# Reorientations...

### **Precarity is...**

Have you heard of Day Labor? Have you ever had a temp job? Does your partner, or any of your friends, lack health insurance? Are you juggling debts, bills, and still needing to take out another loan just to get through school? Do you know someone working at

If the answer is yes to any of the above, then you've heard about PRECARITY.

Precarity means a lack of security or stability in life, and it refers to the entire gamut of experiences such as: temp work, retail, day labor, SLJs (S\*\*\*ty Little Jobs) in a fast-food joint. These positions share a lack of health insurance, piled up debts just to meet basic

Precarity is associated with the type of work conditions set up and spread by:
-Service industries: chain-stores & chain-restaurants such as Wal-Mart, McDonald's

Information Technology industries, and Universities

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Precarity is a way of understanding what common traits a member of the Housekeeping

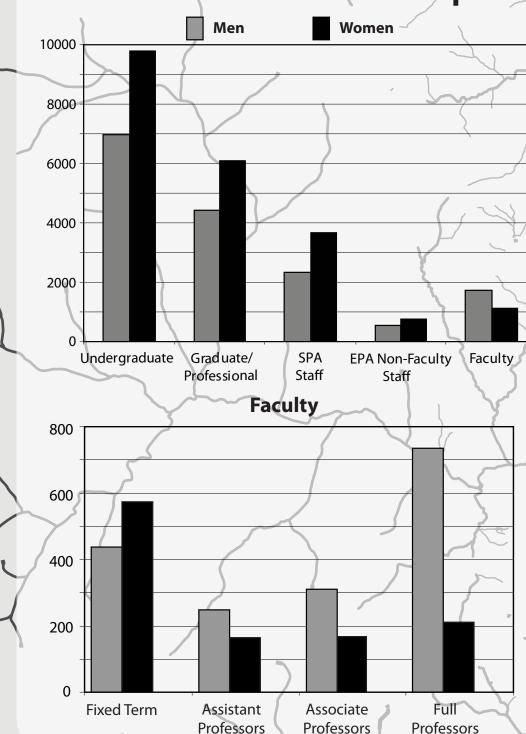
A closer look at *Precarity* forces us to examine the guts of our university, the larger region it inhabits and our own lives, asking: Are my rights being protected? How stable or secure is my situation?

- If I get sick, can I pay my doctor?
- Will I make it through the summer without falling into even more debt?
- If I request my overtime pay, could I be fired? • If I complain about health/safety conditions will my immigration/work visa be
- If my lab supervisor doesn't get a grant, can I be fired?

Ask about your student debt as an Undergrad, your health coverage as an adjunct professor, your overtime as a cafeteria worker, your vacation time from the laboratory work..

This is the other side of the Knowledge Economy

www.sindominio.net/karakola/precarias/lexicon.htm
"the first stuttering..." A great explanation of how to live and fight the precarious life



A People's History of

**UNC Chapel Hill** 

## Research Triangle Park (RTP) is...

"Where the minds of the world meet" reads the logo of RTP. Founded in 1959, the board of directors managing RTP includes university and college administrators as well as executives of global corporations. According to its website, RTP is the largest Research and Development Park in the country and over 80% of its employees work for multinational corporations such as IBM and GlaxoSmithKline. Executives, researchers in lab coats, food service workers and cleaning staff, are part of the varied workforce that share this space, though they rarely cross paths. It is called "The Triangle," referring to the three pillars of Research & Development in the area: UNC-Chapel Hill, Duke University and North Carolina State University. Other area universities are proudly advertised as assets for their research and workforce to serve this corner of the global economy. The power and influence of RTP in the regional and state economies leads to the outgrowth of corporate research offices and projects on the university campuses themselves. The Centennial Campus at NCSU is a prime example, where company offices are across the hall from university professors.

This kind of knowledge economy works through university-corporate partnerships based on commercial cutting-edge scientific achievements, corporate management and profit-driven discoveries, as well as the creation of a precarious work-force.

The Triangle Region is being exported as a development model to other parts of the world. While France was in the throes a national crisis during the suburban riots of 2005, the creation of "competition hubs" was being discussed, the main example being given was the Research Triangle Park in North Carolina.

