

## “The Nature of Work”: 36th Annual North American Labor History Conference

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The Program Committee of the NALHC, an international conference with global perspectives, invites proposals for papers, panels, roundtables, etc. on the theme of “The Nature of Work” for our thirty-sixth annual meeting. Other thematically related proposals will be considered, especially if part of a full panel or roundtable.

While the field of environmental history has provided new horizons within which to situate work and workers, this conference intends to expand those horizons through investigating the multifold meanings of “nature” from a wide range of disciplinary and interdisciplinary perspectives. We encourage proposals that seek to understand the changing nature of work and workers in the natural and built environment. Focusing on the historical nature of work may also provide opportunities for those who wish to investigate such subtopics as: globalization, free/unfree/forced labor, gender/class/racial/ethnic dimensions, commodified/de-commodified labor, the end of work, and transnational, national, and local histories. We welcome proposals from a wide variety of disciplines, especially history, geography, sociology, anthropology, economics, industrial relations, working class studies, and cultural studies.

Featured speakers (as of December 2013) include: Eileen Boris, Edda Fields-Black, Walter Hixson, Charles Kernaghan, Alice Kessler-Harris, Jennifer Klein, Kim Nielsen, David Roediger, and Kathi Weeks.

Submissions of proposals for papers, panels, and roundtables should include a one paragraph abstract and a brief biographical statement per each participant.

**Submissions should be sent before the deadline of *March 31, 2014* to:**

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