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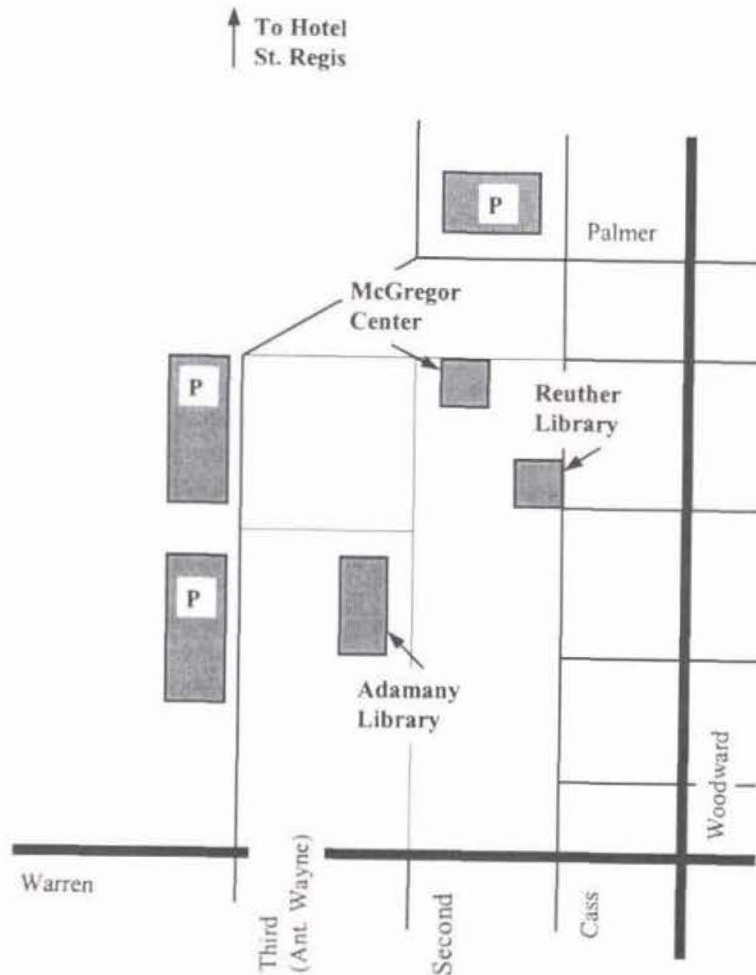


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Cover Photo and Farmworkers Exhibit

The cover photo is of migrant farm workers using the short-handled hoe, prior to the ban on its use in 1975. Photo courtesy of the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs, Wayne State University. The Reuther invites conference participants to visit "La Causa," an exhibit on The United Farm Workers during the conference.

The NALHC after Twenty Years

- by Christopher Johnson, Wayne State University

The North American Labor History Conference met for the first time at Wayne State University in the fall of 1979. Since that time, the conference has changed in form, constituency, and program content. At the same time, it has consistently maintained its commitment to the best research in labor history and labor and working class studies. Now in its twentieth year, the NALHC celebrates its anniversary in solidarity with other labor history and labor studies conferences, especially the Southwest Labor Studies Association Conference, which this year celebrated its 25th.

From modest beginnings, the North American Labor History Conference has become the United States' only annual national meeting for scholars and activists interested in working class history. The first gathering in 1979, though small, set the tone, attracting both established historians and emerging scholars as well as people involved in the labor movement. Philip Mason and Christopher Johnson co-chaired under the sponsorship of Wayne State's Department of History and the Reuther Library for Labor and Urban Affairs. With the Reuther Library as a beacon, early programs gave greater emphasis to recent U.S. history, although every effort was made to include a wider range of topics, especially in the burgeoning fields of Canadian and European labor history. The arrival of Robert Zieger at WSU gave renewed vigor to the Conference in the eighties, and themes, such as the rise and decline of the CIO and deindustrialization in comparative perspective, reflected the problems of the age. Zieger, Johnson, Mason, Stanley Shapiro, Stanley Solvick, and John Bukowczyk all chaired the program at various times. The Conference grew, though attendance was uneven.

The NALHC after Twenty Years (Cont.)

