

SLSA Accepting Essay Submissions for the Robert H. Zieger Prize

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The Southern Labor Studies Association (SLSA) announces the Robert H. Zieger Prize for the best essay in Southern Labor Studies. This prize has been established with the cooperation of the Zieger family and members of the SLSA. The SLSA encourages the study and teaching of southern working-class history, and builds connections between labor activists and academics to encourage a greater understanding of the diverse experiences and cultures of workers in the South, broadly defined.

This prize will be awarded every two years to the best article in southern labor studies submitted by a graduate student or early career scholar, journalist, or activist ("early career" being defined as no more than five years beyond the author's highest degree).

The prize is named in honor of the late Robert H. Zieger-teacher, scholar, and tireless union activist. Zieger was a prolific, award-winning writer whose books include *For Jobs and Freedom: Race and Labor in America since 1865* and *The CIO, 1935-1955*, and three field-defining edited volumes on southern labor history. Zieger served as an officer in the North Central Florida Central Labor Council and an organizer for the United Faculty of Florida. Along with his wife of fifty years, Gay Zieger, an English professor Santa Fe College, Bob maintained a strong commitment to social justice his entire life. Many of his former students went on to become labor organizers. SLSA hopes that the spirit of Zieger's combination of rigorous scholarship and his dedicated commitment to improving the lives of working-class people will live on in this prize. The winner will receive a cash prize of \$500.

Eligible essays must be in English, in print or electronic formats and should be primarily concerned with southern labor and working-class history broadly conceived. Applicants are not required to be members of SLSA at the time of the submission. Deadline for submissions is December 31, 2014. The winner will be announced at the Southern Labor Studies Association biennial national conference, March 5-8, 2015 in Washington, DC.

Email portiz@ufl.edu a PDF or Word copy of your essay and a brief resume or C.V.

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