

LAWCHA at the OAH, (April 18-22)

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LAWCHA is at the OAH this year. Read below for the list of panels and events hosted by or co-sponsored by LAWCHA.

Key events:

- Plenary “Remembering David Montgomery” on Friday afternoon, 3-4:30 pm
- Friday Evening Reception 7-9 pm (co-sponsored by LAWCHA and the Wisconsin Labor History Society)
- Annual Meeting, Saturday, 12-1:30 pm

Thursday, 4/19

10:30 - 12:00 | New Historical Perspectives on Municipal Government Activism and Labor

Chair/Commentator: Cecelia Bucki

Commentator: Philip Ethington

“A Contested Public Space: The La Guardia Administration and Labor’s Place in the 1939-40 New York World’s Fair,” Daniel London

“The Evolution of Public Authorities as Tools for Activist Local Government,” Gail Radford

“Milwaukee’s Municipal Socialists in a Global Context: the Politics of Place and the Meaning of Socialist Activism in the City, 1900 - 1920,” Shelton Stromquist

1:30 - 3:00 | From the War on Poverty to the War on Crime: The Rise of Punitive Policy at the Federal, State, and Local Levels

Chair: Khalil Gibran Muhammad

Commentator: Heather Ann Thompson

“Arming the Footsoldiers: The Nixon Administration and Federal Investment in Urban Police Forces,” Elizabeth Kai Hinton

“Embracing Punishment: The Demise of the Rehabilitative Ideal and the Rise of Punitive Criminal Sentencing in California, 1968 – 1980,” Julilly Kohler-Hausmann

“Warring on Poverty is Warring on Crime: The Problem of Crime in the Great Society, 1964 – 1968,” Jessica Neptune

3:30 – 5:00 | African American Workers throughout the Long Civil Rights Movement: Political Action, Trade Unionism, and Urban Space

Chair: David Hamilton Golland

Commentator: Jefferson Cowie

“Constructing Equal Employment Opportunity: Arthur Fletcher and the Philadelphia Plan, 1969 – 1971,” David Hamilton Golland

“‘A Decent Living’: African American Women’s Labor Activism, Urban Politics, and the Early Civil Rights Movement in St. Louis, 1930 – 51,” Keona K. Ervin

“Ben Gross and UAW Local 560: How the Civil Rights Movement and Labor Movement Intersected into Black Liberation Politics in Postwar Silicon Valley, 1945 – 1968,” Herbert G. Rufin II

3:30 – 5:00 | At the Crossroads: Joe Trotter, the Syntheses of African American, Urban, Public, and Labor Histories

Chair: Liesl Miller Orenic

Eric Fure-Slocum

Karen Gibson

Earl Lewis

Robin Muhammad

3:30 - 5:00 | Roundtable: New Perspectives on Antislavery and Abolitionism

Moderator: Bruce Laurie

Seymour Drescher

Jonathan Earle

Graham Hodges

Julie Roy Jeffrey

Manisha Sinha

3:30 - 5:00 | Roundtable: Religion, Corporate Capitalism, and Democracy in the Twentieth Century

Chair/Commentator: David Chappell

Kate Bowler

Darren Dochuk

Darren Grem

Kathryn Lofton

Bethany Moreton

3:30 - 5:00 | Poverty Pedagogy Roundtable: Enlisting the History of Poverty to Change the Public Conversation

Chair: Robert Korstad

James L. Leloudis

Joseph A. McCartin

Annelise Orleck

Rachel F. Seidman

Friday, 4/20

8:30 - 10:00 | Whose Civil Rights Stories on the Web? Authorship, Ownership, Access, and Content in Digital History

Chair: Jack Dougherty

"March on Milwaukee: Creating a Local Civil Rights Digital Archive," Jasmine Alinder

"Omeka for Collecting Stories with Local Communities," Sheila Brennan

"Densho: The Japanese American Legacy Project," Thomas Ikeda

"The Bracero History Archive," Peter Liebhold

"On the Line: a Web-Book on Schooling, Housing, and Civil Rights," Candace Simpson

8:30 - 10:00 | New Perspectives on Eleanor Roosevelt and the Shaping of Public Policy: Authors of Recent Books Converse

Chair: Christopher Brick

Commentators: Kim Warren

Blanche Wiesen Cook

"Eleanor Roosevelt: Transformative First Lady," Maurine H. Beasley

"She Was One of Us: Eleanor Roosevelt and the American Worker," Brigid O'Farrell

"Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt: An Extraordinary Marriage," Hazel Rowley {{deceased}}

8:30 - 10:00 | The Return of Political Economy?