- by Christopher Johnson, Wayne State University

When Elizabeth Faue arrived as the Department's U.S. labor historian in 1990, the NALHC truly began to flourish. Taking on the responsibilities as NALHC chair, she outlined a new agenda for the conference. Programs became tightly thematic, more broadly comparative, and less focused on institutional labor history. The highly successful "Gender and Class" conference of 1991 has been followed by ever-expanding programs geared to equally relevant problematics. Subsequent conferences have focused on the themes of race and the postindustrial labor force, class and citizenship, community and culture, international and comparative labor history, memory and the working class, workers and the city, and the exploration of labor in the past and present. Participants still range from graduate students to senior professors (along with a number of activists), and the mix among them reflects the growing diversity of the field.

Since 1990, over 700 scholars have presented their work in panels, plenary sessions, poetry readings, and workshops at the NALHC, with an annual attendance averaging between 225 and 250. Over 40% of those who attend and participate are women. Our participants represent a broad age spectrum, from colleges and universities across the nation and abroad (from 15-20% are international scholars), with racial, ethnic, political, and interdisciplinary diversity. Shop stewards and union leaders, research archivists, public historians, journalists, community activists, economists, labor studies specialists, independent scholars; writers; poets; high school teachers, policymakers, and graduate students have presented work at the NALHC. All in all, the NALHC has much to be proud of in its two decades of promoting and rethinking the histories of working people.

TWENTIETH ANNUAL NORTH AMERICAN LABOR HISTORY CONFERENCE PROGRAM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1998

Registration and Coffee Hour

Sponsored by the Walter P. Reuther Library of Labor and Urban Affairs, Wayne State University

9:00 - 11:00 a.m., Lobby, McGregor

Race, Ethnicity, and the Social Construction of Labor

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Room B/C, McGregor

Chair: Angel Kwolek-Folland, University of Kansas

"No More Servants in the House": Racial Stereotypes and Hiring Decisions, Past and Present

Beth Tompkins Bates, Wayne State University

Euro-American Labor and the Feminization of the Chinese American Working Class

Benson Tong, Oberlin College

"A Hero for the Weak": The Enfeebled Jewish Worker in the Sweatshop, 1880-1920

Daniel E. Bender, New York University

Comment: Ardis Cameron, University of Southern Maine

Imagining the Nation, Nationalizing Labor: State, Class, and Ideology in Latin America

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Room F/G, McGregor

Chair: Jerra Jenrette, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania

Peruvian Gold, White Gold: Military, State and Labor in Northern Chile, 1925

Lessie Jo Frazier, University of South Carolina

Borderlands, Warfare, and Subaltern Nationalisms: Hondurans and Nicaraguans in the Sandino Rebellion, 1926-1934

Michael Schroeder, University of Michigan - Flint

Advancing the Nation: State Ideologies, Labor Migration, and Mexico's Modernity

Deborah Cohen, University of Chicago

Middle-Class Left-Wing Nationalism in Chile, 1918-1938

José Pablo Silva, University of Chicago

Comment: Alexandra Minna Stern, University of Chicago

Labor's Trouble, Labor's Trial: A Roundtable Discussion of J. Anthony Lukas' *Big Trouble: A Murder in a Small Western Town Sets Off a Struggle for the Soul of America*

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Conference Room, Reuther Library

Moderator: Fran Shor, Wayne State University

Panelists: David Zonderman, North Carolina State University at Raleigh
Mark Leier, Simon Fraser University
Sandra F. VanBurkleo, Wayne State University
Clarissa Watson, Wayne State University
Andrew Wender Cohen, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Luncheon (On Your Own)

1:00 - 1:30 p.m.

New Directions in African Working Class History

2:30 - 4:30 p.m., Room B/C, McGregor

Chair: Osumaka Likaka, Wayne State University

"Making the Town Ours": Working Class Culture and Identity in a Colonial West African Town -- Enugu, Nigeria 1939-1955

Carolyn A. Brown, Rutgers University

Asbestos in Southern Africa, 1892-1996: Labour, Capital, and the State

Jock McCulloch, Deakin University

Organized Labor in the Republic of South Africa: History and Present Outlook

William Freund, University of Natal

Comment: Osumaka Likaka, Wayne State University

Book Display

Books on labor history and related topics are on sale in Room J of the McGregor Center throughout the conference.

