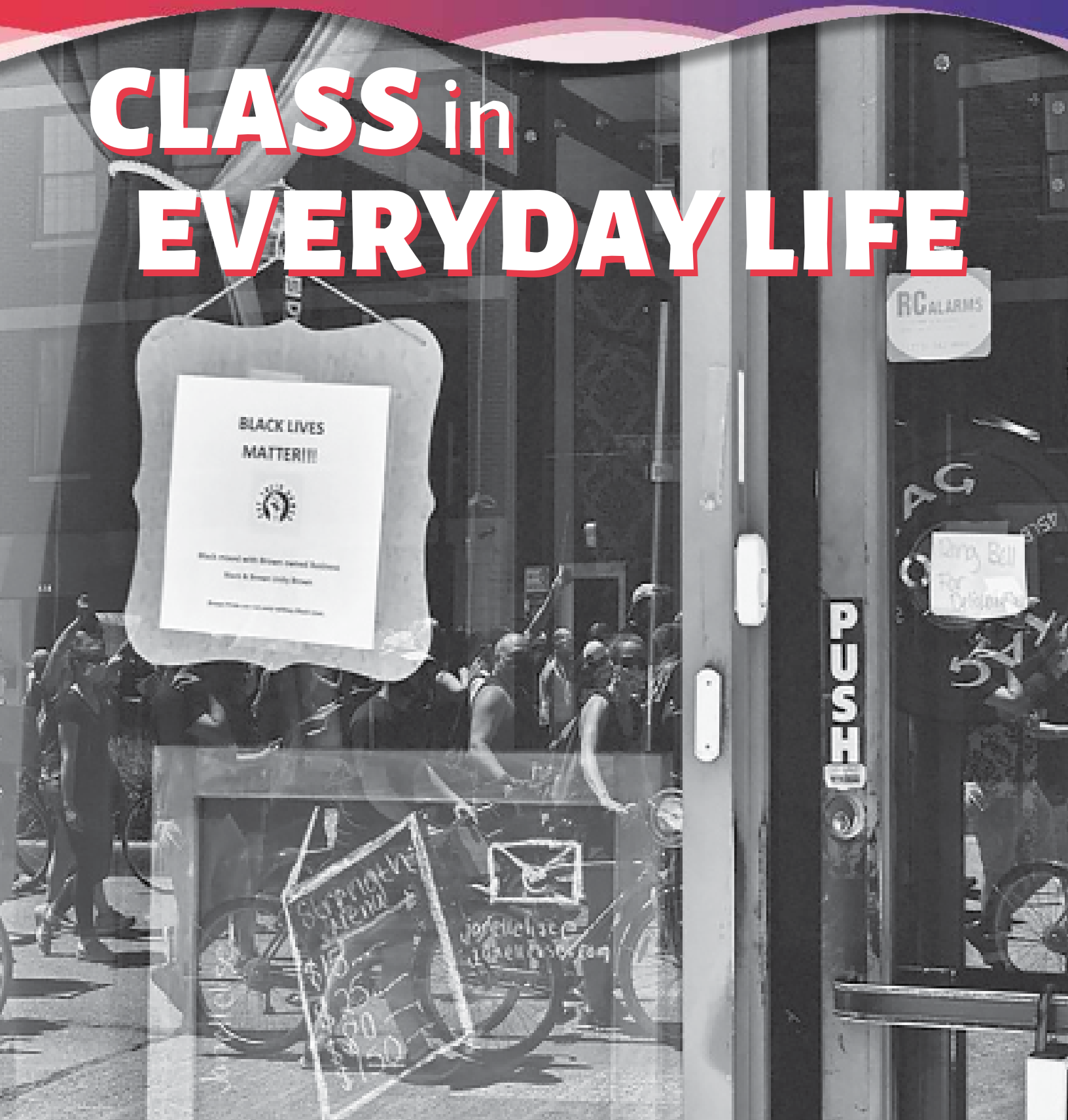
2023 **LAWCHA** Conference

LABOR AND WORKING-CLASS HISTORY ASSOCIATION

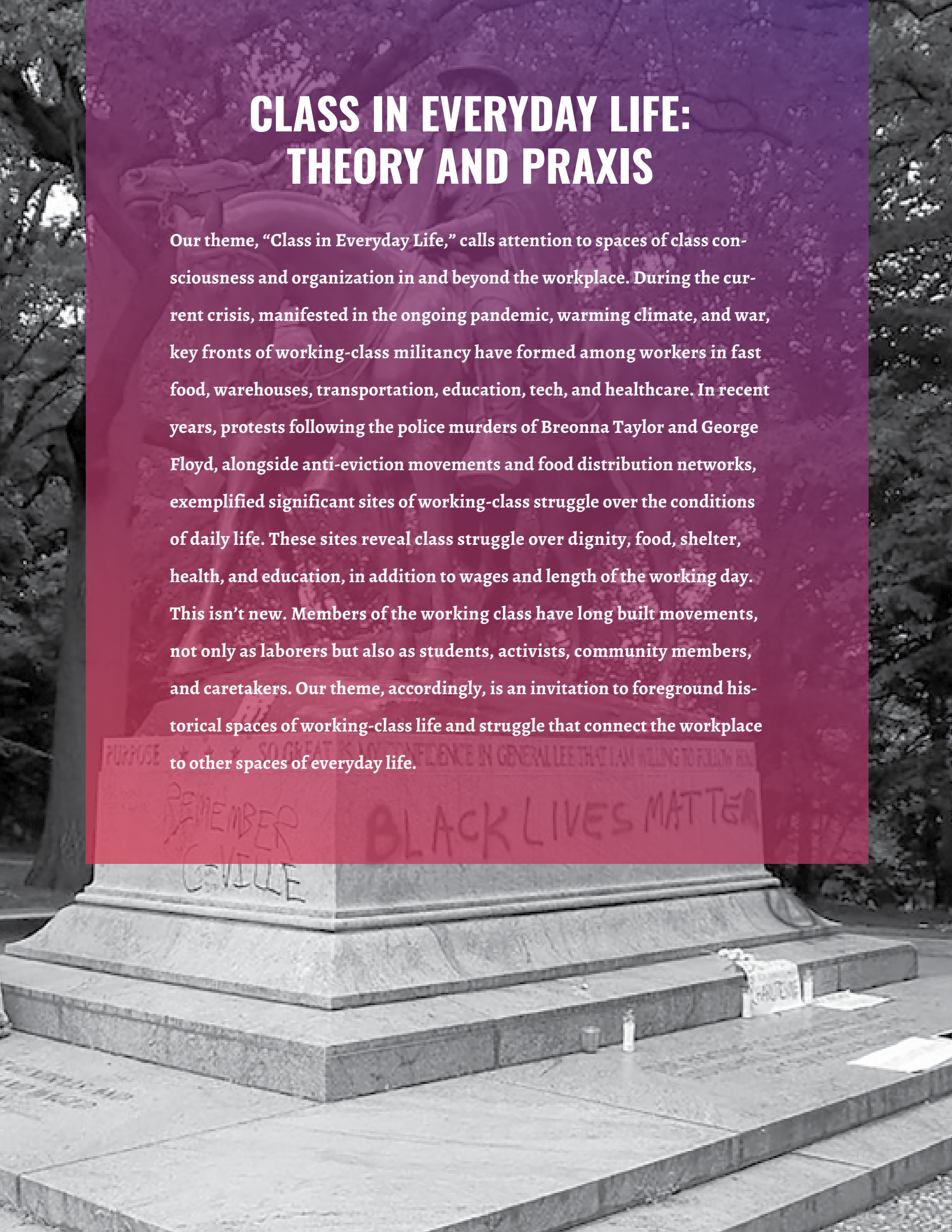
May 18–20, 2023

CLASS in EVERYDAY LIFE



CLASS IN EVERYDAY LIFE: THEORY AND PRAXIS

Our theme, "Class in Everyday Life," calls attention to spaces of class consciousness and organization in and beyond the workplace. During the current crisis, manifested in the ongoing pandemic, warming climate, and war, key fronts of working-class militancy have formed among workers in fast food, warehouses, transportation, education, tech, and healthcare. In recent years, protests following the police murders of Breonna Taylor and George Floyd, alongside anti-eviction movements and food distribution networks, exemplified significant sites of working-class struggle over the conditions of daily life. These sites reveal class struggle over dignity, food, shelter, health, and education, in addition to wages and length of the working day. This isn't new. Members of the working class have long built movements, not only as laborers but also as students, activists, community members, and caretakers. Our theme, accordingly, is an invitation to foreground historical spaces of working-class life and struggle that connect the workplace to other spaces of everyday life.



