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.

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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, 1/3/2013)
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)