LAWCHA at the OAH meeting April 6-9

Please join us at the Organization of American Historians meeting in New Orleans. Our key event is a Saturday luncheon where we will announce awards and hear a keynote address by Talitha LaFlouria, winner of last year’s Philip Taft prize. Reservations are required and need to be made before April 1.

In addition, LAWCHA is sponsoring eighteen panels and roundtables. The schedule follows;

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| **Saturday April 8**  **12:30 pm--2:00 pm** *Luncheon* | **Labor and Working-Class History Association Luncheon | Working for a Nickel or Nothing: Black Women and Prison Labor in the Era(s) of Mass Incarceration** Cost: $50 *Sponsored by the Labor and Working-Class Association (LAWCHA)*  **Presenters:**   * James Gregory, University of Washington * Talitha LeFlouria, University of Virginia   Join LAWCHA president James Gregory for updates on the activities, prize winners, and future plans of the association that brings together scholars interested in the history of labor and the working class. The lunch will also feature a keynote address from Talitha LeFlouria, winner of the 2016 Taft Prize, among other awards.  Talitha LeFlouria is associate professor of African American Studies in the Carter G. Woodson Institute for African-American and African Studies at the University of Virginia. She is the author of Chained in Silence: Black Women and Convict Labor in the New South (UNC Press, 2015), winner of the 2016 OAH Darlene Clark Hine Award and the 2016 Philip Taft Labor History Award for best book in labor history from the Cornell University School of Industrial and Labor Relations and the Labor and Working-Class History Association.  LAWCHA is able to subsidize the lunch tickets for graduate students on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact Liesl Orenic at [lorenic@dom.edu](http://www.oah.org/meetings-events/2017/labor/lorenic@dom.edu) for further information. |

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| **Thursday, April 6** |  |
| **11:30 am--1:00 pm** | **Reflections on the Detroit Rebellion Fifty Years Later** *Endorsed by the Labor and Working-Class History Association (LAWCHA)* On the fiftieth anniversary of the 1967 Detroit Rebellion, this roundtable addresses economic, political, and social impulses that shaped the conflict and its legacy. Beth Bates discusses activists who came of age during the 1950s. Robyn Spencer focuses on ideas drawn from national and international networks that fueled the rise of black power. Michael Stauch discusses less politicized participants in the uprising who were transformed by the event. Danielle McGuire focuses on the murder of three young African American men by white policemen at the Algiers Motel. Heather Ann Thompson assesses the legacy of the uprising, linking the rebellion to the war on crime that followed. This exploration of the Detroit Rebellion presents a way to understand why America's cities are once again erupting. **Chair:** Stephen Ward, University of Michigan **Panelists:** • Beth Bates, Wayne State University • Robyn Spencer, Lehman College • Heather Ann Thompson, University of Michigan • Michael Stauch, University of Michigan • Danielle McGuire, Wayne State University  **New Directions in Latino Migration History: Transnational Forces of Religion, Capitalism, and Law in the Twentieth-Century Midwest** *Endorsed by the Labor and Working-Class History Association (LAWCHA)*  **Chair:** Michael Innis-Jimenez, University of Alabama  *"There's no Place Like Nebraska": Mexican Immigrants, U.S. Industrialists, and the Global Sugar Crisis, 1890–1940* Pablo Rangel, University of Chicago  *Comunidades de Fe: Religious Transnationalism in Twentieth-Century Latino Milwaukee* Sergio González, University of Wisconsin–Madison  *Negotiating Railroad Bracero Health: The Labor Contract and Transnational Law in the Midwest, 1942–1945* Chantel Rodriguez, University of Maryland, College Park  **Feeding Activism: The Economics of Food in Marginalized Communities** *Endorsed by the Labor and Working-Class History Association (LAWCHA)*  **Chair:** Matthew Garcia, Arizona State University **Commentator:** Susan Levine, University of Illinois at Chicago  *Grass Roots, Grass Fed: Food Politics in New Orleans' Public Meat Markets, 1910–1946* Ashley Rose Young, Duke University  *Food Stamp Reform and the Politics of Hunger in Native American Communities* Michael Wise, University of North Texas  *Campaign against Hunger: Black Women and Food Activism in the American South* Angela Jill Cooley, Minnesota State University, Mankato |