INFORMATION FOR PRESENTERS & ATTENDEES

LOCATION

The main conference site is:

Labor Education Center (LEC)
50 Labor Center Way
New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

Panels will also be held at the *Ruth Dill Johnson Crockett Building (RDJC)* and the *Institute for Women's Leadership (IWL)*. Plenary sessions and receptions will be in the *Neilson Dining Hall*. All locations are within an **8–10-minute** walking distance.

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If you are driving a vehicle, parking is free but you must register your vehicle per the parking link registration email you received. Unregistered vehicles will be ticketed. You will need to provide the license plate information for registration. The parking lot is Lot 96 at the Labor Education Center. *Do not park in Lot 96A (labeled Law Center).*

TECHNOLOGY FOR PRESENTERS

All rooms will have options for sharing Powerpoint presentations. We recommend that you have your presentations in multiple formats: laptop, USB drive, and email.

Most rooms will have podiums with built-in computers where you can connect a usb drive, laptop, or pull up an email, but not all. For the rooms with built-in computers, panelists can download presentations using USB drives or from their email.

Rooms LEC 130, RDJC 103, and RDJC 104 do not have built-in computers. Presenters should coordinate with one another to have a laptop available. Be sure and bring adaptor cords for PC/Mac laptops.

IT staff will support the hybrid presentations in LEC 115.

CONFERENCE MAP OF RUTGERS CAMPUS

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Rutgers School of Management and Labor Relations (SMLR) is renowned across the nation and world for its highly cited and published faculty, prolific research, and excellent student career outcomes. SMLR is the place to study work, organizations, and workforce issues. The programs that became SMLR have their roots in the post-WWII strike wave when NJ Governor Alfred Driscoll signed a bill to establish the Institute of Management and Labor Relations to "enhance the unity and welfare of the people of the state." Organized labor's fundraising efforts and support facilitated the construction of the Labor Education Center (LEC), and construction began in 1961. By 1967 Rutgers Department of Labor Studies was offering BA degrees to NJ workers and approval for graduate degrees began the next year. The renamed Labor Studies and Employment Relations Department at SMLR welcomes LAWCHA members to the LEC and Rutgers Cook Campus.

Source: Eugene Mc Elroy, "Labor Education at Rutgers University, 1931–1981, and the Establishment of IMLR," *Journal of the Rutgers University Libraries*, Vol LVII, no. 1 & 2 (1995): 73–86.

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WELCOME

WELCOME TO THE LABOR AND WORKING-CLASS History Association's 2023 Conference! We gather at an exciting moment in labor history: the end of an academic year in which multiple campuses have waged strikes for better wages and benefits, and as new university unions are taking shape across the country. Our field's scholarly production has never been stronger. At the same time, the adjunctification of university jobs has reached crisis proportions–a key issue in the recent labor conflict at Rutgers; we still face anti-union employers and legislatures; and we are in the midst of attacks on reproductive rights, Trans people, and Black history. All of this makes the study of labor history and labor movements as important as ever. This year's theme–Class in Everyday Life: Theory and Praxis–is a broad tent that allows us to think about the ordinary and the visionary, the past and the present, the appalling and the inspirational.

The conference program will shine a light on the state of workers and workers' movements past and present. It will open with a day-long workshop on graduate worker organizing, arranged by Sergio Gonzales and our own Graduate Affairs Committee, followed by a plenary on "Building a Higher Ed Labor Movement," created by our Contingent Faculty Committee (co-chaired by Claire Goldstene and Aimee Loiselle). While we learn from each other about how to tackle the pressing problems of our profession, we will get crash courses and participate in conversations on all sorts of working-class people in the past, including farmworkers, domestic workers, hotel workers, public workers, convict workers, sex workers, socialists, anarchists, communists, Catholics, Wobblies, workers in comics, and people who had no work at all. There will be three linked sessions on immigrant labor in the South; papers on Puerto Rico, Mexico, the Philippines, India, and the Middle East; a roundtable on precarity in universities around the world; four new book sessions; "When We Fight," an exciting new documentary film about the Los Angeles Teacher's Strike; and the unveiling of the Labor History Resource Project, a new labor history website. One of the most exciting events will be a writing workshop where participants will unpack their favorite primary sources for use in K-16 classrooms. If the conference has a message it is: study the past and organize for the future!

There will be celebrations too. At LAWCHA's general meeting (noon on Friday) we'll award the Herbert G. Gutman Prize, the new Alice Kessler-Harris Dissertation Prospectus Award, the new LAWCHA/Labor Research Grant, and applaud the recent winner of the David Montgomery Award and Liz

Faue, who received last year's Distinguished Service to Labor and Working-Class History Award. This year's recipient, Leon Fink, will have a reception in his honor to celebrate his twenty plus years of field-defining service as editor of *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History*. *Sponsored by NYU's Gallatin School of Individualized Study*

Many wonderful people contributed to this incredible program. Program co-chairs, Jessie Wilkerson and Manu Karuka, and local arrangements czar, Naomi R Williams, did the heavy lifting. Naomi had the help of Adrienne Eaton, Dean of the School of Management and Labor Relations, Judy Woods Lugo, Laura Walkoviac, Frances Ryan, as well as Christine Busiek from the highly recommended union conference service INMEX. Executive Committee members Will Jones, Erik Gellman, Liesl Orenic, and Joe McCartin contributed in many ways. We'd also like to thank Aimee Loiselle, Annelise Orleck, Kim Phillips-Fein, Kirsten Swinth, and Sergio Gonzales for their herculean work organizing sessions. Thanks also to Luke Masa, Mac Marquis, and Ryan Poe.

Enjoy the conference!

— Cindy Hahamovitch
President, Labor and Working-Class History Association

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www.LAWCHA.org/anti-harassment-policy-of-the-labor-and-working-class-history-association/

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William Jones	Natanya Duncan
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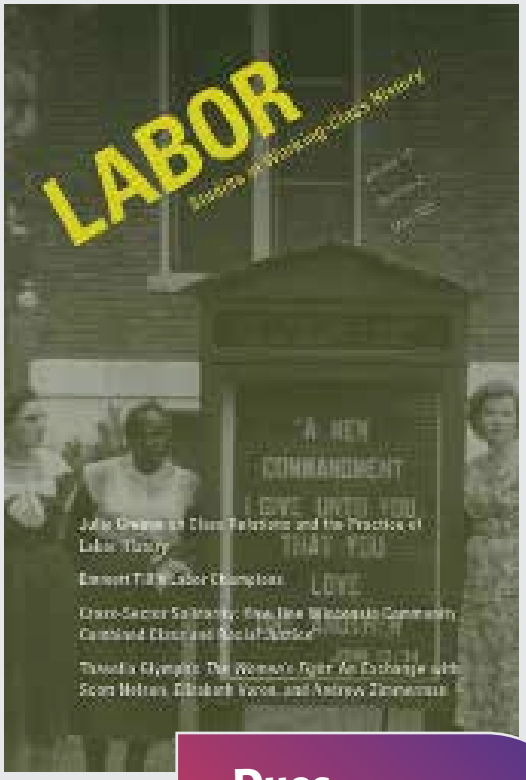

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One-year subscription to Labor:

» Studies in Working-Class History (four issues)

» LAWCHA also publishes LaborOnline, our exciting current/historical issues blog

» Eligibility to receive prizes and travel grants for graduate students, contingent faculty, and independent scholars

» Participation in a vibrant organization that joins scholarship, teaching and activism, promoting public awareness of labor's role in history and current struggles

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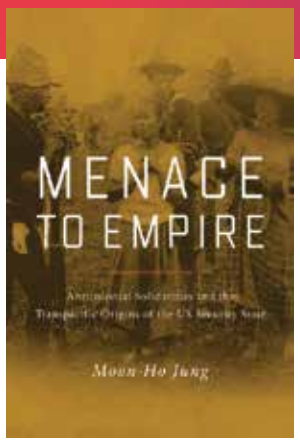
AWARDS



David Montgomery Award

THE DAVID MONTGOMERY AWARD for the best book on a topic in American labor and working-class history goes to **Moon-Ho Jung** for *Menace to Empire: Anticolonial Solidarities and the Transpacific Origins of the US Security State* (University of California Press, 2022). Dr. Jung holds the Harry Bridges Endowed Chair in Labor Studies at the University of Washington.

