

## SLSA Symposium and Labor Archives

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**NOTE: This event has been cancelled as a result of weather.** On March 5, 2015, the Center for the History of the New America at the University of Maryland will host a symposium exploring workers and organizing in the twenty-first century.

Elizabeth Shuler, Secretary-Treasurer of the AFL-CIO, will present a keynote address. The symposium will be convened by Dr. Julie Greene and Dr. Ira Berlin (Professors of History at the University of Maryland) and will be coordinated with the annual meeting of the Southern Labor Studies Association in Washington, D.C. on March 6-8, 2015. Introductory remarks will be given by Patricia Steele, Dean of the University of Maryland Libraries.

In addition to the symposium, participants will be invited to view the George Meany Memorial AFL-CIO Archive, a prestigious archive recently added to Special Collections in Labor History & Workplace studies at the University of Maryland Libraries, and unique labor materials from the Gordon W. Prange Collection. These rich archives provide a unique history of the labor struggle in the United States and internationally.

For further information or questions, please visit the symposium website at: <http://newamerica.umd.edu/conferences/spring2015.php> or contact the Center for the History of the New America.

We also hope to see you at the labor archives session during the main SLSA conference!

### **Session 2: Untapped Collections in Labor Archives: A Closer Look Saturday, March 7 @ 10:45AM**

Summary: Looking for possible topics for books, dissertations, papers, or articles? Three archivists with holdings along the east coast will present on untapped resources in their archives - collections rich in history that have received little use or that have been heavily used for some topics but not others. The George Meany Memorial AFL-CIO Archive at the University of Maryland, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters archives at George Washington University, and the Southern Labor Archives at Georgia State University will be represented. Topics will include, but are not limited to, jurisdiction battles, race relations,

progressive politics, international affairs, transportation, aviation and aerospace, and arbitration holdings. We will draw from the collections of individuals, unions, and labor organizations.

Speakers are:

Tom Connors, The George Washington University

Traci Drummond, Georgia State University

Jen Eidson, University of Maryland

The full conference program is available here:

<http://southernlaborstudies.org/events/conference/program-2015/>

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