| **2:00 pm--3:30 pm** | **City/Cité: Urban Inequalities and Transnational Social Movements in Modern France and the United States** *Endorsed by the Labor and Working-Class History Association (LAWCHA)*  This roundtable explores inequality, race, and the state of urban democracy in the United States and France. The roundtable will consider the commonalities and differences in the spatialization of inequality in France and the United States, linking local circumstances to broader issues and trends shaping cities on both sides of the Atlantic. The panelists will consider the circulation of reformist challenges to inequality, from affirmative action to community-based urban revitalization efforts and discuss the circulation of strategies of resistance, from anti–police brutality campaigns to rap music, with attention to the common issues affecting urban spaces in both countries. **Chair:** Romain Huret, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales **Panelists:** • Thomas Sugrue, New York University • Donna Murch, Rutgers State University of New Jersey • Andrew Diamond, Université Paris–Sorbonne • Caroline Rolland-Diamond, University Paris Ouest Nanterre  **Remembering Race in Charleston, South Carolina** *Solicited by the Labor and Working-Class History Association (LAWCHA)*  **Chair and Commentator:**Bobby Donaldson, University of South Carolina  *Remembering the Charleston Hospital Workers Strike, 1969* O. Jennifer Dixon-McKnight, Tidewater Community College  *Race, Class, and Oral History in a "Post-Racial" Era* Steve Estes, Sonoma State University  *"Remember Denmark Vesey!": Commemorating Slave Insurrection in America's Most Historic City, 1975–2014* Ethan Kytle, California State University, Fresno; Blain Roberts, California State University, Fresno  **Policing, Detention, and Deportation along the U.S.-Mexico Border** *Endorsed by the Labor and Working-Class History Association (LAWCHA)*  **Chair and Commentator:** Cindy Hahamovitch, University of Georgia  *Mapping the Spaces of Migrant Detention Centers in Texas, 1950–present* Sarah Lopez, University of Texas at Austin  *Police History on the U.S.-Mexico Border* C. J. Alvarez, University of Texas at Austin  *Anti-Deportation Activism in the Streets and in the Courts* Adam Goodman, University of Illinois at Chicago |
| **Friday, April 7** |  |
| **9:00 am--10:30 am** | **Circulando la Palabra—Transnational Organizing in Ethnic Mexican Communities** *Endorsed by the OAH Committee on the Status of African American, Latino/a, Asian American, and Native American (ALANA) Historians and ALANA Histories, the Agricultural History Society, the Immigration and Ethnic History Society (IEHS), and the Labor and Working-Class History Association (LAWCHA)*  **Chair:** Ana Minian, Stanford University **Commentator:** Jose M. Alamillo, California State University Channel Islands  *Broadcasting El Corazon: San Antonio, KCOR, and the Advent of Spanish-Language Television in the United States, 1955–1975* Jerry Gonzalez, University of Texas at San Antonio  *Building Mexican Public Sphere in San Antonio Texas, 1910–1933* Daniel Morales, American Academy of Arts and Sciences  *Extending the Borders of Struggle: The Maricopa County Organizing Project in 1970s Arizona* Ana Minian, Stanford University  **Pimps, Rebels, and "Fancy Girls": Troubled Circulations in the North American Slave Trade** *Endorsed by the Labor and Working-Class History Association (LAWCHA) and the Business History Conference*  **Chair:** Susan Eva O'Donovan, University of Memphis **Commentators:** Susan Eva O'Donovan, University of Memphis; Sharon Ann Murphy, Providence College  *The Sexual Economy of the New Orleans Slave Market* Alexandra Finley, College of William & Mary  *Slave Traders as Pimps/Pimps as Slave Traders: Three Layers of Sex Trafficking in Nineteenth-Century America and Today* Calvin Schermerhorn, Arizona State University  *"Negroes Will Bear Fabulous Prices": The Evolution of the Civil War Slave Trade* Robert Colby, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill |
