

“Traveling the World: Workers’ Transnationalism”

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A panel on Friday called “Traveling the World: Workers’ Transnationalism” was a example of another valuable thing about LAWCHA panels: thoughtful comments and discussions. The papers were good and interesting too—I summarize them in the tweets embedded below—but I want to really highlight Dana Frank’s commentary, which pushed the speakers and indeed the audience in a new direction. She correctly insisted that when we talk about workers’ transnationalism, we pay attention to gendered reproductive labor. If a man (or a woman) is moving around, sleeping in different beds, *who makes those beds?*

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