**The Labor History of Melvyn Dubofsky:
Toward an Appraisal**

Sponsored by the Labor and Working Class History Association
2:30 - 4:30 p.m., Room F/G, McGregor

Moderator: Dan Leab, *Labor History*/Seton Hall University

Panelists: Warren Van Tine, Ohio State University
Ann Schofield, University of Kansas
Julie Greene, University of Colorado - Boulder
Robert H. Zieger, University of Florida

Response: Melvyn Dubofsky, Binghamton University

Communist Party and Labor Organizing in the 1930s

2:30 - 4:30 p.m., Woodcock Room, Reuther Library

Chair: Lisa Kannenberg, College of St. Rose

*The Trade Union Unity League: Toward a Reconsideration of
"Third Period" Unionism*

Edward P. Johanningsmeier, New York University

*The Cleaver and the Sickle: Building a Rank and File Union in
Chicago's Stockyards, 1935-1945*

Randi Storch, University of Illinois

*'Til Every Battle's Won: The Spirit and Needs of the Time Union
Field Organizers, 1925-1945*

Michael J. Bonislowski, Boston College

Comment: Thomas Terrell, University of South Carolina

**Nat Weinberg Award
Presentation and Reception**

4:30 - 6:00 p.m., Reuther Library

Award Recipient:

Karen Nussbaum

Director, Working Women's Center, AFL-CIO

Dinner (On Your Own)

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Plenary

Sponsored by the Labor and Working Class History
Association

7:00 p.m., Bernath Auditorium, David Adamany
Undergraduate Library

Introduction: Peter Rachleff, Macalester College

Empire, Race, and Working-Class Mobilization
David Montgomery, Yale University

Discussion: The Audience

Reception for David Montgomery

Immediately following the plenary

Sponsored by the University of Illinois Press

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1998

Registration and Coffee Hour

Sponsored by the Center for Labor Studies, Wayne State University

8:00 - 9:00 a.m., Lobby, McGregor

Social Provision and Social Thought in the Great Depression

9:00 - 11:00 a.m., Room B/C, McGregor

Chair: Peter Rachleff, Macalester College

"Knowledge is Might": Economic Knowledge and the Intellectual Appeal of the Coughlin and Townsend Movements

Samuel Weinstein, University of California - Berkeley

"That Remarkable Humanitarian Haven for the Destitute and Distressed Men": Vancouver's Hobo Jungles and the Disciplining of Homeless Men, 1929-1932

Todd McCallum, Queen's University

A Barren Cupboard at Home: The Unemployed Confront Ontario's Premiers During the Great Depression

Lara Campbell, Queen's University

"Ready Material for Gangsters and Red Agitators": Organized Leisure Programs as a Response to Unemployment by Detroit Social Agencies during the Great Depression

Anne Brophy, Cornell University

Comment: Peter Rachleff, Macalester College

Labor and Political Economy in the Late Nineteenth Century

9:00 - 11:00 a.m., Room F/G, McGregor

Chair: Leon Fink, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

"The Science of the Working People": American Labor and the Social Economy

Lawrence Glickman, University of South Carolina

The Political Economy of the Eight Hour Movement During and After the Great Upheaval

Richard Schneirov, Indiana State University

Comment: Paula Baker, University of Pittsburgh
James Livingston, Rutgers University

Gender, Skill, and the Division of Labor in Industry

9:00 - 11:00 a.m., Woodcock Room, Reuther Library

Chair: Alice Kessler-Harris, Rutgers University

History Counts: The Contrasting Experiences of Journeywomen in the U.S. and British Auto Industries

Peter Cook, Plymouth University

"We Girls Have Taken and Filled Men's Places": Women, Work, and Skill on the Pennsylvania Railroad in the First World War

Janet F. Davidson, University of Delaware

Comment: Joseph McCartin, SUNY Geneseo
Alice Kessler-Harris, Rutgers University

**Comparative Labor Law and Labor Movements: U.S.,
Canada, and New Zealand**

9:00 - 11:00 a.m., Room I, McGregor

Chair: James Jaffe, University of Wisconsin - Whitewater

*War and Statecraft: A U.S. Perspective on the Prosecution of
"Seditious Strikes" in New Zealand, 1914-1920*

Daniel R. Ernst, Georgetown University

*Labour's Leg Iron? Trade Unions and Arbitration in New
Zealand from the ICA Act of 1894 to the ECA Act of 1990*

Melanie Nolan, Victoria University of Wellington

*The Striker Replacement Doctrine and State Intervention in
Labor Relations in the U.S. and Canada, 1933-1948*