| **11:00 am--12:30 pm** | **Latina/os in America Today: An Interdisciplinary View of New Latino Locations and Populations** *Endorsed by the Labor and Working-Class History Association (LAWCHA)*  **Chair:** Felipe Hinojosa, Texas A&M University **Commentator:** Neil Foley, Southern Methodist University  *Latino Foodways in Post-Katrina New Orleans* Sarah Fouts, Tulane University  *Fiesta and Community in Kansas: Creating Cultural Capital* Valerie Mendoza, University of Kansas  *Latina/os in the Making of the Southern Plains* Joel Zapata, Southern Methodist University  **State Formation, Capital, and Governance: Managing Urban Inequality, 1880–1980** *Endorsed by the Labor and Working-Class History Association (LAWCHA)*  **Chair:** Elizabeth Hinton, Harvard University **Commentator:** David Freund, University of Maryland, College Park  *Reclaiming the Streets, Reordering the Home: Police, Schools, Social Workers, and the Rise of Welfare States in Pittsburgh, Sheffield, Baltimore, and Liverpool, 1880–1920* Rudi Batzell, Harvard University  *Resolving "The Welfare State Syndrome": Interdependence and Austerity in San Francisco, 1968–1976* Destin Jenkins, Harvard University  *Protecting the Neighborhood: State-Developer Partnerships and "Common Sense" Ideas about Property Value during the New Deal* Paige Glotzer, Harvard University  *Crime Prevention and State Building in the Midwest Metropolis* Nora Krinitsky, University of Michigan  **The North/South Religious Differential and the CIO** *Endorsed by the Labor and Working-Class History Association (LAWCHA)*  **Chair:** Joseph McCartin, Georgetown University **Commentators:** Joseph McCartin, Georgetown University; Mary E. Frederickson, Emory University  *The South: What Difference Did Protestantism Make?* Ken Fones-Wolf, West Virginia University; Elizabeth Fones-Wolf, West Virginia University  *Northern Catholicism and the CIO: An Elective Affinity* Steve Rosswurm, Lake Forest College  **The Civil Rights in Black and Brown Oral History Project: Documenting and Analyzing Multiracial Freedom Struggles in Texas** *Endorsed by the Labor and Working-Class History Association (LAWCHA)*  Not one but two civil rights movements flourished in mid-twentieth-century Texas, and they did so in intimate conversation with one another over several decades. While most research on American race relations has utilized a binary analytical lens—examining either "black" vs. "white" or "Anglo" vs. "Mexican"—CRBB collects, interprets, and disseminates new oral histories with members of all three groups. CRBB is a multifaceted project: directed by three history professors and a journalism professor and assisted by dozens of community partners, it employs graduate students who conduct and video-record the oral histories. Interviews are clipped, tagged, and uploaded along with metadata to a website that is already being used by K–12 teachers. The project directors are analyzing interviews and writing a statewide history of black and brown civil rights organizing in Texas. The roundtable will discuss issues that have arisen in each of these facets of the project. **Chair:** Max Krochmal, Texas Christian University **Panelists:** • J. Todd Moye, University of North Texas • Moisés Acuña-Gurrola, Texas Christian University  • Sandra Enriquez, University of Missouri-Kansas City   * Jasmin Howard, Michigan State University |
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| **Saturday, April 8** |  |
