



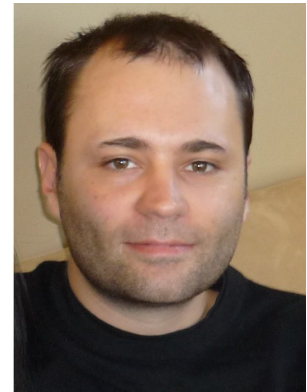
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Announcement of Keynote Speaker

Jamie Brownlee, author of [Academia Inc.](#), will serve as keynote speaker for the [\(in\)visible](#) conference organised by the Association of Part-Time Professors of the University of Ottawa (APTPUO). *Academia Inc.* was published to rave review in 2015 by highlighting the story of how Ontario's system for higher education has been subjected to a "neoliberal offensive" that has progressively been transforming Canadian universities into corporations while undermining academic freedom, university independence, and the accessibility and affordability of higher education.



The Doug Ford administration's rescinding of the equal pay for equal work act, its cynical 2019 cuts to OSAP, its attack on students' unions, and its withdrawal of bargaining rights represent an existential threat to Ontario's public system for higher education. Brownlee's keynote address will put a spotlight on how Ford's reforms are only the latest chapter in a systematic attack upon the collegial traditions of the university and how the creation of a precarious class of contract faculty is central to this master plan.

The APTPUO conference takes place Oct 25-26 on the campus of the University of Ottawa. Free registration begins October 1.

The [APTPUO](#) represents the contract faculty at the University of Ottawa.

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