Chair: Robin Einhorn

Sven Beckert

Jefferson Cowie

Kimberly Phillips-Fein
Adolph Reed
Richard White

8:30 - 10:00 | Bread and Roses Today: The Legacy of the 1912 Lawrence Strike

Chair: Ardis Cameron

Julius Getman
Jennifer Guglielmo
Bernardo Ruiz

8:30 - 10:30 | LAWCHA Board Meeting

10:30- 12:00 | Narratives of Economic Crisis: What They Tell Us; Why They Matter

Chair/Commentator: Steve Fraser

"Panic-less Panic: The Strange Career of the Panic of 1837," Jessica Lepler

"Four Horsemen of the Liberal Apocalypse: Moody, Freud, Chekhov, and Luxemburg describe the Panic of 1873," Scott Nelson

"Narrating the 'Great Recession': Big Government, the Money Trust and the Politics of Economic Reform," Alice O'Connor

10:30- 12:00 | A Right to Work? New Perspectives on Capitalism and the Construction of Disability

Moderator: Susan Levine

Nate Holdren
Audra Jennings
Lindsey Patterson
Sarah Rose
Bess Williamson

10:30- 12:00 | The Wide-Ranging Significance of Gender: The Influence of Alice Kessler-Harris' Work through the Eyes of Her Students.

Moderator: Daniel Katz

"Transnational Histories and Transnational Networks," Karen Balcom

"Intersections of Gender, Race, and Sexuality," Jennifer Brier

"Social Policy and the Welfare State," Beatrix Hoffman

"Class and Ethnicity," Colleen O'Neill

"Writing History in Collaboration with the East African Indigenous Maasai," Mary Poole

10:30- 12:00 | State of the Field: The Long Civil Rights Movement: Applications and New Directions

Chair: Adam Green

Commentator: Jacquelyn Hall

Mark Brilliant
Tomiko Brown-Nagin
Van Gosse
Anne M. Valk

1:30- 3:00 | Making Working-Class Women's History.

Moderator: Priscilla Murolo

“Building an Archive: Working-Class Women’s Stories of Activism in the 1970s and 1980s,”
Joey Fink

“Public Policy and Women in Non-Traditional Work,” Francine Moccio

“Building an Archive: Working-Class Women’s Stories of Activism in the 1970s and 1980s,”
Jessica Wilkerson

“‘Wages, Not Welfare’: Low-Wage Women Workers, Union Radicalism, and Political
Engagement, 1970s to 1980s,” Naomi R Williams

1:30- 3:00 | Organizing Workers in the New Jungle: Labor Activists and Scholars in
Dialogue

Chair: Nancy MacLean

Kim Bobo

Janice Fine

Jennifer Klein

Andrea van den Heever

1:30- 3:00 | The California Gold Rush and the Chinese Question Revisited

Chair: Cindy Hahamovitch

Commentator: Moon-Ho Jung

“Chinese Gold Miners, The “Coolie Question,” and the Propaganda of History,” Mae M. Ngai

1:30- 3:00 | Workers, Citizens, and the Social Wage in the Era of Downsizing

Chair/Commentator: Christopher Phelps

“Reaganized in the 1980s: US Urban Public-Sector Job Losses in Global Perspective,” Jane Berger

“Let’s Make the Market Work for Us: Community-Bank Partnerships as an Alternative to State-Led Urban Renewal, 1975 - 1989,” Rebecca Marchiel

“From Private Support to Privatization: The Corporate Transformation of Higher Education and American Manufacturing,” Elizabeth Tandy Shermer

3:00 | Plenary Session: David Montgomery—Labor Historian, Activist, Teacher, Mentor

7:00 - 9:00 | Precollegiate Teaching Reception

Saturday, 4/21

8:30 - 10:00 | Laboring the Empire: Roundtable on Work, Culture, and the American Empire

Daniel Bender

Nan Enstad

Dorothy Fujita-Rony

Julie Greene

Jana K. Lipman

Kimberley Phillips

8:30 - 10:00 | Give Me a Home: Race, Industrial Paternalism, and the State in the Extractive and Agricultural West, 1917 - 1947

Chair: Susan Johnson

Commentator: Gunther Peck

“‘We Don’t Want Any Extravagance’: Paternalism, Working- Class Community, and Nature in Pacific Northwest Lumber Towns, 1917 - 1941,” Steven C. Beda

“‘Ask the Indian to do it’: Family, Ethnicity, and Industrial Paternalism in the Pacific Northwest, 1917 – 1931,” Ileen A. DeVault

