

LAWCHA at the OAH, Atlanta 2014

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LAWCHA has two main events at this year's OAH. We encourage all LAWCHA members to attend the public Friday night activist plenary organized by Bethany Moreton, which will also have a buffet and wine. Please also keep an eye out for the 15 exciting LAWCHA-co-sponsored panels organized by program committee member Monica Perales. Many thanks to Monica and Eileen Boris, who have done a fabulous job ensuring our visibility at the OAH!

For hotel information and to register for the conference, visit the [OAH 2014 Conference Website](#).

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LAWCHA Panel and Reception

Friday, April 11

5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. *with buffet and open bar*

Location: Southern Labor Archives Gallery, 8th Floor, Georgia State University Library South Building, 103 Decatur Street SE; entrance is via 2nd floor.

"Immigration Activism IS Labor Activism: The Undocumented Economic Justice Movement in the Old Confederacy"

Since 2010, Georgia's state government has joined company with Alabama, South Carolina, and Arizona at the forefront of anti-immigrant politics. A creative coalition has built on the state's history of anti-racist and labor activism to make common cause with indebted students, low-wage service workers, and those targeted by official policies of deportation, incarceration, and eviction. Panelists-including representatives of the Economic Justice

Coalition; the National Immigrant Youth Alliance; Freedom University; Occupy Our Homes Atlanta; and UNITE-HERE-will discuss the specific challenges and creative responses of organizing in right-to-work states with a history of white supremacy and hostility to immigrants. Discussion with audience and reception to follow.

Confirmed Speakers

- Dulce Guerrero, Nation Immigrant Youth Alliance
- Linda Lloyd, Director, Economic Justice Coalition (Athens)
- Lianna Schechter, Unite-Here (Atlanta)
- Laura Emiko Soltis, Coalition of Immokalee Workers
- Pamela Voekel, Freedom University

Directions to Southern Labor Archives Gallery

To get to LAWCHA's evening panel and reception to be held at Special Collections and Archives, Georgia State University Library, which houses the Southern Labor Archives, follow the walking directions below. If you want to drive, there are plenty of pay lots around Library South near Decatur Street.

Address: 100 Decatur Street, SE, Atlanta, GA 30303

Walking directions from the Atlanta Hilton (about .8 miles):

- Walk south on Courtland Avenue approximately .5 mile
- Turn right onto Edgewood Avenue; go .1 mile
- Turn left onto Peachtree Center Avenue; go .2 mile
- Turn left onto Decatur Street and look for signs and/or staff that will guide you to the event.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be only one entrance for this LAWCHA event (Decatur Street) so please follow the directions provided and ignore well-meaning locals who will tell you it's easier to stay on Courtland. The event will be held on the 8th floor of Library South. If you try to enter through Library North, you will be turned away as GSU Library's visitor policy requires that all visitors be out of the Library by 5:15PM. There will be clear signage on Decatur Street leading you into Library South.

LAWCHA Membership Meeting and Luncheon

Saturday 12:20-2:20 LAWCHA Membership meeting and luncheon (\$48.00), purchase tickets with registration.

LAWCHA Graduate Student Lunches at the OAH.

LAWCHA is offering subsidy support for 25 students to attend our annual luncheon on Saturday, April 12, at 12:20pm. Support includes \$25 off the registration cost of the lunch. They are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, so apply now!

How to apply. When pre-registering for the OAH, simply register for the lunch at the normal cost (\$48). Then, email Thomas Klug, (tklug@marygrove.edu) with your name and email address requesting a subsidy. The account with which you registered for the conference will then be credited with \$25.

Already registered but didn't include a luncheon? No problem! Contact Thomas Klug (tklug@marygrove.edu), and you can add a luncheon to your registration via credit card.

LAWCHA-Sponsored Panels

For more information on each panel below, see the [OAH's official program](#) for the 2014 Atlanta Conference.

- [Friday, April 11](#)
 - 9:00am – 10:30am
 - Making History Matter: Scholarly Collaborations to Change Our World, a Roundtable in Honor of Gerda Lerner
 - 10:50am – 12:20pm
 - Before, During, and After: Reflections on the 1964 Civil Rights Act at its Fiftieth Anniversary
 - 1:50pm – 3:20pm
 - The Business of Immigration: Transnational Workers on the Canadian and

Southwest Borderlands

- Care Work and Border Crossings
- Collaboration and Contention: American Women and International Organizations from the Interwar Era to the Postwar Era
- ‘Military, Migrations, and Labor in the United States’ Twentieth-Century Empire in the Caribbean and Beyond
- When Organized Labor Walked the Line: Gangsters, Progressive Unionists and Congressional Investigators in Post-WWII America

- Saturday, April 12

- 9:00am – 10:30am
 - The Fuel at the Center of It All: New Perspectives on Coal in Industrial America
 - “Morning in America”: Mass Incarceration, Gentrification, and Work in the Long Neoliberal Era
 - Movin’ With the Work: Race, Gender, Domestic Workers and Migration
- 10:50am – 12:20pm
 - Service Unending: Toward a Long History of a Service-Sector Working Class in the United States, 1800-1952
- 1:50pm – 3:20pm
 - Crossing Borders: Race, Class, and Women’s Labor Education Programs
 - Fighting for Economic Justice across the Color Line: Black-Latino Organizing Post-1965
 - The Labors of Life: Expanding the Contours of Social and Political Biography
 - Reimagining Issues of Class in the 1970s: From the Local to the Global

- Sunday, April 13

- 9:00am – 10:30am
 - Economies of the Unexpected: Slaves, Female Farmers, and Families across the Rural Antebellum South
- 10:45am – 12:15pm

- Labor Management and Migration in Mexican America

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