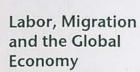


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Twenty-Third Annual Labor History

North American Labor History Conference



October 18-20, 2001



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Labor and Working Class History Association Program Committee:

Cindy Hahamovitch, Chair; Patricia Cooper, Christopher Friday, Matt Garcia, Kathryn McPherson, Craig Phelan, and Bryant Simon.

LAWCHA/NALHC Awards:

Andrew Arnold, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, was the winner of the LAWCHA Graduate Student Research Paper Award, for his paper, "The Limits of Liberalism in the Age of Coal: Lessons from Nineteenth-Century Labor, Industry, and Railroads." As winner of the award, he also is a recipient of a travel grant sponsored by the Labor and Working Class History Association and the North American Labor History Conference of Wayne State University. Other recipients of the LAWCHA/NALHC travel awards are David Anderson, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill; Jenny Carson, University of Toronto; Ruth Percy, University College London. LAWCHA/NALHC award committee: James R. Barrett, University of Illinois-Urbana; Michael Honey, University of Washington-Tacoma; Tera Hunter, Carnegie Mellon University. The 23rd Annual North American Labor History Conference

Program

Thursday, October 18

Registration/Coffee Hour 9:30-11:00, McGregor Lobby

Gender and the Global Politics of Labor: Organizing Women Workers along the Global Assembly Line Sponsored by Labor and Working Class History Association 11:00-1:00 p.m., McGregor B/C

Chair: Sonya Rose, University of Michigan A Place of Their Own? Women Negotiating the Local and Transnational in Nicaragua and Northern Mexico Jennifer Bickham Mendez, College of William and Mary, and Joe Bandy, Bowdoin College

Discipline, Labor Organizing and Globalization: Gender and National Histories in the Garment Industry Ethel Brooks, Rutgers University

The Gendered Division of Labor Across Space: Lessons from RCA in North America Jeff Cowie, Cornell University

Sweated Labor from New Delhi to New York: Labor Internationalisms and Third World Women Workers in the Global Garment Industry Jayati Lal, Johns Hopkins University and the University of Michigan

Comment: The Audience

Book Display

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

Toiling in the Caribbean: Social, Racial and Political Dimensions 11:00-1:00 p.m., McGregor F/G

Chair: Richard Stahler-Sholk, Eastern Michigan University

The Monmouth Rebels and the Role of Indentured Servitude in the Sugar Revolution of the Late Seventeenth Century Mark Quintanilla, Bloomsburg University

Between Slavery and Freedom: West Indian Laborers in Puerto Rico, 1800-1850 Jorge Chinea, Wayne State University

The Cuban Melting Pot: Anarchism and Spanish Immigration in Early Republican Cuba Kirwin Shaffer, DeSales University

Comment: Richard Stahler-Sholk, Eastern Michigan University

Enemies Within: Class, Gender, and Ethnicity in World War II 11:00-1:00 p.m., Reuther Woodcock Room

Chair: Franca lacovetta, University of Toronto

The Feelings and Traditions of White People: Italians, Race, Color and Identity in Wartime Chicago, 1939-1945 Thomas A. Guglielmo, University of Michigan

The Zoot Suit Phenomenon on the Oxnard Plain: Mexican American Youths in Ventura County, California, during World War II Frank Barajas, Claremont Graduate University

From Indifference to Internment: The Construction of Racial and Gender Identities among Italian-Canadians, 1934-1941 Michelle McBride, Memorial University of Newfoundland

Comment: Stephen Meyer, University of Wisconsin-Parkside

Luncheon (On Your Own) 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

During the lunch hour, there will be a video showing In McGregor B/C:

The Secrets of Silicon Valley Documentary Showing and Audience Discussion

Secrets of Silicon Valley (2001) Produced and Directed by Alan Snitow and Deborah Kaufman 60 minutes, color.

Global Communities, Interethnic Contacts, and Racial Divides: Immigrant Workers in a Worldwide Economy 2:30-4:30 p.m., McGregor B/C

Chair: Nora Faires, Western Michigan University

From the Global to the Personal: Older Approaches, Newer Approaches for Understanding the "New Immigrant" Workers, 1880s-1940s James R. Barrett, University of Illinois-Urbana

Thinking and Acting Globally: Immigrant Diasporas and Working Class Internationalism, 1890-1917 Caroline Merithew, Cornell University

Russians, Beet Hunkies, Bohunks, and Mexican Beet Weeders: Rethinking Class and Ethnicity in the Countryside, 1900-1929 Kathleen A. Mapes, SUNY-Geneseo