**Alternative Media** 

**Carrboro Community Radio** 

**Boiling Point** 

boilingpoint.unc.edu

communityradio.coop

Independent Weekly

North Carolina IndyMedia

www.thepeopleschannel.org

www.indyweek.com

nc.indymedia.org

**Peoples Channel** 

WCOM - 103.5 FM

**Bike Shops** Fair Trade Coffee

**Local Economies** 

Certain consumer choices can help keep economic value in

the area and create equitable trade relations elsewhere

Weaver Street Market www.weaverstreetmarket.com

- (919) 929-0010 Carrboro Town Commons: Carrboro Farmers Market www.carrborofarmersmarket.com (919) 932-1641
- Really Free Market www.carrboro.com/reallyreallyfreemarket Maple View Farms
- www.mapleviewfarm.com (919) 967-6842 Carolina Farm Stewardship Association www.carolinafarmstewards.org
- Spence's Farm www.spencesfarm.com (919) 968-8581

(919) 542-2402

SEEDS (South Eastern Efforts Developing Sustainable Spaces, Inc.) <u>www.seedsnc.org</u> (919) 683-1197

#### 4 Internationalist Books www.internationalistbooks.org The Bookstore

The Boomarket (919) 929-7264 Nice Price Books (919) 929-6222

Labor

Student Organizations:
Student Action with Workers (SAW)

Community Organizations: Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC)

www.jwj.org 1325 Massachusetts Avenue NW Suite 200

Student Action with Farmworkers (SAF)

Neetings: Wednesdays 8pm: Alumni Hall 313A

www.uncsolidarity.org

www.floc.com

Dudley, NC 28333

Jobs with Justice

Washington, DC 20005

cds.aas.duke.edu/saf

The Skylight Exchange

Where does

your water

come from?

Where does it go?

#### **13** Sizl Gallery <u>www.sizlgallery.com</u> (919) 960-0098

(919) 966-5736

nightlight.dyss.net

**15** Varsity Theater

- www.artscenterlive.org (919) 929-2787 14 Ackland Art Museum Cat's Cradle <u>www.ackland.org</u> www.catscradle.com
- Dirty South Improv www.dsicomedytheater.com **16** Nightlight Bar and Club

Student Environmental Action Committee (SEAC)

North Carolina Citizens for Transportation Alternatives

North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association (NCSEA)

**North Carolina Waste Awareness and Reduction Network** 

**North Carolina Conservation Network** 

www.ncwarn.org P.O. Box 61051, Durham, NC 27715-1051

www.ncsustainableenergy.org/ P.O. Box 6465,

**Piedmont Biofuels Cooperativ** 

4783 Moncure-Pittsboro Rd

Raleigh, NC 27628-6465

The ArtsCenter

(919) 967-9053

**Environment** 

**Student Organizations:** 

www.unc.edu/seac

Community Organizations: Friends of Bolin Creek

www.bolincreek.org

www.nccta.org

www.ncconnet.org

112 S. Blount St.

(919) 857-4699

(919) 416-507

www.biofuels.coop

Moncure, NC 27559

(919) 321-8260

Raleigh, NC 27601

**Local Progressive Organizations** 

PlayMakers Repertory Company www.playmakersrep.org Second Friday Art Walk www.2ndfridayartwalk.com

## **20** Community Realty

- (919) 942-6565 **18** Club Nova Thrift Shop (919) 967-6985
- **Transportation: 19** ReCYCLEry (COOP)

www.ptathriftshop.com

**Thrift Stores:** 

**17** PTA Thrift Shop

www.recyclery.info (919) 932-1335

#### **Weaver Community Housing** Association www.coophousingunc.org 919) 969-7410

#### **Domestic Politics and Law** Campaign to End the Death Penalty

www.unc.edu/student/orgs/cedp Carolina National Organization for Reform of Marijuana Laws carolinanorml.blogspot.com

communityrealtync.com

www.weaverstreetrealty.com

(919) 932-1990

(919) 929-5658

**21** Weaver Street Realty

Community Organizations:
American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of North Carolina www.acluofnorthcarolina.org

**Democracy North Carolina** www.democracy-nc.org 105 West Main Śtreet

Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender - Straight Alliance (GLBTSA) Carrboro, NC 27510 (919) 967-9942 **National Lawyers Guild of North Carolina** 

www.ncnlg.org Organization for African Students' Interests and Solidarity (OASIS) North Carolina Justice Center www.ncjustice.org 224 S. Dawson St

Raleigh, NC 27601

Raleigh, NC 27605

www.pfadp.org 110 W. Main St., Suite 2-G

Resources: Carolina Student Legal Services

Carrboro, NC 27510

(919) 933-7567

People of Faith Against the Death Penalty

(919) 933-8583

(919) 856-2570

North Carolina Smart Growth Alliance www.ncsmartgrowth.org 205 West Main Street, Suite 211 Carrboro, NC 27510 (919) 928-8700

**National Association for the Advancement of Colored People** (NAACP) North Carolina North Carolina Voters for Clean Election naacpncnetwork.org

Civil Rights
Student Organizations:
Black Student Movement (BSM)