John Logan, University of California-Davis

Comment: Eric Tucker, York University

Luncheon

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Room L/M, McGregor

**Mining Radicalism: Class, Gender, and Ideology in Three
Generations of Miner Unions**

12:30 - 2:30 p.m., Room B/C, McGregor

Chair: Bruce Cohen, Worcester State College

*Deconstructing the National Miners Union: Communists and
Miners in the Pennsylvania Anthracite: 1928-1933*

Walter T. Howard, Bloomsburg University

*Anarchist Motherhood: Toward the Making of a Revolutionary
Proletariat in Illinois' Mining Towns*

Caroline Waldron, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

*Molly Maguire, Sarah McGowan, and the Origins of Coal Miner
Unionism in Central Pennsylvania, 1869-1875*

Andrew Arnold, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

Comment: Carl R. Weinberg, North Georgia College and
State University

Grace Palladino, Samuel Gompers Papers

Race, Employment, and the State during World War II

12:30 - 2:30 p.m., Woodcock Room, Reuther Library

Chair: Colin J. Davis, University of Alabama at Birmingham

*Captives Still of Underemployment and the Slums: Mexican
American Workers on the Eve of World War II*

Zaragosa Vargas, University of California-Santa Barbara

Managers, Workers, and Race during World War II

Marguerite Brown, University of Pittsburgh

The Politics of Exclusion: Wartime Industrialization, Civil Rights Mobilization, and Notions of Black Citizenship in Atlanta, Georgia, 1942-1946

Karen Ferguson, Simon Fraser University

Comment: Patricia Cooper, University of Kentucky
Colin J. Davis, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Education and the Politics of the Labor Left

12:30 - 2:30 p.m., Room F/G, McGregor

Chair: Rich Gibson, Wayne State University

Race, Power, and Women's Culture: Local Union Education Department Activities in the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, 1933-1937

Daniel Katz, Rutgers University

The Meaning of Democracy: The Attitude of the Chicago Teachers' Union toward Public Education During the 1930s

John Lyons, University of Illinois at Chicago

Mixing It Up in the Academy: Administrators and the Student Left, Rhetorics of Nationalism and Integration

Mark Soderstrom, University of Minnesota

Comment: Linda Strom, Youngstown State University

The Class Politics of Urban Transit in the Progressive Era
Sponsored by the Labor and Working Class History Association
12:30 - 2:30 p.m., Room I, McGregor

Chair: Richard Schneirov, Indiana State University

"Roping the Wild Jitney": The Class Politics of Urban Transit in the Late Progressive Era

Adam Hodges, University of Illinois

Streetcars and the Politics of Class: Voters, the Union Labor Party, and Municipal Ownership in San Francisco, 1901-1913

Robert Bionaz, University of Iowa

Comment: Lisa Fine, Michigan State University
Cecelia Bucki, Fairfield University

Motor Men: Masculinity and Work Culture in the Automobile Industry

3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Woodcock Room, Reuther Library

Chair: Heather Thompson, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Men at Work: Masculine Culture on the Automotive Shop Floor, 1900-1975

Stephen Meyer, University of Wisconsin-Parkside

Rights of Men, Rites of Passage: Work, Leisure, and Masculinity at Reo, 1945-1975

Lisa Fine, Michigan State University

Comment: Kevin Boyle, University of Massachusetts-Amherst
Eric Guthey, University of Michigan

Polish Labor: Past, Present, and Future

3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Room B/C, McGregor

Moderator: Lewis Siegelbaum, Michigan State University

Panelists: Padraic Kenney, University of Colorado
Lisa Gurr, Wayne State University
Leszek Gilejko, Wydział Ekonomiczno-Spoleczny

Work, Ethnicity, and Resistance

3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Room F/G, McGregor

Chair: Josef Barton, Northwestern University

Work, Ethnicity, and Resistance: Traquero Culture on the Tracks, 1870-1920

Jeffrey Garcilazo, University of California-Irvine

"As Tough a Set of Bums and Loafers as Ever Drew the Breath of Life": Immigrant Workers in Baltimore, 1890-1900

John Cashman, Boston College

The Making of a Native American Working Class: Environment and the Case of the Tlingit, 1870s-1940s

David Arnold, University of California - Los Angeles

Comment: Nora Faires, University of Michigan – Flint
Daniel Letwin, Pennsylvania State University

The Popular Front in Comparative Perspective

3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Room I, McGregor

Chair: James Gregory, University of Washington

Wealth for the Commonwealth: The Activism of Jessie Lloyd O'Connor During the Popular Front