Philip Taft Labor History Book Award

THE PHILIP TAFT LABOR HISTORY BOOK AWARD will be announced at the conference. The award is sponsored by the ILR School at Cornell University and LAWCHA.

Herbert G. Gutman Prize for Outstanding Dissertation

THE HERBERT G. GUTMAN PRIZE FOR OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION is awarded to **Jesse Ronald Halvorsen** for "Moving Goods, Moving America: Labor, Technology, Policy, Development & the Struggle Over North America's Largest Port-Logistics Nexus." Dr. Halvorsen completed the work at the University of California, Santa Barbara under the direction of Nelson Lichtenstein.

Alice Kessler-Harris Dissertation Prospectus Award

THE ALICE KESSLER-HARRIS DISSERTATION PROSPECTUS AWARD, in its inaugural year, is awarded to **Daniel Morales-Armstrong**, a joint PhD candidate in History and Africana Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, and **Maia Silber**, a PhD candidate in History at Princeton University.

Morales-Armstrong's project is titled "The Promise of Freedom Unfulfilled: Post-Emancipation Labor Conflict in Puerto Rico and Its Impact on the Late Nineteenth-Century Abolition (1873–1888)."

Silber's project is "A Day's Work: Casual Employment in Modern America."

AWARDS

Distinguished Service to Labor and Working-Class History Award

The 2022 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO LABOR AND WORKING-CLASS HISTORY AWARD goes to **Elizabeth Faue**, professor and chair of the history department at Wayne State University. Liz has played a crucial role in reshaping the field of labor history through her own work, through her support for LAWCHA in its early days, and especially through her leadership of the North American Labor History Conference (NALHC). The author of *Community of Suffering & Struggle: Women, Men, and the Labor Movement in Minneapolis, 1915-1945* and *Writing the Wrongs: Eva Valesh and the Rise of Labor Journalism*, Faue served as coordinator of NALHC from 1991 to 2003. Faue was co-interim coordinator of LAWCHA at its start. She sat on its first board and served on the Gutman Prize Committee.

The 2023 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO LABOR AND WORKING-CLASS HISTORY AWARD goes to **Leon Fink**, distinguished professor of history emeritus at the University of Illinois at Chicago and senior resident scholar at Georgetown University's Kalmanovitz Initiative for Labor and the Working Poor. An influential voice in labor and working-class history, Leon's scholarship has been broad and rich, with books on topics ranging from the Knights of Labor to merchant seamen, hospital workers to Guatemalan poultry processors. He has authored or edited a dozen books, and for the last two decades he has served as editor of the journal *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas*. The co-organizer of the DC Labor History Seminar, Leon has generously shaped many a young scholars' project. His advisees, whose dissertation topics varied immensely, work in departments across the country.

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THE LABOR AND WORKING-CLASS HISTORY ASSOCIATION

GRADUATE WORKER ORGANIZING

WORKSHOP

Thursday, May 18, 2023
8:30AM-3:30PM
Rutgers University
New Brunswick, NJ

Conference registration:
https://form.jotform.com/230316347694156/

THE PAST AND FUTURE OF GRADUATE WORKER ORGANIZING

Join us at the 2023 Labor and Working-Class History Association Conference for a series of strategic conversations on new directions for graduate worker organizing on university campuses.

WORKSHOP INCLUDES:

- Plenaries on the historical view of graduate organizing
- Panels and Q&A with rank-and-file organizers
- Strategy sessions
- Lunch provided

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 18 » Opening Night Plenart

Thursday, May 18

Graduate Worker Organizing Workshop » 8:30 AM–3:30 PM (LEC 133)

Organized by the Graduate Student Affairs Committee
Sponsored by Rutgers AAUP-AFT

A series of strategic conversations on new directions for graduate worker organizing on university campuses

LAWCHA Board Meeting » 1:30–4:00 PM (LEC 115)

Opening Night Plenary » 4:30–6:00 PM:

Welcome: Cindy Hahamovitch, President, LAWCHA

"Building a Higher Ed Labor Movement: National and Statewide Coordination for Power" (Neilson Dining Hall)
Endorsed by the Contingent Faculty Committee
Co-Sponsored by Scholars for a New Deal for Higher Education

***Moderator:* Cindy Hahamovitch**, President, LAWCHA, University of Georgia and United Campus Workers-Georgia

Todd Wolfson, Rutgers AAUP-AFT

Rafael Jaime, UCLA and UAW 2865

Levin Kim, University of Washington and UAW 4121

Jill Penn, George Gwinnett College and United Campus Workers-Georgia

Edward Brudney, University of Tennessee-Chattanooga and United Campus Workers-Tennessee

Dylan Harris, University of Colorado-Colorado Springs and United Campus Workers' National Faculty Defense Network

Reception and Launch of Endowment Campaign » 6:00–7:00 PM

(Neilsen Dining Hall)

For nearly 25 years, LAWCHA has fostered public and scholarly awareness of labor and working-class history through research, writing, public speaking and organizing. Through our work we have strengthened ties among academics, public historians and the broader labor movement. Our conferences, travel grants and awards, publications, curriculum work and contributions to public discourse have supported, advocated for and contextualized current issues of concern for working people and the labor movement broadly defined.

This year, we are launching a campaign for a new LAWCHA Endowment Fund. Seeded with generous donations from past LAWCHA presidents, our goal is to raise $750,000 over the next five years.

As higher education institutions face fiscal uncertainty, and the Humanities and Social Sciences especially are under attack, the LAWCHA Endowment Fund will build a strong and independent foundation, vital to LAWCHA's future as a community and as an organization. This Endowment will make possible greater equity in leadership and participation in our organization with funding for our administrative support, more research and travel grants for contingent and independent scholars and future initiatives we have yet to anticipate.

Join us Thursday, May 18, at 6pm to kick off a Matching Donation Challenge!

Use our QR code to donate now!

SCHEDULE

Friday, May 19 » 9:00–10:15 AM ET

Friday, May 19, 2023

8:00–9:30 AM » Editorial Board Meeting, LABOR: Studies in Working-Class History (LEC Break Room)

Session 1 » *9:00–10:15 AM*

A1 **Ending Adjunctification: The 2022-2023 Contract Battle at Rutgers University (LEC 133)**

Endorsed by the Contingent Faculty Committee

Moderator: Naomi R Williams, Rutgers University

Presenters:

Dan Sidorick, Rutgers Adjunct Faculty Union

Amy J. Higer, Rutgers Adjunct Faculty Union

Bryan Sacks, Rutgers Adjunct Faculty Union

Caitlin Carroll Dudek, Rutgers Adjunct Faculty Union

Howie Swerdloff, Rutgers Adjunct Faculty Union

A2 **Workers, Women, Welfare: The Politics of Precarity in the 20th-century United States (LEC 131)**

Chair/Comment: Jennifer Klein, Yale University

Presenters:

Brooke Depenbusch, University of Illinois Springfield, "Labor Confronts the Postwar War on Welfare"

Maia Silber, Princeton University, "'Making Ends Meet' in Postwar America: Labor, Poverty, and Family Strategies beyond the Welfare State"

Maniza Ahmed, University of Chicago, "The Ambiguity of Household Work Under the Works Progress Administration"

Kit Ginzky, University of Chicago, "Social Work as a Vocation (and Avocation)"

A3 **Outside the Mainstream: Alternative Labor Organizing in the 1970s and 1980s (LEC 166)**

Chair/Comment: Dorothy Sue Cobble, Rutgers University

Presenters:

Joan Sangster, Trent University, "The Waitresses Action Committee: Mobilizing Women Servers Against Austerity"