Carolina Hispanic Association (CHISPA)

Feminist Student United (FSU)

www.unc.edu/fsu

www.unc.edu/glbtsa

www.unc.edu/masala

www.unc.edu/oasis

**Community Organizations:** 

www.equalitync.org

Raleigh, NC 27611

(919) 829-0343

**Equality NC** 

MASALA

www.unc.edu/student/orgs/chispa/main.htm Meetings: Tuesdays 6pm, Student Union 320

www.unc.edu/student/orgs/bsm Meetings: Wednesdays 5:30pm Student Union Auditorium

Office of LGBTQ Student Life lgbtq.unc.edu CB# 5100, 01 Steele Building Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27599 LGBTQ Center: Room 10 (919) 843-5376

Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History Chapel Hill, NC 27599 (919) 962-9001

## The Geologic History of "The Hill"

dinosaur fossils have been found there.

The geologic history of Chapel Hill reaches significantly far back in time.

Long before the earliest fossils formed on Earth, a mountain range rose up and eroded away again leaving thousands of feet of sediment, sand, silt, and mud, which

collected and hardened to form many of the local rocks of today. While enormous volcanoes were erupting over what is now Virginia, hot magma welled up below North Carolina and cooled near the surface to form granite intrusions. Over millions of years, the softer rocks around them eroded away to create Chapel "Hill".

Eons later, the Euro-African continent and North America collided, forming the supercontinent Pangaea. They collided with such force, a mountain range pushed

up between them. These mountains were higher than the Himalayas; wider than Tennessee and North Carolina combined; and are now called the Appalachians.

The rocks in these mountains, through pressure and heat, became most of what is today's local bedrock. A few million years later, in the time of the dinosaurs, Pangaea split, creating the Atlantic Ocean. Some of the proto-Appalachian Mountains extend into the Euro-African continent and are now in Europe and Scandinavia. This spreading tension created cracks which quickly filled with sediment from the eroding mountains. The Triassic basins of the East coast are a record of this stretching. One of them is found just east of Chapel Hill, on the way to Raleigh, and many early

As the continents moved apart, the proto-Appalachians eroded away producing the mountainous western part of the state, the Piedmont, and the coastal plain. If

the polar ice caps were to melt, the new coastline would be just east of Raleigh.

## **NC Plenty**

A Currency for the Local Area

A local currency fosters support for unique local economies, reduces environmental damage by reducing the distance between producers and consumers and builds community through interaction of local people

www.ncplenty.org

Student Organizations: Amnesty International www.unc.edu/amnesty

Campaign to End the Cycle of Violence (CECV) end.the.cycle@gmail.com

Community Organizations:
Carolina Interfaith Taskforce on Central America (CITCA)

**International Politics** 

**Coalition for Peace with Justice** www.peace-with-justice.org

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**UNC Campus** 

Chapel Hill, NC 27515 International Solidarity Movement-North Carolina Chapter

ismnc.blogspot.com Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions (ICAHD)-USA

www.icahdusa.org **Jews for a Just Peace North Carolina** 

www.jfajpnc.org North Carolina Peace Action

www.ncpeaceaction.org Raleigh NC 27605

North Carolina Peace and Justice Coalition www.ncpeacejustice.org

www.geocities.com/peace1st\_org (WILPF)-Triangle Chapter

www.trianglewilpf.org

#### **Umbrella Organizations** Student Organizations: Campus Y

campus-y.unc.edu Students United for a Responsibl Global Environment (SURGE)

www.surgenetwork.org 105 West Main Street Carrboro, NC 27510 (919) 960-6886

Community Organizations: Institute for Southern Studie www.southernstudies.org PO Box 531 Durham, NC 27702

(919) 419-8311 North Carolina Council of Churche www.nccouncilofchurches.org 1307 Glenwood Ave., Suite 156 Raleigh, N.C. 27605-3256

Silk Hope Catholic Worker House 3355 Woody Store Rd.

Siler City, North Carolina 27344 (919) 663-4334 Southerners on New Ground (SONG)

www.southnewground.org Durham, NC 27702 (919) 667-1362

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

IF STOPPED BY POLICE WHILE

1. YOU MUST display your driver's license

2. YOU MUST write your name (for the

purpose of identification) upon an officer's

3. YOU MUST provide your name and

address (and the name and address of the

4. If the officer believes you have consume

auto's owner) upon an officer's request.

alcohol, you MUST SUBMIT to a

upon an officer's request.

