

Southern Labor Studies Association: Many Souths

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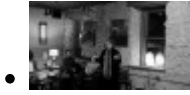
The SLSA invites a broad range of panels on southern working-class history, while at the same time it asks participants to examine how we have conceptualized the region: as rural and/or urban; as a single region, or as multiple sub-regions. **March 7-9, 2013.**

New Orleans is an ideal place to do this, as it is often set apart as somehow “exceptional” or outside the South in popular culture and historical accounts. For some, it is a city distinct from the rest of the South, even as for others, it is very much part of the South’s economic and racial framework. Others see New Orleans as a Caribbean capital. In fact, New Orleans, like much of the South, is often “exemplary” of larger historical trends related to migration, de-industrialization, the rise of the service economy, the importance of tourism, race relations, violence, and working-class struggles.

To this end, we welcome full panels on a broad range of southern labor themes, including panels related to slavery and unfree labor, prisons and labor, oil, fishing, and the Gulf Coast, work and disaster capitalism, tourism and the service economy, music and cultural workers, sex workers, the Global South, African American labor history, Latino and migrant workers, gender and labor activism, and migration throughout the South.

Please submit panels by September 14, 2012. Panel submissions must include a brief synopsis of the panel (250 words), abstracts for each paper (250 words), 2-pg CV of each participant, contact information of each participant, and contact information for panel organizer. Please submit panels to both Jana Lipman and Steve Striffler at jlipman@tulane.edu and sstriffl@uno.edu.

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