Comment: Franca lacovetta, University of Toronto Nancy Forestell, St. Francis Xavier University The Root of All Things: Exploring the Connections Between Rural and Industrial Labor History Sponsored by the Labor and Working Class History Association 2:30-4:30 p.m., McGregor F/G

Chair: Rick Halpern, University of Toronto

Hired Hands and Hiring Out: Exploring Class Relations in the Rural North, 1880-1930 Tobias Higbie, The Newberry Library

Between the Garden of Eden and the Promised Land: Black Industrial Workers in the Rural South Will Jones, Rutgers University

Lessons for the City Folk: Rural Labor in 19th-Century Bologna (Italy) Dora Dumont, SUNY-Oneonta

Comment: Rick Halpern, University of Toronto

Rethinking Labor History: A Discussion of Jack Metzgar's Striking Steel 2:30–4:30 p.m., Reuther Woodcock Room

Chair: Steve Rosswurm, Lake Forest College

Panelists: Elizabeth Fones-Wolf, West Virginia University Stephen Meyer, University of Wisconsin-Parkside Ruth Needleman, Indiana University-Northwest Elizabeth Faue, Wayne State University

Response: Jack Metzgar, Roosevelt University

Nat Weinberg Award Presentation and Reception

> 5:00—6:30 p.m. Reuther Library Lobby

Presidential Address Sponsored by Labor and Working Class History Association 7:30–9:30 p.m., McGregor B/C

Introduction: Joe William Trotter, Carnegie Mellon University

Representing the Working Class: "True Fictions" from the South Jacquelyn Dowd Hall, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and President, Labor and Working Class History Association

Reception Follows Sponsored by Labor and Working Class History Association McGregor Lobby

Extended Research Hours at the Reuther Library

Monday, October 15, 2001 Tuesday, October 16, 2001 Wednesday, October 17, 2001 Thursday, October 18, 2001 Friday, October 19, 2001 Saturday, October 20, 2001 11:00 a.m.—6:45 p.m. 11:00 a.m.—6:45 p.m. 9:00 a.m.—4:45 p.m. 9:00 a.m.—6:45 p.m. 9:00 a.m.—4:45 p.m. 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Friday, October 19, 2001

Registration and Coffee Hour 8:00–8:30 a.m., McGregor Lobby

De-Centering US Paradigms: Towards Transnational Approaches in Feminist Labor History—The Case of Italian Women Workers, Militants, and Exiles 8:30-10:30 a.m., McGregor B/C

Chair: Caroline Merithew, Cornell University

From Outside the United States: A Collective Report on Italian Women and Labour Organizing and Protest in Argentina, Canada, and Europe, 1880s-1950s Franca lacovetta, University of Toronto

Foreign, Female and Dangerous: Virgilia D'Andrea, Politics of Protest, Poetry of Exile, 1919-1933 Robert Ventresca, University of Western Ontario

The Transnationalism of Italian Women's Political Culture in New York City, 1880-1945 Jennifer Guglielmo, University of Minnesota

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Comment: James Barrett, University of Illinois-Urbana

Temporary Workers of the World Unite, you have nothing to lose but your visa, your job, your right of reentry.... Sponsored by the Labor and Working Class History Association 8:30-10:30 a.m., McGregor F/G

Chair: Daniel Rothenberg, University of Michigan

Braceros, Wetbacks, and the National Boundaries of Class Mae M. Ngai, University of Chicago

Immigrant Workers Pitted against Workfare Workers in the Multiracial Race to the Bottom Grace Chang, University of California-Berkeley

The Ultimate Immigrants: Guestworkers in Comparative Perspective Cindy Hahamovitch, The College of William & Mary

Comment: Saskia Sassen, University of Chicago

Migration, State Regulation of Labor, and Labor Movements in the United States, Canada, Britain, and India 8:30-10:30 a.m., McGregor E

Chair: Peter Rachleff, Macalester College

Globalization, Labour Markets, and Labour Standards: An Early Debate in Britain Gopalan Balachandran, Graduate Institute of International Studies, University of Geneva

Beyond the Closed Border: The Trades and Labor Congress of Canada's International Efforts to Stop Immigration David Goutor, University of Toronto

Organized Labor and the US-Canadian Border: The View from Detroit, 1885-1935 Tom Klug, Marygrove College

Comment: Peter Rachleff, Macalester College

Representations of Labor in Media and Popular Culture: Twentieth Century Images 8:30-10:30 a.m., Reuther Woodcock Room

