

Fighting the Right: Lessons From Florida



An Online Forum with Paul Ortiz

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Paul Ortiz and his union are on the frontlines of the current culture wars. Education on all levels, and the rights of much of the state's population, are under attack by forces led by Governor Ron DeSantis. The governor's "Anti-Wokeness" campaign threatens to eviscerate honest teaching of United States history and force people of color, the trans and LGBTQ+ communities, and working people in general to the margins of society. Resistance to this campaign is growing, and at the center of the fight is the United Faculty of Florida and its allies. Paul Ortiz, a historian at the University of Florida and veteran of social justice movements, is a key leader in this resistance.

Paul Ortiz is Professor of History at the University of Florida, and President of the United Faculty of Florida-UF (FEA/NEA/AFT/AFL-CIO). He is the author of *An African American and Latinx History of the United States*, which received the 2018 PEN Oakland-Josephine Miles Award for Literary Excellence, and other books. His Ph.D. is from Duke University.

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