Mason Godden, McMaster University, "Service Workers and Unions in the 1970s"

Julia Smith, University of Manitoba, "Feminist Labor Activism in Manitoba, 1970-1990"

A4 **From Communist Workers Schools to Catholic Charities: "Radical" worker education and political organizations in mid-19th and 20th Century Urban America (LEC 130)**

Chair/Comment: Andrew Ross, New York University

Presenters:

Robert Zecker, St. Francis Xavier University, "'A People's University': Communist Workers' Schools in America, 1930–1954"

Cindy Gao, New York University, "Out of the Classrooms, Into the Factories: Worker Education at the Point of Production in the New Communist Movement"

Isobel Plowright, Columbia University, "Political Education in the American branch of the International Workingmen's Association, 1869–1876"

A5 **Mobilized Labor: Workers on the Move, a Roundtable on How and Why Workers Migrate (RDJC 104)**

Co-Sponsored by the Southern Historical Association

Moderator: Cindy Hahamovitch, University of Georgia

Presenters:

Emma Amador, University of Connecticut, Storrs

Andrew Hazelton, Texas A&M International University

Jennifer Bickham Mendez, William & Mary

Sarah Stanford McIntyre, University of Colorado-Boulder

A6 **Working-Class Struggles Amid Twentieth Century Empire and Colonialism (RDJC 103)**

Chair/Comment: Dr. Aldo A. Lauria-Santiago, Rutgers University

Presenters:

Godfrey Vincent, Tuskegee University, "Rebels at the Gate: The Oilfields Workers' Trade Union (OWTU) in the Era of George Weekes, 1962–1987"

Jessica Muniz, Duke University, "The Buried Legacies of Puerto Rican War Workers At Fort Bragg"

Ellis Garey, New York University, "Workerist Politic: Internationalism, Communism, and Anti-Colonial Uprising in French Mandate Lebanon and Syria, 1920–1927"

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Friday, May 19 » 9:00–10:15 AM ET » 10:30–11:45 AM ET

A7 **Defining the Working Class in Modern U.S. History (IWL 110)**

Co-Sponsored by the Teaching Resources Committee

Chair/Comment: Dr. John McKerley, University of Iowa

Presenters:

Jamie McCallum, Middlebury College, "The Making and Unmaking of the Essential Working Class During the Pandemic"

James C. Benton, Kalmanovitz Initiative for Labor and the Working Poor at Georgetown University, "Rent Fabric: Worker Backlash, Changing Demographics, and the Perils of a Splintered Working Class"

Ben Schmack, Boston University, "The Right Reads the Left: Surveillance Through Radical Publications"

A8 **Land Use Conversion and the Paths of Resistance: Agricultural Labor in Mexico and the Philippines (LEC 115) (Hybrid)**

Chair/Comment: Maria Josefina Saldana-Portillo, New York University

Presenters:

Karen Miller, LaGuardia Community College, CUNY, "The Carceral Labor of Imperial Expansion: Unfree Workers, Reproductive Labor and the Philippines' Iwahig Penal Colony in the Early Twentieth Century"

James Nichols, Queensborough Community College, CUNY, "Matters of Life and Debt: Servitude in Nineteenth-Century Coahuila"

Vianca De la Cruz, University of the Philippines, Diliman, "Agricultural Labor as Farmers Dissent: Situating the Bungkalan in the History of Philippine Land Reform"

Session 2 » *10:30–11:45 AM*

B1 **Class in Everyday Life: Celebrating the scholarship, teaching, and organizing of Priscilla Murolo (LEC 133)**

Endorsed by the Teaching Resources Committee

Moderator: Jessica Wilkerson, West Virginia University

Presenters:

Mary Klann, University of California, San Diego

Jasmine Kerrissey, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Patrisia Macias-Rojas, University of Illinois at Chicago

Andres Puerta, IUOE, Local 30

Jessie B. Ramey, Chatham University

Mary Reynolds, Reflective Democracy Campaign

B2 **Sexuality at Work in the 20th Century (LEC 131)**
Chair/Comment: Vanessa May, Seton Hall University

Presenters:

Alison Lefkovitz, NJIT/Rutgers-Newark, "Sleeping to the Top: The Politics of Sex with the Boss in 20th Century America"

Sarah H. Pollnow, University of Notre Dame, "Dancers 'Below the Line': Regulatory Battles in 1920s Seattle"

Doris Brossard, Rutgers University, "'If girls hide in the trenches [...] protective officers go down and take them out': Military camps as places of surveillance and reform for white working-class girls during World War I"

B3 **Both a Christian and a Marxist?: Lived Realities and Resistance in the 20th-century Culture Wars (LEC 166)**
Chair/Comment: Steve Rosswurm, Lake Forest College

Presenters:

Janine Giordano Drake, Indiana University, "'Scientific Socialists' and the [Failed] Crusade Against Christianity: Reflections on Religion and Class Formation in the United States"

Donna T. Haverty-Stacke, Hunter College & the Graduate Center, CUNY, "Class and Faith in Everyday Life: The Case of Grace Holmes Carlson"

Ken Homan, Georgetown University, "Lived Religion and Lived Labor: The Role of Class in St. Louis's Jesuit Labor Activism"

B4 **Protest and Public Health in the 1960s-70s (LEC 130)**
Chair/Comment: Yana Rodgers, Rutgers University

Presenters:

Wendy Gonaver, University of Rochester Medical Center, "Public Health and Protest: Confronting Racial Injustice at Hospitals in the 1960s"

Joseph E. Hower, Southwestern University, "'Out of Their Beds and Into the Streets': Deinstitutionalization, Privatization and Public Sector Labor in the 1970s'"

Aubrey Underwood, Clark Atlanta University, "The Unintentional Activists: Southern Women Nuclear Whistleblowers, 1974–2016"

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Friday, May 19 » 10:30–11:45 AM ET

B5 **Southern Carceral Landscapes at the turn of the 20th Century (RDJC 104)**

Co-Sponsored by the Southern Labor Studies Association and the Southern Historical Association

Chair/Comment: Robert Chase, Stony Brook University

Presenters:

Jermaine Thibodeaux, University of Oklahoma-Norman, "Working Overtime in the Cane: The Texas Penitentiary System and the Creation of Class Among Black Convicts, 1886-1926"

Elizabeth Hargrett, University of California, Berkeley, "Carceral Workscapes in the Variety Vacation-land: Incarcerated Labor, Good Roads, and early 20th-Century Nature Tourism in North Carolina"

Cole Wicker, University of Georgia, "The Deep Conviction: Convict Leasing in the Deep River Coal Field, 1928–1929"

B6 **Necessary Utopias: Black Antifascism(s) and the State (RDFC 103)**

Co-Sponsored by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History

Chair/Comment: Walter Greason, Macalester College

Presenters:

William Horne, Villanova University, "'Propaganda of History': Antifascism and Unpatriotic Education"

Anna Duensing, University of Virginia, "The Proletarian Grotesque: Working Class Struggle and Black Antifascist Aesthetics in Ollie Harrington's Political Cartoons"

Ben Zdencanovic, UCLA, "A Strange Liberation: Race, the War on Poverty, and the Vietnam Draft"

B7 **Standing Together in Service: William Lucy, Civil Rights, and the American Labor Movement (IWL 110)**

Co-Sponsored by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History

Moderator: William Brucher, Rutgers University

Presenters:

Marc Bayard, Institute for Policy Studies

Jane Berger, Moravian University

Jeffrey Helgeson, Texas State University

Michael Honey, University of Washington, Tacoma

Nicole Lee, Inclusive Life

Francis Ryan, Rutgers University

B8 **Global Precarity and Academic Freedom (LEC 115) (Hybrid)**

Endorsed by the Contingent Faculty Committee, the Global Affairs Committee, and the Teaching Resources Committee

Co-Sponsored by Scholars for a New Deal for Higher Education

Moderator: Annelise Orleck, Dartmouth College

Presenters:

Aimee Loiselle, Central Connecticut State University

Asli Vatansever, Bard College Berlin

Aysuda Koleman, Bard College Berlin

Claire Raymond, University of Maine

Lance Thurner, Rutgers University, Newark

Lunch and LAWCHA Membership Meeting and Awards Ceremony » 12:00–1:00 PM (LEC Auditorium)

Please pick up your pre-ordered, boxed lunch and take it to the Membership Meeting. Non-members are welcome.