Chair: Kathryne Lindberg, Wayne State University

Naturalizing Maternity: 19th-Century Images of Immigrant Women and the U.S. Working Class Deirdre Murphy, University of Minnesota

Irish Migratory Workers in Scottish Agriculture in the Twentieth Century: Images in the Media and Popular Culture Heather Holmes, Napier University (Edinburgh)

Ill Fares the Land: Film and Television Representations of Global and Colonized Labor in, through, and Bordering the USA Tom Zaniello, Northern Kentucky University

Comment: Kathryne Lindberg, Wayne State University

Crossing New Borders: Globalizing Labor Migration in the 20th Century 10:45-12:45, McGregor B/C

Chair: Sylvia Hahn, University of Salzburg

They All Came from Someplace Else: Rethinking American Labor History from the Perspective of Miami, Florida Melanie Shell-Weiss, Michigan State University

Crossing New Frontiers: Labor Migration to and within Europe, 1880-2000 Leslie Page Moch, Michigan State University

Peasant Migration, Redefining the Concept of Labor and Social Relations Between 'Workers' and 'Colons' at the Office du Niger from 1930-1980

Isaie Dougnon, SEPHIS (South-South Exchange Program for Research on the History of Development)

Comment: Bruno Ramirez, University of Montreal Sylvia Hahn, University of Salzburg Agro-Industry, Transnational Migration, and the Transformation of Class in the U.S. Sponsored by the Labor and Working Class History Association 10:45-12:45, McGregor F/G

Chair: Leon Fink, University of Illinois-Chicago

Lost Time: Rural Workers and Meatpacking Deborah Fink, Independent Scholar

Nonmarket Labor Processes Revisited: Guestworkers in Rural United States Occupations from 1942 to 2000 David Griffith, Eastern Carolina University

Culture at Work: Poultry Processing, Transnational Migration, and the Transformation of Class in the U.S. Steve Striffler, University of Arkansas

Comment: Ana Luisa Avendano, Assistant General Counsel, UFCW Leon Fink, University of IllinoisBChicago

Labor and the National Security State 10:45-12:45, McGregor E

Chair: Mel Small, Wayne State University

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"A Trade Union Policy for Working People": Organized Labor, Free Trade, and Full Employment in the Truman Administration, 1945-1950 Mark A.T. Esposito, West Virginia University

The American Federation of Labor's Early Cold War Relationship with the Central Intelligence Agency: Labor's Role as an Influential Non-Governmental Organization Quenby Anne Olmsted, Harvard University

"Release Our Jailed Leaders": American and South Vietnamese Labor, 1968 Edmund F. Wehrle, Eastern Illinois University

Comment: Mel Small, Wayne State University

Making Class, Making Gender, Making History: Historiographical Visions 10:45 a.m. -12:45 p.m., Reuther Woodcock Room

Chair: Nancy Gabin, Purdue University

Black Women's Labor Studies During the Great Migration: Recovering the Lost Generation of Black Female Social Scientists, 1915-1940 Francille Wilson, University of Maryland

Where the Boys Are: Constructions of Working Class History in the Postwar World Elizabeth Faue, Wayne State University

Kathryn McPherson, York University Comment: Nancy Gabin, Purdue University

> Luncheon and Membership Meeting Labor and Working Class History Association 1:00-2:30, McGregor L/M

> > lacquelyn Dowd Hall, presiding

Gender and Labor History: A State of the Field Retrospective 3:00-5:00 p.m., McGregor B/C

Moderator: Jacquelyn Dowd Hall, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Alice Kessler-Harris, Columbia University Panelists: Susan Levine, University of Illinois-Chicago Vicki Ruiz, University of California-Irvine Elizabeth Clark-Lewis, Howard University

Bracerismo Revisited 3:00-5:00 p.m., McGregor E

Chair: Seth Wigderson, University of Maine

Braceros in Their Own Words Henry P. Anderson, Independent Scholar

The Bracero Program: Labor Protections and Government Enforcement-or Lack Thereof Gilbert G. Gonzalez, University of California-Irvine

Farm Workers, Organized Labor, and the Bracero Program Dionicio N. Valdes, University of Minnesota

Comment: Seth Wigderson, University of Maine

Empowering Black and Chicano Workers in the 1960s and 1970s Sponsored by the Labor and Working Class History Association 3:00-5:00 p.m., McGregor F/G

Chair: Patricia Cooper, University of Kentucky

Shop It !: Philadelphia Streets Department Workers and Urban Power in the 1960s Francis Ryan, University of Pennsylvania

