

Bio Statement:

John M. Polimeni is an Assistant Professor of Economics at the Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (ACPHS). His research interests are in environmental sustainability issues that relate to economic growth and development, specifically on sustainable agriculture and the connection to energy policies. He has published 38 journal articles, co-authored a book entitled “The Jevons’ Paradox and the Myth of Resource Efficiency Improvements” and has two more books coming out later this year. He was awarded a Senior Fulbright Fellowship to Romania to further pursue these interests. He has been active in faculty governance at ACPHS serving as Faculty Chair- Elect and Chair of various units and committees.

Vision Statement:

The threat to the university is perhaps at its greatest as the corporatization of higher education places immense pressure on academic freedom, promotion and tenure, and faculty governance in general. The current Financial Crisis and the fiscal mismanagement by the State and Federal Governments, as well as the administrations of numerous colleges and universities throughout the country and the state have only exacerbated the problem. The NYS AAUP is the only State organization concerned with faculty issues in Higher Education from the faculty perspective. As someone concerned with these issues I would like to be more involved in the NYS AAUP as I believe the University is one of the last bastions where ideas can be argued openly and freely. The threat to these freedoms is both real and present and the mobilization of faculty is the best way to address these issues in a meaningful and timely manner.