#### **A Few of Your Constitutional Rights** *To Cut Out and Carry*

Courtesy of Carolina Student Legal Services Inc. www.unc.edu/student/orgs/sls

IF STOPPED BY POLICE: . REMAIN SILENT. You are not required to answer questions. Think "UNC": "Uh, No

. DO NOT CONSENT TO A SEARCH. I police request to search your person or belongings, state clearly, for the officer and

> witnesses to hear, "I do not consent to a search." 3. DO NOT PHYSICALLY RESIST A SEARCH. If the officer proceeds to search you or your belongings, repeat "I do not consent to a search." (If the search is not

NC driver's license.) You have a right to resist a police officer. contact an attorney for advice.

5. IF ARRESTED: State clearly, for the officer and any witnesses to hear, "I am goin to remain silent." Then REMAIN SILENT

needs, difficulty finding adequate housing and transportation, and more. These precarious conditions are increasing, making it a challenge for people to match their hopes for life with their reality.

-Knowledge economy- anchored in Research and Development (R&D) Parks,

As a member of the UNC community and a Triangle resident in one of the world's most famous R&D parks; you are in a testing ground for the knowledge economy and its

Precarity can mean some good things, a lot of bad things, and a bunch of ambivalence.

staff, a Teaching Assistant, and an Undergrad work-study may share.

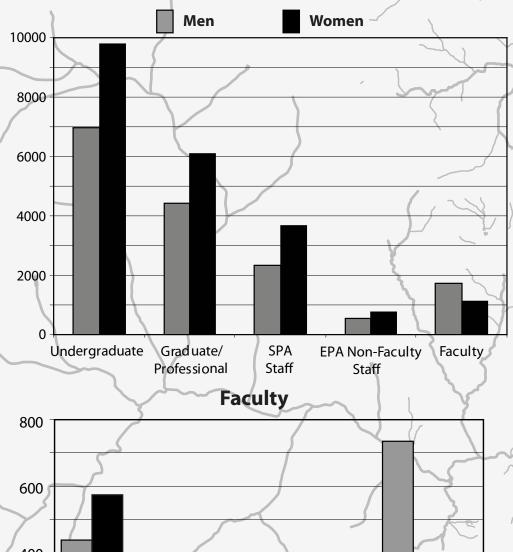
• If I get pregnant, can I keep my job?

revoked or not renewed? • If I'm harassed by a professor- can I tell someone or will I be penalized?

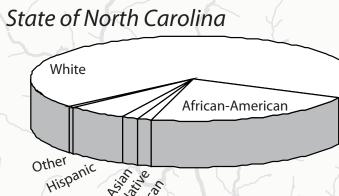
• Can I make it through school without ten years or more of debt to follow?

"The Precarious Lexicon/Dictionary": a glossary of what you need to know as a member of a precarious society

## Gender and Labor at UNC Chapel Hill



# **Diversity at UNC Chapel Hill**



Health

(919) 942-8741

Carrboro, NC 27510

2501 Homestead Road

Personal Services Division

**Orange County Rape Crisis Center** 

Planned Parenthood Chapel Hill

www.plannedparenthood.org

Chapel Hill, NC 27515

www.ocrcc.org 825-A Estes Dr.

Chapel Hill, NC

(919) 968-4647

1765 Dobbins Dr

Chapel Hill, NC 27516

Phone (919) 968-2022

301 Lloyd St

**Carrboro Community Health Center** 

www.co.orange.nc.us/health/pers.htm

ow-Cost Health Insurance for Children via

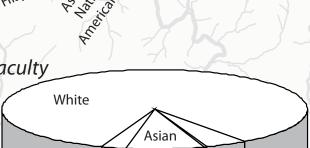
24 Hour Crisis Hotline: (866) WE LISTEN

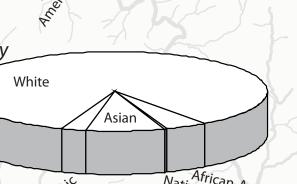
NC Family Health Resource Line at 1-800-367-2229

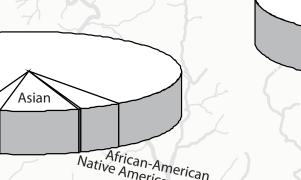
Southern Human Services Center

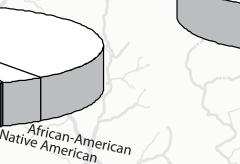
**Orange County Health Dept Personal Health Services Division** 

Low-cost and some No-cost services available through the























Students

Staff

African-American

breathalyzer test or your license WILL BE lawful, it can be suppressed, even if they find REVOKED. (YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE the breathalyzer, but the legal 4. DO NOT RESIST AN ARREST. Remain consequences include the revocation of your silent. Remain calm. NEVER physically

tests, but you are NOT REQUIRED to do so. There are NO formal legal penalties for

5. You may be asked to perform dexterity