Session 3 » 1:15–2:30 PM

C1 **A Racial Reckoning in Industrial Relations (LEC 133)**

Chair/Comment: Christopher Hayes, Rutgers University

Presenters:

Danielle T. Phillips-Cunningham, Rutgers University, "'The World Will Get a Correct Estimate of the Negro Woman': The Intellectual Work of Early Black Women Labor Organizers"

Austin McCoy, West Virginia University, "'Disorganize the State' : The Black Workers' Congress's Visions of Abolition-Democracy in the 1970s"

Sanjay Pinto, University of Illinois-Chicago, "Racial Capitalism at Work: Evidence from a COVID-Era Survey"

Salil R. Sapre, Michigan State University, "Reconceptualizing Labor Contestation by Marginalized Workers through Critical Race Theory"

C2 **Organizing Workers in a Post-Neoliberal World (LEC 131)**

Moderator: Gary Gerstle, Cambridge University

Presenters:

Brian Kettenring, William and Flora Hewlett Foundation

Nancy MacLean, Duke University

Erica Smiley, Jobs with Justice

Lane Windham, Georgetown University

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Friday, May 19 » 1:15–2:30 PM ET

C3 **Mobilized Labor: Traded, Trafficked, and Recruited Labor in the American South (LEC 166)**

Chair: Andy Urban, Rutgers University

Presenters:

Joshua D. Rothman, University of Alabama

Lauren Braun-Strumfels, Cedar Crest College

Tristan Call, Spelman College

Cindy Hahamovitch, University of Georgia

C4 **Radicalism and War Resistance in 20th-Century America (LEC 130)**

Chair: Erik Gellman, University of North Carolina

Presenters:

Love R. Karlsson, Harvard University, "Ethnic Privilege: Personal Asset and Political Liability for Scandinavian- American Socialists Protesting World War"

Alexander M. Dunphy, University of Maryland, College Park, "Keeping War Out of the World: Communists and Pacifists at the US Anti-War Congress and the Making of an Anti-Fascist Anti-War Movement in the 1930s"

Edward R. Schmitt, University of Wisconsin, Parkside, "'I'll Never Put Death on My Payroll': Dick Gregory and American Foreign Policy"

Comment: Liesl Orenic, Dominican University

C5 **"Writing Beyond the Prison,": The Historian and the Activist (RDJC 104)**

Endorsed by the Communications Committee

Moderator: Andrea Morrell, Guttman Community College CUNY

Presenters:

Alexandra Velez, SUNY-Stony Brook

Ivan Kilgore, United Black Family Scholarship Foundation

Sarah Ahmedani, Stony Brook University

Will Mack, SUNY-Stony Brook

Anthony Gomez, SUNY-Stony Brook

Comment: Robert Chase, Stony Brook University

C6 **Revisiting the Concept of Class in Progressive Era and New Deal American Socialism (RDJC 103)**

Chair/Comment: Shelton Stromquist, University of Iowa

Presenters:

Lorenzo Costaguta, University of Bristol, "American Socialism, Class and Empire"

Stephanie Riley, University of South Carolina, "Class and Health within the Socialist Movement"

Ian Gavigan, Rutgers University and University of Pennsylvania, "City Limits: The End of Municipal Socialism in the 1930s"

C7 **Varieties of Farm Worker Activism in the Northwest (IWL 110)**

Chair/Comment: Lipi Turner-Rahman, Washington State University Libraries

Presenters:

Josué Estrada, Central Washington University, "Mexican Americans Mobilize to Democratize the American West"

Yesenia Navarrete Hunter, Heritage University, "Indigenizing Labor and the Construction of Labor Scripts"

Gonzalo Guzman, Macalester College, "Teaching and Complicating the Images of Latinx Farmworkers in Washington State from the 1950s-Present"

C8 **Labor Journalism: The State of the Field (LEC 115) (Hybrid)**

Endorsed by the Communications Committee and the Teaching Resources Committee

Moderator: Kim Phillips-Fein, Columbia University

Presenters:

Steven Greenhouse, senior fellow at the Century Foundation; reporter for *The New York Times* for 31 years, including 19 years as its labor and workplace reporter; and author of *Beaten Down, Worked Up: The Past, Present, and Future of American Labor*

Luis Feliz Leon, *Labor Notes*

Lauren Kaori Gulry, *The Washington Post*

E. Tammy Kim, *The New Yorker*

Josh Eidelson, *Bloomberg News*

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Friday, May 19 » 2:45–4:00pm ET

Session 4 » 2:45–4:00 PM

D1 **New Book Session: Queer Career: Sexuality and Work in Modern America, by Margot Canaday (LEC 133)**

Moderator: Joshua Hollands, University College London

Presenters:

Margot Canaday, Princeton University

Nancy MacLean, Duke University

D2 **The Invisible Class: Poor Women of Color Organizing for Welfare Rights and Economic Justice (LEC 131)**

Co-Sponsored by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History

Chair/Comment: Premilla Nadasen, Barnard College

Presenters:

Sergio González, Marquette University, "Organizing in 'the mire of a morally sick society': Welfare Rights and Church Collaboration in Milwaukee's Latinx Civil Rights Movements"

Rosie C. Bermudez, University of California San Diego, "Chicana Welfare Rights and the Dignity Work of Building a Movement for Economic Justice"

Katherine Bynum, Arizona State University, "'We Got Black Power and That's Gonna Go A Long Way:' Ruth Jefferson, the NWRO, and the Roots of a Multiracial Coalition"

D3 **The Coalition of Rutgers Unions: Wall-to-Wall Organizing at the University (LEC 166)**

Moderators: Paul Gray & Jordan House, Brock University

Presenters:

Donna Murch, Chapter President Rutgers AAUP-AFT

Kathy Hernandez, Vice President of CWA Local 1031

Ian Gavigan, Executive Council member of Rutgers AAUP-AFT

Carmen Martino, Member of AAUP-AFT

D4 **Labor and Morality: The Social Value of Work (LEC 130)**

Chair/Comment: Janine Gordiano Drake, Indiana University Bloomington

Presenters:

Wesley Bishop, Jacksonville State University, "Liberating Fat Bodies: Social Media, Fat Liberation, and Online Work"

Cale Erwin, Indiana University Purdue/University Indianapolis, "Labor and Morality: The Social Value of Work"

Lauren Ruhrold, University of Minnesota, "To Facilitate Doctors' Work: Tensions Between Clinical and Mechanical Skill at Midcentury"

D5 **Containing Agricultural Workers: Economic Transformation and Contests over Citizenship (RDJC 104)**

Co-Sponsored by the Southern Labor Studies Association

Chair/Comment: Andrew Hazelton, Texas A&M International University

Presenters:

Cristian Walk, University of North Carolina, "The Bracero Program in Ventura County: Empire, Capitalism, and the State in the California Countryside"

Arthur Braswell, Duke University, "Black Farmer-Soldiers in Cold War South Carolina"

Caroline Keegan, Texas A&M University, "The State of Agricultural Exceptionalism: Law, Labor, and the Construction of Migrant Identities in Georgia"

D6 **Workers Mobilized: Worker Organizing by, with, and against Immigrant Workers (RDJC 103)**

Moderator: Lilia Fernandez, University of Illinois-Chicago

Presenters:

Max Krochmal, University of New Orleans

Mac Marquis, University of South Carolina

Sarah McNamara, Texas A&M University

Terrell Orr, University of Georgia

D7 **"Forces Acting Upon Workers" – Perspectives on the Political Economy and Challenges to the Contemporary US Labor Movement, A Roundtable (IWL 110)**

Moderator: Lane Windham, Georgetown University

Presenters:

Michael Hillard, University of Southern Maine

Nelson Lichtenstein, UC Santa Barbara

Richard McIntyre, University of Rhode Island

Sanford Jacoby, UCLA

Samir Sonti, CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies

Tim Barker, Harvard University

Andrew Elrod, UC Santa Barbara

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Friday, May 19 » 2:45–4:00 PM ET » Plenary 2