Kathleen Banks Nutter, Greenfield Community College

"They are Acting as Representatives of the Canadian People!": Canadian Communists and the Popular Front, 1935-1939

John Manley, University of Central Lancashire

Orwell's Problem: From Popular Front to Postmodernism

Thomas Smith, University of Central Lancashire

Comment: Kathleen A. Brown, St. Edward's University
James Gregory, University of Washington

Reception

5:00 - 6:00 p.m., Lobby, McGregor Center

Dinner and Plenary Session

6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Room L/M, McGregor

Introduction: Alan Raucher, Wayne State University

Books That Have Not Influenced Me

Robert H. Zieger, University of Florida at Gainesville

Post-Plenary Gathering: Labor and the Social Conscience

Bernard J. Firestone Memorial Tribute: Labor Poets '98

Sponsored by the College of Urban, Labor, and Metropolitan Affairs and the Labor Studies Center, Wayne State University

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Featuring:

Ken Kesey, author of *Sometimes a Great Notion* and *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*

Seattle Poet Judith Roche

Seattle performance poet Stephen Thomas

New Jersey working class poets Maria Maziotti Gillan and Laura Boss

Washington, D.C.'s poet Lyn Lifshin

With Detroit's own Marty Glaberman and Murray Jackson

And M.L. Liebler and the Magic Poetry Band

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1998

Registration and Coffee Hour

Sponsored by the Walter P. Reuther Library of Labor and Urban Affairs, Wayne State University

8:00 - 9:00 a.m., Lobby, McGregor

Labor, Ethnicity, and Working Class Community during the Great Upheaval

9:00 - 11:00 a.m., Room B/C, McGregor

Chair: Robert E. Weir, Bay Path College

Ethnic Community or Workers' Solidarity? Class and Ethnicity in Chicago's Foreign-Language Newspapers
Jon Bekken, Suffolk University of Boston

Terence Powderly, the Knights of Labor, and the Great Upheaval
Craig Phelan, University of Wales-Swansea

Polish Immigrant Workers and the Labor Unrest of 1885 at the Oliver Chilled Plow Works
Stephen R. Miceli, University of Toledo

Comment: Robert E. Weir, Bay Path College

Workers and Empire

9:00 - 11:00 a.m., Conference Room, Reuther Library

Chair: Roger Horowitz, Hagley Museum and Library

Who Built the Empire? White and Black Workers and the State in the Construction of the Panama Canal
Julie Greene, University of Colorado - Boulder

Free Labor Versus Manifest Destiny: Antebellum Artisan Republicanism and the Anti-Imperial Concerns of Early American Labor Reformers
Mark Lause, University of Cincinnati

Patriotic Opposition: The Rhetoric of Labor Anti-Imperialists, 1898-1902
R. Todd Laugen, University of Colorado

Comment: Laura Briggs, University of Arizona
Roger Horowitz, Hagley Museum and Library

Gender, Culture, and Union Politics: A Comparative Perspective on Women's Activism in Male-Dominated Unions in Great Britain, Mexico, and the United States
9:00 - 11:00 a.m., Room F/G, McGregor

Chair: Claudia Clark, Central Michigan University

Solidarity and Women's Activism in the United Steelworkers of America and the Authentic Workers Front of Mexico
Mary Margaret Fonow, Ohio State University

Gender and Structure: Activist Women and Mining Strikes in Britain and the United States
Karen Beckwith, College of Wooster

Comment: Claudia Clark, Central Michigan University

Graduate Employee Organizing
9:00 - 11:00 a.m., Woodcock Room, Reuther Library

Chair: Sue Sierra, Organizer, Graduate Employee Student Organization (GESO)

"More than Academic": Labor Consciousness and the Rise of the UE Local 896-COGS at the University of Iowa
Susan Roth Breitzer, University of Iowa

Graduate Student Organizing at the University of California-San Diego (SAGE)
Carlos Mora, University of California-San Diego

Organizing 101: The Battle to Save Health Care and Build Community at Wayne State University
Robert Gordon, Wayne State University

Comment: Jon Curtiss, Michigan Federation of Teachers

Luncheon

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Room L/M, McGregor

*Labor and Working Class History Association
Organizing Committee*

Co-Conveners:

Elizabeth Faue, Wayne State University
Julie Greene, University of Colorado-Boulder