“For Labor and Democracy: Migrant Farm Worker Camps in an Era of Social Reform, 1935 – 1947,” Verónica Martínez-Matsuda

10:30 - 12:00 | Immigrants in Metropolitan America since 1965

Chair/Commentator: Michael Katz

Commentator: Carl Abbott

“Latino Immigration and the Transformation of Race and Place in Metropolitan Atlanta,” Irene Browne

“Comparative Glimpses of the Metropolis Revised: Gwinnett County, GA; Irvine, CA; Greater Princeton, NJ; and Naperville, IL,” Michael Ebner

“The Metropolitan Diaspora: New Immigrants in Greater Boston,” Marilyn Johnson

“Latino Immigration and the Transformation of Race and Place in Metropolitan Atlanta,” Mary Odem

10:30 - 12:00 | The Transnational Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Chair/Commentator: Kevin Gaines

“King’s Unfinished Agenda: Union and Labor Rights for the Poor and Working Poor,” Michael Honey

“South Africa,” William Chafe

“Brazil,” John D. French

“Northern Ireland,” Brian Kelly

12:00 - 1:30 | LAWCHA Annual Membership Meeting and Luncheon

Location: MacArthur Room, Hilton Hotel

1:30 - 3:00 | The Crisis of the Public Sector and the Fight over Its Future: A Roundtable Discussion

Moderator: William P. Jones
Commentator: David Newby

Eileen Boris
Joshua B. Freeman
Roberta Lynch

1:30 - 3:00 | Laboring for Healthy Environments: Working-Class Responses to Environmental Inequalities in the Postwar Era

Chair: Carl Zimring
Commentator: James Longhurst

"Paychecks and Picnics: Union Support of and Opposition to Environmental Preservation in the 1960s," Brittany Fremion

"Regulating Dust and Danger: The United States Congress and the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969," Richard Fry

"The United Auto Workers, Urban Politics, and the Origins of Environmental Justice in Detroit, 1971 - 1976," Brandon Ward

1:30 - 3:00 | Doing Labor History in Public: Recent Experiences with the Politics of Memory and Representation

Chair: Kimberley Phillips

"The Virden Epic in Theater and Memory: Labor Struggles and the Politics of Academic History," Rosemary Feurer

"Boston Working Peoples' Heritage: Doing Labor History in Public Spaces," James Green

"King in Memphis: Whose Story and What Meaning?," Michael Honey

"Landmarking Ludlow: Collaboration, Contestation and the Politics of Memory," Elizabeth Jameson

"Chicago Labor Remembers Haymarket and the Origins of May Day," Larry Spivack

Sunday, 4/22

8:30 - 10:00 | Roundtable: Religion, Democracy, and the Working Class in Capitalist America, Gilded Age to Present

Chair: Nick Salvatore

Commentator: Ken Fones-Wolf

Chris Cantwell

Maureen Fitzgerald

Janine Giordano Drake

John Hayes

Matthew Pehl

Jarod Roll

10:30 - 12:00 | Race and Class on the Roads and Rails: New Approaches to a Working-Class History of Mass Transportation

Chair/Commentator: Liesl Miller Orenic

"In the Driver's Seat: Civil Rights, Black Power and Transit in Chicago, 1933 - 1970," Erik Gellman

"All Power to the Black Bus Drivers: The Black Panther Party's Brief Experiment with Organized Labor," John Rosen

"It Was Nothing Short of War: Street Railways and Class Conflict in Early-Twentieth-Century Philadelphia," James Wolinger

10:30 - 12:00 | Maritime Perspectives on Work, Class and Global Capitalism

Chair/Commentator: Daniel Vickers

Denver Brunsman

Leon Fink

Lisa Norling

Marcus Rediker

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 | The Context and Practice of the "Occupy" Movement [Room 203-C, FAC]

Chair: Linda Gordon, New York University

"The Wisconsin Struggle: Forerunner to Occupy?" Alexander Shashko, University of Wisconsin-Madison

"Narratives of Predators," Alice O'Connor, University of California, Santa Barbara

"Occupy and Organized Labor," Penelope Lewis, The Murphy Institute for Worker Education and Labor Studies, City University of New York

"Occupy and Women's/Gender Issues," Susan Dirr, Occupy Chicago Activist

"Occupy and Black Radical Politics," Barbara Ransby, University of Illinois, Chicago

Commentator: Linda Gordon

1:30pm | Incorporating Labor History into Your Curriculum

Rosemary Feurer, Northern Illinois University

Andrew Kersten, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

Nikki Mandell, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Randi Storch, State University of New York, Cortland

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