D8 **(In)Visible Labor and the Making of the Twentieth Century South (LEC 115) (Hybrid)**

Co-Sponsored by the Southern Historical Association

Chair/Comment: Dr. Daniel Gilbert, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Presenters:

Andrea Ringer, Tennessee State University, "Streetcar Spectacles: Animal Amusements and Labor in Nashville's Transportation Revolution"

Ed Slavishak, Susquehanna University, "The Show on the Road: Virginia's Convict Work Force in the 1920s"

Nathan Smith, Mississippi State University, "Laboring from Sea Castle to Brava Centauri: Work on Display at Disney's Future City in the 1980s"

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4:15–5:30 PM ET Plenary 2

Slide show presented courtesy of the Tamiment Library and Robert F. Wagner Labor Archives

James and Esther Cooper Jackson Papers and Photographs Collections, Tamiment Library and Robert F. Wagner Labor Archives, NYU Special Collection

Forging Freedomways: The Life and Legacy of Esther Cooper-Jackson (Neilson Dining Hall)

Co-Sponsored by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History

Maurice Jackson, Georgetown University

Sara Rzeszutek, St. Francis College

Erik McDuffie, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Charisse Burden-Stelly, Wayne State University

Robin D.G. Kelley, University of California, Los Angeles (video comment)

Moderator: **Erik Gellman**, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Join Us for a Reception Honoring Leon Fink

Friday, 5:30 pm, Neilson Dining Hall

Sponsored by the NYU Gallatin School of Individualized Study

Leon Fink has shaped the field of labor and working-class history in myriad ways. His own scholarship has been broad and rich, with books on topics ranging from the Knights of Labor to merchant seamen, hospital workers to Guatemalan poultry processors. His publications–seven monographs, a book of essays, multiple edited collections, and countless articles and reviews–stretch from the Gilded Age all the way to the undoing of the liberal world order. He has written for In These Times, Huffington Post, Dissent, The Chronicle of Higher Education, and many regional newspapers. Always curious, Leon liked it when his advisees worked on unfamiliar subjects, and he mentored a whole generation of young labor scholars, many of them at universities other than his own. Leon taught a wide range of classes at UNC-Chapel Hill and at the University of Illinois Chicago, and his concept of teaching was always broad. He brought graduate students to middle school classes, led the team that created Chicago's "Labor Trail," taught labor history to teachers, consulted on documentary films, and spoke at union conventions. He currently co-organizes the DC Labor History Seminar and previously anchored the Newberry's Labor Seminar in Chicago. Undoubtedly, his most important contribution has been as an editor, first of Labor History and then of Labor: Studies in Working-Class History, the latter for two decades. As editor, Leon did not wait for submissions to arrive in his in-box. He organized mini-conferences on subjects he thought worthy of illumination, bringing together scholars he thought would learn from each other, and publishing the eventual products of their labor. He brought together a wide range of scholars to be reviews editors, associate editors, and to serve on Labor's editorial board. In these ways, Leon did more than publish labor history; he created it, shaping the field more than any other living scholar. For all these things and more, LAWCHA awards its 2023 Distinguished Service to Labor and Working-Class History Award to Leon Fink.

SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 20 » 9:00–10:15 AM ET

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Session 1 » 9:00–10:15 AM

A1 **Probing Divide-and-Rule: Race, Place and the Fate of Labor Struggles from the Midwest to the UK (LEC 166)**

Chair/Comment: Chad Perason, University of North Texas

Presenters:

Rosemary Feurer, Northern Illinois University, "The Stockade and the Convict Strikebreaker in the Illinois Mine Wars, 1868-1905"

Rudi Batzell, Lake Forest College, "Organizing Workers in the Shadow of Slavery: Land Reform and Racialized Strikebreaking as Causes of US/UK Labor Movement Divergence, 1870-1900"

Matthew Stanley, University of Arkansas, "Rebels Crazed with Moonshine: Nineteenth Century Regional Stereotypes and Miner Dehumanization in the Industrializing Lower Midwest"

Comment: Michael Goldfield, Wayne State University

A2 **From Union House, Union Bar to The Largest Organization of Immigrants in the Country: The Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees International Union in the 20th Century (LEC 131)**

Chair/Comment: Dorothy Sue Cobble, Rutgers University

Presenters:

Shaun Richman, SUNY Empire State College, "We Always Had a Union: The New York Hotel Workers Unions, 1912-1953"

Faith Bennett, UC Davis, "Defining the Crafts: Bay Area Food Service Workers, HERE, and the Definitions of Various Positions"

Zach Schwartz-Weinstein, Bard Prison Initiative, "'Our People Will Survive and Fight This Goddamned University': HERE Local 35's Long 1970s and the Political Economy of University Labor"

Jacob Remes, New York University, "Leaving New Haven (and Going to Las Vegas): Yale Clerical and Technical Workers and their Lessons for Casino Workers"

A3 **Film Screening, When We Fight: A Documentary Film About the Los Angeles Teacher's Strike (LEC 133)**

In the second largest school district in the United States, 98% of teachers vote to authorize a strike. Watch as one of the largest educator strikes in modern U.S. history unfolds in real-time, highlighting the stories and leadership of some of the women who led it, from union leaders to classroom teachers. Discussion to follow.

Moderator: Eric Stoll, writer/editor

A4 **New Book Session: The Art of Agitation: Ernest Riebe, the IWW, and Radical Labor Organizing, A Roundtable on *Mr. Block: The Subversive Comics and Writings of Ernest Riebe* (LEC 130)**
Moderator: Jon Bekken, Albright College

Presenters:

Sean Carleton and Julia Smith, University of Manitoba/Graphic History Collective

Peter Cole, Western Illinois University

John McKerley, University of Iowa

Mary Anne Trasciatti, Hofstra University

Lara Vapnek, St. John's University

A5 **Coerced Labor and the State (RDJC 104)**
Chair/Comment: Danielle Phillips-Cunningham, Rutgers University

Presenters:

Eileen Boris, University of California, Santa Barbara

Maria L. Quintana, Sacramento State University

Andrew Urban, Rutgers University, New Brunswick

Amanda Hughett, University of Illinois, Springfield

Noah Zatz, UCLA

Tobias Higbie, UCLA

A6 **The Strange Career of the 'New Economy': Technology, Criminalization, and Labor Control in the Late-Twentieth-Century U.S (RDJC 103)**
Chair/Comment: Gabriel Winant, University of Chicago

Presenters:

Kit Ginzky, University of Chicago, "Punishment Professionals: Penal Managerialism and the Rise of Evidence-Based Rehabilitation"

David Helps, University of Michigan, "The Other 'Right to Work': Unauthorized Workers and the Labor Vision of Sanctuary Cities"

Jason Resnikoff, University of Groningen, "The Anti-Democracy Machine: Technological Utopianism, Liberalism, and the New Economy"

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Saturday, May 20 » 9:00–10:15 AM ET » 10:30 –11:45 AM

A7 **Essential Workers in Historical Perspective (IWL 110)**
Chair/Comment: Jeff Kolnick, Southwest Minnesota State University

Presenters:

Justin I. Salgado, Ohio State University, "On the Safe Side: Public Health Management and the U.S.-Mexico Border"

Ben St. Angelo, Ohio State University, "Tenuous Occupations: Black Steelworkers and the WWII Homefront"

Rachael Storm, History Colorado, "'I don't know how she did it in that little house', boarding room proprietors in Colorado's mining towns"

A8 **Global Labor Migration: New Directions (LEC 115) (Hybrid)**
Chair/Comment: Julie Greene, University of Maryland

Presenters:

Felipe Bastos, University of Campinas, São Paulo, "Ethnicity, Migrant Labor, and Anticolonialism: Historical Intersections in Mid-Twentieth-Century East Africa"

Justin Jackson, Bard College at Simon's Rock, "Militarized Mobility: The U.S. Army and Chinese Exclusion in America's Empire at the Dawn of the Twentieth Century"

Yael Schacher, Refugee International, "The Wedge of the Refugee as Worker: Litigation over Asylum Seeker Work Authorization in the United States, 1974-2022"