Employer Paternalism and Struggles over Space

12:30 - 2:30 p.m., Room B/C, McGregor

Chair: Michael O. Smith, Wayne State University

"To Board Where and With Whom We Please": Housing, Urban Social Structure, and Working-Class Politics in Industrial San Francisco, 1880-1906

Nancy Quam-Wickham, California State - Long Beach

Sunkist Paternalism, Welfare Work, and Mexican Workers in Southern California Citrus Ranches, 1920-1941

José Alamillo, University of California - Irvine

Class, Space, and Gender: Kohler, Wisconsin and the Contested Mapping of Domestic, Community, and National Space, 1920-1960

Kathryn J. Oberdeck, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Comment: Janice L. Reiff, University of California -
Los Angeles

Constructing the Working-Class Subject: Social Investigation, Social Science, and the Dynamics of Reform

12:30 - 2:30 p.m., Room F/G, McGregor

Chair: Leon Fink, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

Working-Class Back-Talk: Reading Social Investigations from the Bottom Up

Toby Higbie, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Subject to Democracy?: Mary Van Kleeck, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and the Debate over Employee Representation, 1919-1925

Julie Kimmel, Johns Hopkins University

Women's Work in an Industrial Democracy: Marie Obenauer and Mary Van Kleeck at the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
Penelope Harper, Trinity College

Comment: Guy Alchon, University of Delaware
Leon Fink, University of North Carolina -
Chapel Hill

The Long Haul: Farmworker Organizing and the Labor Movement

Sponsored by Labor and Working Class History Association
12:30 - 2:30 p.m., Conference Room, Reuther Library

Chair: David Vaught, Texas A&M University

California Farm Labor Organizing and the Packinghouse Workers during the Bracero Era
Don Watson, Bay Area Labor History Workshop

The Hawaiian Exception? Farm Labor Unionism, Electoral Politics, and the ILWU "Success Story"
Dennis Nodin Valdes, University of Minnesota

Polish Refugee Farmworkers and the Swedish Labor Movement
Lars Olsson, University of Lund

Farmworker Organizing on the United States - Mexican Border, 1935-1998
Kent Patterson, Independent Journalist

Comment: David Vaught, Texas A&M University

What is the Future of "Class" in Labor History?

3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Room B/C, McGregor

Moderator: Timothy Messer-Kruse, University of Toledo

Class and Politics

Cecelia Bucki, Fairfield University

Class Subordination and Class Experience

Neville Kirk, Manchester Metropolitan University

Capitalism 101: Teaching Labor History

Priscilla Murolo, Sarah Lawrence College

Putting Class and Labor in Community Studies

Kimberley Phillips, College of William and Mary

Class Relations

Karen Sawislak, Stanford University

Re-Forming Classes

Shelton Stromquist, University of Iowa

Members of the Union and the State: Race, Gender, and Citizenship in the Postwar UAW

3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Conference Room, Reuther Library

Chair: Nancy Gabin, Purdue University

The 1950 UAW Chrysler Strike and the Fight for Social Citizenship

Seth Wigderson, University of Maine-Augusta

Trumping the Red Card: The UAW-CIO's Organizing Drive in Birmingham, Alabama 1951-1952

Linda Housch Collins, Wayne State University

"Are You Sure You Want to Call Them Ladies?": Restoring Women's Participation in the Perfect Circle Strike of 1955
Dave Anderson, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Comment: Nancy Gabin, Purdue University

Race, Gender, and Industrial Unionism in the 1930s

3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Room F/G, McGregor

Chair: Colette Hyman, Winona State University

"This is a Woman's Fight": Gender, Ethnicity, and Organizational Power in Detroit's 1937 Cigar Sit-Down Strike
Jeffrey Sobczynski, University of Illinois-Chicago

Aftermath of the Flint Sit-Down Strike: UAW Split, Grass-Roots Unionism, and African-American Workers, 1937-1939
Satoshi Takata, Otaru University of Commerce

Organizing for Economic and Social Change: Black Steelworkers in Aliquippa, 1937-1945
Lynn Vacca, Pennsylvania State University

Comment: Rosemary Feurer, Northern Illinois University
Colette Hyman, Winona State University

North American Labor History Conference Committee:

Elizabeth Faue, Chair and Coordinator, John Bukowczyk, Christopher Johnson, Marc W. Kruman, Philip Mason, Stanley Shapiro, and Mark McCreary.

