

## **NEWARK BOARD OF GOVERNORS CANDIDATE BIO**

**Name:** Claire O'Connell

**Degree:** MPH, PA-C

**Rank:** Associate Professor

**School:** SHRP

**Department:** Primary Care, Physician Assistant Program

**Years of Service:** 26

**Experience with AAUP (if applicable):** Newark Board of Governors 2013-present, AAUP-BHSNJ Council 2016 –Present, SHRP Negotiating Team

**Area(s) of interest (for example: research in\_\_\_\_, clinical practice, teaching, etc) Please be concise:** Teaching

**Reason(s) for candidacy {what you expect to contribute to the organization (60 words or less):** SHRP needs a strong and consistent voice in the AAUP-BHSNJ. I will bring experience with negotiations and labor law, along with enthusiasm and loyalty, in a continued effort to support the faculty. As the University turns toward a more business oriented perspective, it is crucial that we stand united in educating Administration in all aspects of shared governance as we become a stronger Union.