Session 2, 10:30–11:45 AM

B1 **New Book Session: A Roundtable on Shelton Stromquist's *Claiming the City: A Global History of Workers' Fight For Municipal Socialism* (LEC 133)**
Moderator: Dennis Deslippe, Franklin & Marshall College

Presenters:

Stefan Berger, Ruhr-Universitaet Bochum

Leon Fink, University of Illinois Chicago

Julie Greene, University of Maryland

David Roediger, University of Kansas

Shelton Stromquist, University of Iowa

B3 **Organizing at the Intersection of Race, Class and Gender in the Mid and Late Twentieth Century (LEC 131)**

Co-Sponsored by the Southern Labor Studies Association and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History

Chair/Comment: Alice Kessler-Harris, Columbia University

Presenters:

Jenny Carson, Toronto Metropolitan University, "Frank Lumpkin and the Save our Jobs Campaign: Building Economic Power and Multi-Racial Unity in the Era of Deindustrialization"

Mary M Bathory Vidaver, University of Mississippi, "Every Bit as Important as the Economic: Organized Religion as a Site of Working Class Identity"

Lisa Phillips, Indiana State University, "The Charleston, South Carolina Hospital Workers' Strike Revisited"

Comment: Annelise Orleck, Dartmouth College

B4 **The Cultural Production of Labor (LEC 166)**

Chair/Comment: Nelson Lichtenstein, UC Santa Barbara

Presenters:

Gavin Moulton, University of Notre Dame, "Saints and Steelworkers: Radical Catholic Church Design in the Great Depression"

Jiemin Tina Wei, Harvard University, "After the Stopwatch, the Camera: Frank Gilbreth Renders Motion Legible"

LisaMary Wichowski, Salve Regina University, "Labor Martyrs and Martyred Laborers: Memorials and the Contestation Over Who Owns Labor's Dead"

B5 **Living Just Enough: African Americans and the Decline of Work (LEC 130)**

Co-Sponsored by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History

Chair/Comment: Naomi R Williams, Rutgers University

Presenters:

Peter Cole, Western Illinois University, "Automation at Work: How US Pacific shipping corporations attempted to crush a labor union and hurt African Americans"

Austin McCoy, West Virginia University, "The 'Triple Threat': Automation in the 1970s, the Black Radical Imagination, and the Fate of the Industrial Black Working Class"

Michael Dean, UCLA, "From Lockheed to Lockdown in Lynwood: The crisis of 'hard core' unemployment and California's Carceral State in the 1970s"

Dan Ewert, Princeton University, "Arrested Opportunities: Civil Rights Law, Arrest Records, and Anti-Black Policing in Late Twentieth-Century America"

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Saturday, May 20 » 10:30 –11:45 AM

B6 **Creating Class Out of Women's Work: Revaluing Feminized Labor to Transform Class Consciousness (RDJC 104)**

Endorsed by the Teaching Resources Committee

Chair: Ruth Feldstein, Rutgers University, Newark

Presenters:

Kirsten Swinth, Fordham University, "U.S. Labor Feminists and the Fight for a Work and Family Bill of Rights"

Katherine Turk, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, "You've Got Something Money Can't Buy: Debating Feminized Work and Volunteering in the Long 1970s"

William P. Jones, University of Minnesota, "Essential Labor: Municipal Housekeeping and the Devaluing of Public Service Work"

B7 **Labor, Government, and Sectoral Transformation in the 1970s and 1980s (RDJC 103)**

Chair/Comment: Lane Windham, Georgetown University

Presenters:

Neil Johnson, University of California, Santa Barbara, "Deindustrialization and the Politics of Human Capital Investment, 1978-1988"

Melanie Sheehan, Harvard Business School, "Fighting Fire: 9 to 5 Campaigns in Finance and Insurance Industries, 1970s to 1980s"

Moeko Yamazaki, University of Oregon, "Welfare Capitalism, 'Union Avoidance,' and Precarious Workers in US Logistics since the 1970s"

B8 **Balancing Economic Development & Workers' Interests: The Fate of Labor in the Postwar Era (IWL 110)**

Chair/Comment: Tami J. Friedman, Brock University

Presenters:

Alyssa Kuchinski, Duke University, "Attracting Business at Any Cost: What Cultivating a Favorable 'Business Climate' Means for Working People"

Julia Marino, Princeton University, "Consulting on Japan's Economic Miracle & Lobbying on Behalf of Auto Workers and Industry in the Early 1980s"

William Goldsmith, UNC-Chapel Hill, "The Politics of Industrial Recruitment After NAFTA and the Battle for Working-Class Votes in the South"

B9 **Casted Labor: Questions of Dignity and Social Reproduction (LEC 115) (Hybrid)**
Chair/Comment: Vinay Gidwani, University of Minnesota

Presenters:
Shankar CSR, University of Minnesota (History), "The Double Binds of Caste: Ambedkar on Degraded Labor"
Harsha Anantharaman, University of Minnesota (Geography), "Trends in the formalisation of waste picking: A perspective on caste coded labor, technology, and infrastructural modernisation in urban India"
Ira Anjali Anwar, University of Michigan (School of Information), "Platformization of Casted Legacies: Beauticians in the Gig Economy"

Lunch and Meet the New Editors of LABOR » 12:00–1:00 PM (LEC Auditorium)
Please feel free to bring your pre-ordered, boxed lunch to the meeting.

Session 3 » 1:15–2:30 PM

C1 **Teaching Labor's Story: Writing Workshop (LEC 133)**
Endorsed by the Teaching Resources Committee, the Contingent Faculty Committee, and the Communications Committee
Moderator: Nikki Mandell, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Presenters:
Nikki Mandell, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
Randi Storch, SUNY-Cortland
Rosemary Feurer, Northern Illinois University
Nick Juravich, University of Massachusetts-Boston
Cecelia Bucki, Fairfield University
Jon Shelton, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay
Janine Giordano Drake, Indiana University

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Saturday, May 20 » 1:15–2:30 PM ET

C2 **On Work and Sexual, Racial, and Immigration politics in the Archives of the Federal Writers Project (FWP) (LEC 131)**

Endorsed by the Teaching Resources Committee and the Communications Committee

Moderator: Naomi R Williams, Rutgers University

Presenters:

Maureen Curtin, SUNY-Oswego, "Labor Unions and the Irish in the FWP: Reckoning with Ethnicity, Race, and Religion"

Michele Fazio, UNC Pembroke, "Taking Care of the Family: Italian Immigrant Life Histories of the FWP"

Wilson Chen, Benedictine University, "Worker Writers, Kitchen Poets, and Their Twentieth-Century US Literary Genealogies"

Maggie Morris Davis, Illinois State University, "Classing the Child in the FWP Archive"

Scott Borchert, Independent Scholar

C3 **Farmworkers in Everyday Life: Carceral Conditions, Guest Worker Programs, and Social Movements in the Racial Capitalist Development of Agricultural Labor (LEC 166)**

Chair/Comment: Annelise Orleck, Dartmouth College

Presenters:

Jorge Ramirez-Lopez, Dartmouth College, "Teresa Ramos, Indigenous Mexican Farmworkers, and the opposition to INS and Police Collaboration in the San Joaquin Valley of California"

Mireya Loza, Georgetown University, "'Let Them Bring Their Families': The Experiences of the First Mexican Guest Workers, 1917–1922"

J. Felix Gallion, University of Pennsylvania, "The Migrant Trail as Carceral Space"

C4 **The Stelton Colony and Modern School: The Legacy of an Anarchist Community in New Jersey (LEC 130)**

Chair/Comment: Aaron Freedman, Columbia University

Presenters:

Amanda Kolson Hurley, Bloomberg News

Robin Klaus, Duke University

Fernanda Perrone, Rutgers University

C5 **Contested Everyday Spaces of Class (RDJC 104)**
Chair: Colleen Woods, University of Maryland

Presenters:

Johan Pries, Lund University, "Workers building the People's Park: experiments in movement-made leisure spaces in 19th century Sweden"

Kristin Linderoth, Lund University, "Cultures of Solidarity in the 2003 Swedish Municipal Workers' Union Strike"

Hennes Rolf, Uppsala University, "Rent Strikes. A Global History"

