty governance leader, I worked to ensure that faculty had a say in the administration of their university. As a member of AFT-W, I will continue to work to ensure the members of the Eastern Region are afforded their rights to a safe, healthy, and equitable workplace as well as fair compensation for the value they bring to Wisconsin.