Labor and Working Class History Organizing Committee, Program Subgroup: Jamie Bronstein, Julie Greene, Shelton Stromquist, Dennis Valdes, and Seth Wigderson.

Call For Papers

The Program Committee of the North American Labor History Conference invites proposals for panels and papers on the theme, Class and Politics in Historical and Contemporary Perspective, for our twenty-first meeting to be held October 21-23, 1999, at Wayne State University in Detroit. We are interested in sessions and/or papers which examine how class and politics connect, asking not only how class consciousness shapes the political activism and identity of workers but how, more generally, class has shaped personal, domestic, and international politics in North America and abroad. Comparative, cross-cultural, and interdisciplinary panels are particularly welcome as are topical sessions that intersect with race, ethnicity, gender, and sexuality. Special workshop on Class and Sexual Politics: Some 5-8 sessions at the conference will be dedicated to the theme of class and sexual politics. We want to encourage a rethinking of the nexus of class politics and experience with that of gender and sexuality on a broad range of issues. Send proposals and inquiries to Elizabeth Faue, Coordinator, North American Labor History Conference, Department of History, 3094 Faculty/Administration Building, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A., 48202; phone 313/577-6144.

Participants are also encouraged to begin thinking about the conference for the year 2000, which will be on the topic, "Labor and the Millennium."

Sponsors:

The North American Labor History Conference is sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts, the College of Urban, Labor, and Metropolitan Affairs, the Department of History, and the Walter P. Reuther Library of Labor and Urban Affairs, Wayne State University.

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Name: _____

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Registrations received before October 1, 1998 will lock in substantial savings.

Regular Registration	\$35.00	<i>(\$50.00 after October 1, 1998)</i>
Student Registration	Free with valid student identification	
Thursday Reception	Free to participants	
Friday Luncheon	\$10.00	
Friday Reception	Cash bar	
Friday Dinner	\$18.00	
Labor Poets Event	Free to participants	
Saturday Luncheon	\$10.00	

Total Enclosed: \$ _____ (U.S.)

Request Vegetarian Meals (check here) _____

Please note: Participants must register for meals by Monday, October 5, 1998 to allow us to make appropriate catering arrangements. No meal tickets will be available at the door. We will provide a dining guide in the participant packets for your use in selecting an alternate choice.

Please return this form and check or money order payable to Wayne State University to: NALHC, Department of History, Wayne State University, 3094 Faculty/Administration Building, Detroit, Michigan, 48202, U.S.A.

ACCOMODATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION

Out-of-town participants for the North American Labor History Conference are encouraged to stay at the Hotel St. Regis, located in the New Center area just north of campus, during their stay.

Participants who register before October 1, 1998 will be assured of the special institutional discount rate of \$75 per night for a single room and \$85 per night for a double room. Just indicate that you will be attending the North American Labor History Conference at Wayne State University to lock in your room rate. For reservations, contact the Hotel St. Regis, 3071 West Grand Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan, 48202, U.S.A., phone: 313/873-3000, fax: 313/873-2574. Unfortunately, Wayne State University cannot guarantee the institutional room rate for hotel reservations made after October 1, 1998. Standard rates at the Hotel St. Regis are \$99 for a single room and \$109 for a double room (these rates subject to change). Hotel reservations made after October 1 are not secured and will depend upon availability.

The Hotel St. Regis will offer a limited shuttle service between the hotel and the campus for conference participants free of charge. The service will bring participants to campus prior to the beginning session each day and will return participants to the hotel after the last session each evening. A sign-up sheet will be located at the front desk of the hotel for persons wishing to use the shuttle service. The concierge at the McGregor Memorial Conference Center will be available to aid participants who wish to travel back to the hotel during the day in finding a taxi.

We suggest that out-of-town participants consider using Commuter Transport as a shuttle between the airport and the hotel. In our survey of Detroit transport services, it appears that Commuter provides the most convenient and economical shuttle between the airport and the Hotel St. Regis.

PARKING

Participants driving to Wayne State University for the North American Labor History Conference will find that we are conveniently located to all major freeways (see map inside front cover). We encourage participants to use the student/guest parking structures while on campus. The parking system at Wayne State is run through the use of parking cards, which can be purchased for \$1.00 from machines located in each parking structure and in the Student Center building. Parking cards may also be purchased from the concierge desk at the McGregor Conference Center for \$1.50.

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