| **9:00 am--10:30 am** | **Labor and the State in Metropolitan America** *Endorsed by the Labor and Working-Class History Association (LAWCHA)*  **Chair and Commentator:** William Jones, University of Minnesota  *Servants and Schools: Educational Policy as Labor Policy in Progressive Era Boston* Cristina Groeger, Harvard University  *"Alone We Can Do Little": Domestic Workers and the Limits of Progressive Politics in the Sunbelt South* Julia Gunn, University of Pennsylvania  *The New Careers Movement: An Alternative Vision for a Post-industrial Metropolis* Nick Juravich, Columbia University  **Black Women's Labor: Economics, Culture, and Politics** *Endorsed by the Labor and Working-Class History Association (LAWCHA)*  This roundtable brings together the coeditors and three contributors to the 2016 special journal issue of Souls, entitled "Black Women's Labor: Economics, Culture and Politics," to discuss a number of questions regarding the practice and process of researching, writing, and theorizing black women's labor. The driving principle behind the Souls special issue was to bring together scholars whose work provides a reconsideration of how black women's historical experiences and representations as laborers and laboring bodies critically inform questions of class, gender, sexuality, and racial capital. Informed by Tera Hunter's To Joy My Freedom (1997), the discussants will speak across their research areas and periods of study and address questions of archival silences, recovery, and new directions in the study of gender, labor, and black women's history twenty years after the publication of this significant text. **Chair:** Dayo F. Gore, University of California, San Diego **Panelists:** • Keona Ervin, University of Missouri–Columbia • Nicole Ivy, The George Washington University • David Stein, Graduate Center, City University of New York • Sarah Haley, University of California, Los Angeles |
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| **2:00 pm--3:30 pm** | **"Pink Professionals": Histories of Working Women, Culture, and Reform** *Endorsed by the Labor and Working-Class History Association (LAWCHA) and the Business History Conference*  **Chair:** Nancy Tomes, Stony Brook University **Commentator:** Naomi Rogers, Yale University  *The Myth of Professionalization: Teachers and Tenure Policies during the Progressive Era* Diana D'Amico, George Mason University  *Another Women's Movement: Creating Fitness Culture in late 20th-Century America* Natalia Mehlman Petrzela, The New School  *"This Enterprise Calls for Professionals": Lois Meek Stolz and the Professionalization of Child Care* Elizabeth More, Harvard University  **Contested Liberty: Negotiating Race and Freedom in the Antebellum South** *Endorsed by the Labor and Working-Class History Association (LAWCHA)*  **Chair:** Jessica Millward, University of California, Irvine **Commentator:** Amrita Chakrabarti Myers, Indiana University  *The University of Virginia as Both Beacon of Economic Promise and Perilous Landscape of Violence for Rural Free People of Color* Kirt Von Daacke, University of Virginia  *"Tell Them that My Dayly Thoughts are with Them as Though I was Amidst Them All": Friendship among Free People of Color, the Enslaved, and Whites in Natchez, Mississippi, 1779–1870* Nik Ribianszky, Georgia Gwinnett College  *Women of Discretion, Men of Means: Race, Marriage, and Freedom in Antebellum Petersburg, Virginia* Elizabeth Wood, College of William & Mary |
| **Sunday, April 9** |  |
| **9:00 am--10:30 am** | **Empire and Labor: Rethinking How U.S. Empire "Works"** *Solicited by the Labor and Working-Class History Association (LAWCHA)*  **Chair and Commentator:** Daniel Bender, University of Toronto  *Doing Time in the Pacific Northwest* Benjamin Weber, University of New Orleans  *American Imperial Pastoral: Land and Labor in the U.S. Colonial Philippines* Rebecca McKenna, University of Notre Dame  *Labourers for Change? Peace Corps Volunteers amidst the U.S. and Ethiopian Empires* Beatrice Wayne, New York University |
| **10:45 am--12:15 pm** | **Trade and Travail: Mobilizing Labor and Provisions in the Lower Mississippi Valley, 1700–1850** *Endorsed by the Labor and Working-Class History Association (LAWCHA)*  **Chair and Commentator:** Todd Smith, University of North Texas *Enslaved by their Allies: Enslaved Chitimacha and Tensa Indians in French Colonial Louisiana* Elizabeth Ellis, MCEAS at University of Pennsylvania  *Slaves for Hire: Renting Enslaved Labor in Colonial Louisiana (ca. 1720–1770)* Yevan Terrien, University of Pittsburgh  *The Nutritive Baseline: Native Food as the Calorie of Progress in the Lower Mississippi Valley* Nicholas Foreman, Oregon State University |