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PRESENTS A PANEL PRESENTATION



ASHLEY WURZBACHER, PH.D.
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REFLECTIONS ON A SUCCESSFUL STUDENT PROTEST: THE 2012-2013 TA SIT-IN AT UH

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019

3:00-4:30 PM

STUDENT CENTER SOUTH - Heights Room

UH Alumna Professor **Ashley Wurzbacher, Ph.D.**, will present on her experience co-leading a successful student protest. In the 2012-2013 academic year, UH Teaching Assistants and Teaching Fellows (TA's and TF's) held a sit-in at the Chancellor's office to protest their working conditions and low wages. At the time TA's and TF's earned a stipend of between \$9,600 to \$11,200 per year and had not received a raise in twenty years.

The sit-in secured from Chancellor Renu Khator a commitment to a budget increase of \$1 million for graduate student stipends. A panel of scholars will ask Wurzbacher questions about her student labor organizing and guide a discussion about the issues of contingent academic labor more broadly that concern current graduate student teachers and researchers at UH.

**QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT graduateenglishsociety@gmail.com**

READ MORE ABOUT THE PROTEST ONLINE:

The Chronicle of Higher Education's "U.of Houston Sit-In Ends After Promise of \$1-Million for Teaching Fellows" (4/9/2013)

Gulfcoast "If I Weren't Here, I'd Want To Be" (Wurzbacher, /13/2013)

Green Mountains Review's "The English Revolution at University of Houston" (5/31/2013)

The Chronicle of Higher Education's "To Improve Equity, Focus on Stipends, Graduate Students Say" (2/17/2014)

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