C6 **Labor Spring 2023: What Happened and Where Do We Go From Here? (RDJC 103)**
Endorsed by the Communications Committee

Moderators: Lane Windham and James C Benton, Georgetown University, in conversation with discussants from various institutions who participated in Labor Spring 2023

C7 **Social Reproduction and Everyday Class Struggle in the United States and Spain (LEC 115) (Hybrid)**
Chair/Comment: Lara Vapnek, St. Johns University

Presenters:

Paul Michel Taillon, University of Auckland, "The Living Wage, the Labor of Social Reproduction, and the Big Railroad Strike of 1922"

Caroline Propersi-Grossman, Independent Scholar, "Casting Union Families: Legacy Members and 'Orphans' in New York City's Stagecraft Union"

Diego Latorre Manglano, Manglano Universidad Complutense de Madrid, "Chica para todo: domestic work and the social reproduction of class status in Franco-era Spain"

Session 4 » 2:45–4:00 PM

D1 **Welfare and the Market in the Golden Age of American Liberalism (LEC 133)**
Chair/Comment: Megan Marcelin, Legal Action Center

Presenters:

Dwjuan Frazier, University of Minnesota, "Beyond the 'Urban Crisis': Manufacturing Decline and the Rise of Redevelopment in Postwar Detroit"

Jason Resnikoff, University of Groningen, "Public Pain, Private Solutions: Technology and Unemployment in Postwar America"

Nick Juravich, UMass Boston, "From Community Action to Consumer Education: The Transformation of Federal Education Policy in the 1970s"

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Saturday, May 20 » 2:45–4:00PM ET

D2 **Organizing Inside and Out: Social Reproduction, Women's Labor, and Care Networks (LEC 131)**

Chair/Comment: Shennette Garrett-Scott, Tulane University

Presenters:

Kathleen Brown, University of Michigan, "Thyra Edwards and the Negro People's Ambulance Fund: Feminized Networks of Solidarity"

Kelly Miller, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, "Reproductive Labor in Rebellion: Reconsidering Union Women's Auxiliaries, 1881-1990"

Rachel Leah Klein, University of Southern California, "Insurgent Kinship in California Women's Prisons in the 1990s"

D3 **Prehistories of Neoliberal Education Reform (IWL 110)**

Endorsed by the Teaching Resources Committee

Chair/Comment: Jon Shelton, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

Presenters:

Evan Rothman, CUNY Graduate Center, "How Does One Perform a Task Adequate When the Rules Keep Changing: Cincinnati Education Reform and Labor-Management Partnership in the 1980s"

Kelly Goodman, West Chester University of Pennsylvania, "A Labor History of Education"

Joel Berger, Georgetown University, "Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Detroit Teachers in the 1970s and Beyond"

D4 **The Labor History Resource Project: Launching a New Labor History Website (LEC 130)**

Endorsed by the Communications Committee and the Teaching Resources Committee

Moderator: Joe McCartin, Georgetown University

Presenters:

William P. Jones, University of Minnesota

Alice Kessler-Harris, Columbia University

Peter B. Kaufman, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Nicolae Herrera, Pure Experience Design

D5 **Histories of Feminized Labor and Resistance (RDJC 104)**

Chair/Comment: Dr. Joshua Hollands, University College London

Presenters:

Laura Martin, South Puget Sound Community College, "Contesting Sexual Labor in the Post-Industrial City: Sex Workers Resist Redevelopment and Policing in San Francisco's Tenderloin, 1969-1979"

Michael Beyea Reagan, Rutgers University, "Internalizing Austerity: Women Municipal Workers and the Turn to Neoliberalism"

Grace Reinke, University of New Orleans, "'We come here to work': US Au Pairs and Rights Claiming During a Care Crisis"

D6 **New Book Session: Ybor City: Crucible of the Latina South, by Sarah McNamara, A discussion of immigration, gender, and latinidad in Labor History (LEC 166)**

Co-Sponsored by the Southern Historical Association

Endorsed by the Communications Committee

Moderator: Paul Ortiz, University of Florida

Presenters:

Sarah McNamara, Texas A&M University, College Station Bernadette Perez, University of California, Berkeley

Emma Amador, University of Connecticut, Storrs

Iliana "Yami" Rodriguez, Emory University

D7 **Working for Home: Labor in the Late Twentieth Century Commodity Chain (RDJC 103)**

Co-Sponsored by the Southern Labor Studies Association

Chair/Comment: Jarod Roll, University of Mississippi

Presenters:

Emily Morrell, West Virginia University, "The Tobacco Buyout: Small Farms, Globalizing Capitalism, and the Story of Burley's End"

Olivia Paschal, University of Virginia, "'Chicken Woman': Gender and Labor in the Arkansas Poultry Industry"

Frankie Barrett, Yale University, "Welfare to Workfare at the Dollar General in Nashville's Sam Levy Housing Project"

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Saturday, May 20 » Plenary 3

D8 **Living the Revolution: Transnational Perspectives on Women's Labor in 19th/20th Century Radical Movements (LEC 115) (hybrid)**

Mary Anne Trasciatti, Hofstra University

Presenters:

Esther Isaac, University of Chicago, "The Right to the City: Anarchist Women and Public Space in Paris and Chicago"

Natalie Behrends, Harvard University, "Vera Levene Hillquit: The Lost Life of a Socialist Wife"

Ashley Garcia, University of Texas at Austin, "Building the Revolution from Home: Zina Fay Peirce's Co-operative Housekeeping Campaign for Women's Liberation"

Lauren Golder, Santa Monica College, "Experiments in Utopian Education: The Modern School of Stelton, New Jersey"

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Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia. Nursery children. Photographed by: Rothstein, Arthur; March 1942.
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Debating Care and Social Reproduction as Analytical Frames for Labor History (Neilson Dining Hall

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LaKisha Simmons, University of Michigan

Eileen Boris, UC-Santa Barbara

Kathryn Kish-Sklar, SUNY Binghamton

Emma Amador, University of Connecticut, Storrs

Jocelyn Olcott, Duke University

Sarah Knott, University of Indiana

Moderator: **Kirsten Swinth**, Fordham University

Announcing the launch of a new website for exploring, documenting, and teaching about Labor and Working-Class History

https://lhrp.georgetown.edu

We are a collaborative of labor and working-class historians, labor studies and labor relations scholars, labor activists and supporters. We are dedicated to the preservation of the history of working people and their movements in all of their diversity from the era of slavery and colonialism down to the present day.

Our goal is to make the history of U.S. workers and workers movements available to a broad contemporary audience that includes workers, students, teachers, organizers, labor educators, journalists, and others--to everyone who seeks a deeper understanding of the issues that confront working people in the 21st century and of the history that has shaped the world in which we live. Understanding this history, we believe, is a necessary prerequisite to building a more inclusive, human, equitable, and democratic future.

Our project is administered by the Kalmanovitz Initiative for Labor & the Working Poor at Georgetown University, but is collaboratively led and shaped by a diverse community of scholars, activists, and supporters. Among the scholarly advisors to the project are:

- **Eileen Boris**, University of California at Santa Barbara
- **Steven Brier**, City University of New York
- **Patrick Dixon**, Georgetown University
- **Crystal Feimster**, Yale University
- **Rosemary Feurer**, Northern Illinois University
- **Leon Fink**, editor of *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History*
- **Eric Foner**, Columbia University
- **Thavolia Glymph**, Duke University
- **Sergio González**, Marquette University
- **Jim Gregory**, University of Washington
- **Jennifer Guglielmo**, Smith College
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- **LaShawn Harris**, Michigan State University
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- **Michael Honey**, University of Washington Tacoma
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- **Susan Levine**, University of Illinois Chicago
- **Mireya Loza**, Georgetown University
- **Nikki Mandell**, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater
- **Joseph A. McCartin**, Georgetown University
- **Jarod Roll**, University of Mississippi
- **Shelton Stromquist**, University of Iowa, emeritus
- **Joe William Trotter Jr.**, Carnegie Mellon University

Join Us!

Come to our panel on Sat. May 20 from 2:45-4PM and join us for our closing reception on Sat. at 5:30 to find out more.

We are looking for ideas for web-based treatments of labor history topics, links to other internet resources, participants in our LHRP advisory group, and more.

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