

# THE NEW TEACHER UNDERGROUND

Sponsored by the New Teacher/Alt Cert Action Group  
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**Thursdays, 5-7pm all summer long**

Lolita Bar, 266 Broome Street

B/D to Grand, F to Delancey, J/M/Z to Essex

## **7/14 What it Means to Be a Teacher in New York City Right Now**

Developing a people's history of the New York City public schools

## **7/21 Privilege, Power and Public Schools**

Unpacking the concept of the "achievement gap" by addressing privilege and power in our school system and in our classrooms

## **7/28 The Meaning of Alternative Certification**

What are the histories of Teach for America and the New York City Teaching Fellows programs? What role do they play in today's education climate?

## **8/4 Welcome to Teaching**

Understanding mayoral control, high-stakes testing, privatization and other top-down policies that impact our classrooms

## **8/11 Your Union and Social Justice Unionism**

What do teacher protections like tenure and contracts mean for us and for our students? How does the UFT organize us and what more should it do?

## **8/18 The So-called "No Excuses" Classroom**

...and other educational jargon in your teacher training reading material. What do "accountability" and "data" really mean to our work?

## **8/25 Anti-Racist Classrooms and Anti-Racist Curriculum**

How to circumvent institutional racism in schools and develop culturally relevant curriculum that connects students to the world outside the classroom

## **9/1 First Days...**

How can you really prepare? What is most important? What strengths will you bring to the classroom? What is your teaching core?