

# Political Activism in Post-Secondary Institutions



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Room 1228, Broadway Campus**

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One of the founding editors of Seven Oaks magazine, his humour essays, book and film reviews, editorials and short stories have appeared in such print and online publications as Vancouver Magazine, The Georgia Straight, Only Magazine, Rabble.ca, The Westender, The Tyee, This Magazine, Monthly Review's MRZine.org, and others.

His collection of essays, *Vancouver Special* (Arsenal Pulp Press, 2009) was shortlisted for the Hubert Evans BC Book Prize for Non-Fiction. He is also the author of a novel, *The Prescription Errors* (Insomniac Press, 2009). As a stand-up comic, he has performed for national television and radio audiences. He is one of the most frequently returning stars of CBC Radio's smash-hit comedy *The Debaters*.

A former rank-and-file organizer with the Canadian Auto Workers' union, long-time member of Stop-war.ca and a founding member of Vancouver's Palestine Solidarity Group, he has also performed at Vancouver's international Comedy Festival, the Just for Laughs Festival, and in other comedy festivals on both sides of the border.