"The Substance of Things Hoped For": Rev. Leon Sullivan and the Creation of the Opportunities Industrialization Center Movement, 1964-67 Juan M. Floyd-Thomas, Virginia Tech

Maximum Feasible Participation? Chicano Migrant Farm Worker Activism and the War on Poverty in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1964-1974 Marc Simon Rodriguez, Princeton University

Comment:

Eric Fure-Slocum, University of Iowa Patricia Cooper, University of Kentucky Rethinking Class, Race/Ethnicity, and the State 3:00-5:00 p.m., Reuther Woodcock Room

Chair: Robert Storey, McMaster University

Iron and Steel Unionism in Canada and Australia, 1900-1914: The Impact of Ethnicity, the State, Management and Locality Greg Patmore, University of Sydney

Trade Union Conceptualizations in Chicago's Steel and Meatpacking Industries, 1936-1954 Kim Scipes, University of Illinois at Chicago

Comment: Craig Heron, York University Joseph McCartin, Georgetown University

> Reception (Cash Bar) 5:00–6:00 p.m., McGregor Lobby

Dinner 6:00–7:30 p.m., McGregor L/M

Introduction: TBA

Coming Full Circle: Labor-Community Relations Grace Lee Boggs, Activist and Writer Post-Plenary Gathering: Labor and Social Conscience The Eleventh Annual Bernard J. Firestone Memorial Tribute Labor Poets 2001

Presented in partnership with the YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and Poets and Writers, Inc. Additional sponsorship by the College of Urban, Labor, and Metropolitan Affairs and the Center for Labor Studies, Wayne State University

The Scarab Club 217 E. Farnsworth (at John R. Street, directly behind the Detroit Art Institute) 7:30 p.m. until . . .

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And more ...

Saturday, October 20, 2001

Registration and Coffee Hour 8:30-9:30 a.m., McGregor Lobby

AFL-CIO VoiceWork Research Agenda: A Roundtable 9:30-11:30 a.m., McGregor B/C

Chair: John Logan, London School of Economics

Panelists: Dana Frank, University of California-Santa Cruz Michael Goldfield, Wayne State University Ruth Milkman, University of California-Los Angeles Nelson Lichtenstein, University of California-Santa Barbara Andy Levin, AFL-CIO

Breaking the Mold: Gender, Class, Region, Race and Union Organization 9:30–11:30 a.m., McGregor F/G

Chair: Heather Thompson, University of North Carolina-Charlotte

Coalition Building among New York City's African-American Service Workers Jenny Carson, University of Toronto

Woman or Worker? Labor Feminism in the AFL and TUC in the Early Twentieth Century Ruth Percy, University College London

A Struggle for Recognition: Migrants and the Breakdown of Industrial Relations in the Automobile Plants of Detroit and Turin, 1962-1973 Nico Pizzolato, University College London

Unionizing the North: Southern White Migrants, Community Politics, and UAW Membership David Anderson, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Comment: Heather Thompson, University of North Carolina-Charlotte Striking Contrast: New Case Studies in the History of Collective Action 9:30-11:30 a.m., McGregor E

Chair: Dan Clark, Oakland University

"There is No Such Thing as a Foreigner": The IWW, Immigrant Labor, and the Pennsylvania Constabulary in the Pittsburgh Steel Strikes of 1909 James C. Koshan, Thiel College

Negotiating a Space for Women: Wives Supporting the Strike, Sudbury, Ontario, 1978-79 Sue Vanstone, University of Toronto

Global Restructuring, Industrial Conflict, and International Solidarity: The Comparative Study of the 1998 GM Flint Strike and the 1998 Hyundai Motors Strike in Korea Kwon Soonwon, Cornell University

Comment: Dan Clark, Oakland University

Race, Labor and Community in the Twentieth Century United States 9:30–11:30 a.m., McGregor H

Chair: Linda Housch-Collins, Wayne State University

Interracial Unionism Meets the Open Shop Drive: African American Membership in the New Orleans Street Carmen's Union, 1918-1926 Michael Mizell-Nelson, Tulane University

Race, Gender, and Community Formation in a Migratory Labor Camp: A Study of the Farmworkers Community in Lamesa, Texas Veronica Martinez, University of Texas at Austin

Community-Labor Alliances: A New Paradigm for Organizing: The Campaign to Organize Greengrocery Workers in New York City Immanuel Ness, Brooklyn College

Comment: Martin Halpern, Henderson State University

Luncheon 11:30-1:00

Liberalism and Labor: A Roundtable Sponsored by Labor and Working Class History Association 1:00-3:00 p.m., McGregor B/C

