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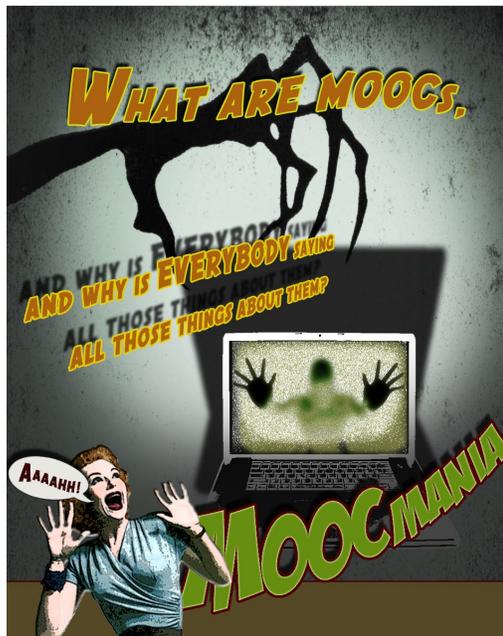
# Union News

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## Campaign for the Future of Higher Education: The “Race to Zero”

State investment in higher education is plummeting, and the states are in a “Race to Zero” funding for public higher education. Where does Connecticut stand compared to other states? According to the Campaign for the Future of Higher Education and Post---Secondary Education Opportunity, Connecticut would be the twelfth state to reach a zero investment from the state for public higher education based on the trend from 2000-2013. How rapid is Connecticut’s decline of investment? Zero funding is projected to occur in 2039 unless something is done to reverse the trend. See more information [here](#). The Campaign for the Future of Higher Education can be found at <http://futureofhighered.org/>.

## Save the Date: CT Spring Conference AAUP Spring Meeting



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*All will be revealed...*

at the Annual Spring Meeting of CSC–AAUP on **Friday evening, May 17, from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Graduate Club in New Haven**. Jonathan Rees, Professor of History at Colorado State University–Pueblo and a vice president of AAUP’s Colorado Conference, will speak on the urgent, fascinating, and troubling topic of “massive open online courses,” or MOOCs.

Rees has been writing about online teaching for some time, and most recently on the political economy and pedagogical effects of MOOCs on his blog [More or Less Bunk](#), recommended last semester in *Vanguard*.

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Online instruction is not his professional specialization; his most recent book is *Industrialization and the Transformation of American Life: A Brief Introduction*, published by M.E. Sharpe in 2012. But he started writing about MOOCs “because he noticed that nobody else was,” and enrolled in a MOOC himself to study the experience.

Look for more information soon from your local AAUP Chapter about how to register for the meeting.

## **Defend Public Education : Cradle to College**

Join fellow defenders of public education, including teachers, parents, students, professors, and more for a conference dedicated to addressing and organizing against attacks to public education at all levels. The conference will take place on **Sunday, April 28 from 9:30am-2pm in Vance 105 at CCSU**. Speakers include Jonathan Pelto, Roberto Cotto, and Ceresta Smith, among others. More information on the speakers can be found [here](#).

In addition to opening and closing keynote speakers, the conference will feature panel presentations on Quality Education For All, Teachers Are Not the Enemy, More Than Test Scores, and Organizing Action in Your Community.

Seating is limited to 135 participants. Reserve your free seat by emailing [defendk16@gmail.com](mailto:defendk16@gmail.com). For more information, visit [defendk16.wix.com/home](http://defendk16.wix.com/home) or follow the group on Twitter [@defendk16](https://twitter.com/defendk16).