Moderator: Craig Phelan, University of Wales Panelists: Andrew Arnold, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill Eric Arnesen, University of Illinois at Chicago David Plotke, New School for Social Research Judith Stein, City University of New York

The Workers Alliance of America, 1933-1939 1:00-3:00 p.m., McGregor F/G

Chair: Shelton Stromquist, University of Iowa

The Unemployed Movement: Class-Wide Organizing in the 1930s Jeannette Gabriel, Rutgers University

Classification Struggles and the Rise and Demise of the Workers Alliance of America, 1935-1941 Chad Goldberg, New School for Social Research

Striking Against Relief: Worker Protest on WPA Projects in the Philadelphia Region, 1935-1939 Mark Wilkens, University of Pennsylvania

Comment: James Lorrence, Gainsville College

(Inter)Nationalism, Solidarity, and Ethnic Radicalism in 20th Century Canada and the United States 1:00–3:00 p.m., McGregor E

Chair: Gail Malmgreen, Tamiment Library

<u>Undzer Zumer Helm [Our Summer Home]</u>: The Camp Experience in Ontario for Left Jewish Immigrant Women and their Children, 1925-the present Ester Reiter, York University

American Labor Unions and International Solidarity: The Jewish Labor Committee's Antifascist Work, 1934-1945 Catherine Collomp, Universite de Paris-VII

To Be Red and "Oriental": Class and (Trans)nationalisms among Japanese and Chinese Immigrant Communists Josephine Fowler, University of Minnesota

Comment: Paul Mishler, Independent Scholar

Transforming Gender: New Approaches to the History of Labor in the 21st Century 1:00–3:00 p.m., McGregor H

Chair: Suzanne Bergeron, University of Michigan-Dearborn

Ideology, Women, and Racial Relations in the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union Thom Copeland, Henderson State University

The Question of Choice in the Lives of African American Domestic Workers in Detroit, 1940-1970 Lisa Krissoff Boehm, Worcester State College

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Accommodations

NOTE EARLY DEADLINE OF SEPTEMBER 17th

Out-of-town participants are encouraged to stay at the Hotel Ponchartrain, located nearby in downtown Detroit, during their stay. Participants who register before September 17, 2001, will be assured of the special institutional discount rate of \$109 per night for a single or double room. Just indicate that you are attending the North American Labor History Conference when making your reservation to lock in this room rate. For reservations, contact the Hotel Ponchartrain, Two Washington Blvd., Detroit, Michigan, 48226-4416, toll-free phone 1-877-0200, fax 313-965-9464. Unfortunately, Wayne State University cannot guarantee the institutional rate for hotel reservations made after September 17, 2001. Hotel reservations made after September 17 are not secure and will depend upon availability. The concierge at the McGregor Memorial Conference Center will be available to aid in finding a taxi for participants who wish to travel back to the hotel during the day.

Parking

Participants driving to Wayne State University will find that we are conveniently located to all major freeways. Check our website at *http://www.cla.wayne.edu/history/nalhc* for complete driving instructions. We encourage participants to use the student/guest parking structures while on campus. All parking structures are pay-on-entry; guest parking is \$2 per day.

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Call for Papers

Class, Gender, and Ideology Twenty-Fourth Annual North American Labor History Conference Wayne State University, October 17-19, 2002

The Program Committee of the North American Labor History Conference invites proposals for panels and papers on the theme, Class, Gender, and Ideology, for our twenty-fourth meeting to be held October 17-19, 2002, at Wayne State University in Detroit. Some suggested themes are

- Class ideologies in both the working classes and among middle and upper classes, as they interaction with gender and racial ideologies and/or define class identity and politics
- Nationalism among workers and in working class and labor movements, in combination with or in opposition to class-based movements
- Conservatism and radicalism among workers and in working class movements and/or cross-class ideologies and political movements
- Labor and/or working class internationalism
- Reaction toward and repression of labor and working-class movements by national states, in such periods as revolutionary Europe, late 19th repression, the Red Scare in the U.S., and the Cold War
- The intersection of class and gender ideology in defining class identities and/or politics and /or in shaping labor practices and politics

The program committee encourages comparative and interdisciplinary scholarship from a broad range of national and international contexts, the integration of public historians and labor activists into conference sessions, and the use of differing panel formats (workshops, roundtable discussions, and multimedia as well as traditional papers); and it welcomes sessions which may address the topic through the lens of class, gender, race, ethnicity, and sexuality.

Please submit panel and paper proposals (including a 1-2 page abstracts and brief CVs or biographical statements for all participants) by March 1st, 2002, to

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