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**27th Annual North American
Labor History Conference**

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Tuesday, October 18, 2005	11:00 a.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday, October 19, 2005	9:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Thursday, October 20, 2005	9:00 a.m. - 6:45 p.m.
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Program

Thursday October 20, 2005

Registration and Coffee Hour

9:30 - 11:00 a.m., McGregor Lobby

Transnational Labor Movements and the IWW

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

Chair: Gail Malmgreen, New York University

(Re)Examining Class: Transnational Workers and Nationalist Struggles in the late 19th Century United States

Malini Cadambi, SEIU Local 1199 and New School for Social Research

Evan Matthew Daniel, Tamiment Library/NYU and New School for Social Research

Mexican Labor Ties and the IWW

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

Chair: Jose' Cuello, Wayne State University

Wagons South: Mexican Repatriation from Detroit, 1929-1932

Ryan Pettengill, Michigan State University

The Industrial Workers of the World and its Impact on the Mexican Revolution

Dan La Botz, Miami University, Ohio

Working USA: Reflections on the Centennial of the IWW and Labor Today

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., McGregor E

Moderator: Steve Leberstein, City University of New York

Panelists:

Peter Rachleff, Macalester College

Mandi Isaacs Jackson, Yale University

Howard Kimeldorf, University of Michigan

Steve Golin, Bloomfield College

Franklin Rosemont, Charles H. Kerr Publishers

Salvatore Salerno, independent scholar

Staughton Lynd, independent scholar

Paul Buhle, independent scholar

Comment: Manny Ness, Brooklyn College

Rural Revolutions: UFW and its Organizing Tradition Reconsidered

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., McGregor I

Chair: TBA

"I am not helpless anymore:" Chicana Activism, UFW and the Struggle for Educational Equity in Coachella Valley, California, 1973-1976

Matthew Garcia, Brown University

Vanguards in the Fields: The National Farm Workers Association and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, 1965-1966

Lauren Araiza, University of California, Berkeley

Aqui Tambien Se Puede: The Farmworker Movement in Oregon

Mario Sifuentez, Brown University

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

Documentary Showing

Where Do You Stand? Stories from an American Mill
Alexandra Lescaze, Producer/Director

1:00 p.m., McGregor B/C

Ethnicity, Race and Labor

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

Chair: TBA

The Demise and Future of Solidarity: Discourse, Metaphor, and the Politics of Regard
Dan C. Shoemaker, Bowling Green State University

Manifest Destiny, Cultural Legitimacy, and the Ideological Origins of the Western IWW
Gerald Ronning, Albright College

Race, Class and Ethnicity in the 1916 Mesabi Strike
David LaVigne, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Revolutionary Ideas and the Actions of Labor

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2:30 - 4:30 p.m., McGregor F/G

Chair: Janine Lanza, Wayne State University

The Paris Commune as Symbol and Lesson in the Era of the Russian Revolution of 1905

Casey Harison, University of Southern Indiana

Noah London's Early Years in Russia and America: Jewish Socialism, Garment Unionism, and the 1905 Revolution

John Holmes, University of California, Berkeley

The Lifeblood of the Movement: American Anarchists on the Periphery and the Dilemma of Centralization

Mark Robbins, Brown University

No Separate Peace: Militant Protest, Civil Disorder and the Struggle for Affirmative Action in the Seattle Building Trades

Trevor Griffey, University of Washington (LAWCHA paper winner)

Influence Abroad: the IWW and Workers around the World

2:30 - 4:30 p.m., McGregor E

Chair: Andrew Port, Wayne State University

Neither Brown nor Red: The Union of Teachers and Educators in Brandenburg an der Havel, 1945-1953

Charles Lansing, University of Connecticut

The Influence of the Industrial Workers of the World on the New South Wales Builders Labourers' Federation and Green Bans

Greg Mallory, Griffith University

The Mid-Victorian Settlement?: A Study of the Miners' and Seamen's United Association

John Flanagan, University of Sunderland

Ties Between Workers and Communities

2:30 - 4:30 p.m., McGregor I

Chair: Michael Smith, Wayne State University

Re-Connecting with the History of Labor in New Brunswick: Historical Perspectives on Contemporary Issues

Raymond Legere, Research Representative, Canadian Union of Public Employees

Bill Parenteau, Associate Professor of History, University of New Brunswick

Recobrando/Recovering "The Struggle Against Racial Discrimination": The Mural that Bridged Nations, Causes, and Decades

Gigi Peterson, SUNY Cortland

Conference Reception

Opening Reception for the Exhibit:

100 Years: The I.W.W.

This exhibition chronicles the history of the IWW from its founding in Chicago in 1905 to the present

4:45 - 6:00 p.m.
Reuther Library Lobby

Plenary Session

Sponsored by the Labor and Working Class History Association
7:00 - 8:30 p.m., McGregor B/C

Introduction: Alice Kessler-Harris, Columbia University

Class, Memory, and Working-Class Identity
Elizabeth Faue
Wayne State University

Post-Plenary Reception

Sponsored by the Labor and Working Class History Association
8:30-9:30, McGregor Lobby
(Cash Bar)

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Francille Rusan Wilson, University of Maryland

Friday, October 21, 2005

Registration and Coffee Hour

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

Locating Labor: Rethinking Spaces of Work and Resistance, 1900-1960

Sponsored by the Labor and Working Class History Association
9:00 - 11:00 a.m., McGregor B/C

Chair and Commentator: Steve Meyer, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Working Wisconsin's 'Enchanted Summer Land': Challenging Definitions of Labor and Authority through Tourism on the Lac du Flambeau Reservation, 1912-1942

Melissa Rohde, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Deprived the Luxury of Grief: Death, Paternalism, and the Politics of Performance in Steel Communities, 1892-1910

Michael K. Rosenow, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

"It's Hard to Have a Man Around the House": Women, Men, and Household Work after Retirement, 1940-1960

Greg Wood, University of Pittsburgh

The Working Class and Twentieth Century Decolonization

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

Chair: Cecelia Bucki, Fairfield University

Nationalism, Labor and Decolonization in India

Nagesh Rao, The College of New Jersey

Social Realism or Elite Idealism? Representations of Workers and Peasants in Post-Colonial Fiction

Pranav Jani, Ohio State University

Fictions of Independence: Women, Class and Decolonization in the Anglophone Caribbean

Helen Scott, University of Vermont

The Role and Actions of Working Classes in Times of War

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

Chair: Tom Klug, Marygrove College

The IWW and the Response to World War I

Eric Chester, independent scholar

"Will 'Our People' be Any Better Off?": Black Migrants and the Fight to Win the Peace in Chicago, 1945-46

Jeffrey Helgeson, University of Illinois, Chicago

Wartime Liberalism and the Politics of Race: The Subordination of Black Workers in the UAW

Charles Williams, Ohio State University

Workers and Popular Culture

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

Chair: Lisa Kannenberg, College of St. Rose

"I Dreamed I Saw Joe Hill Last Night": The IWW's Lost Legacy in American Popular Culture

Ron Briley, Sandia Preparatory School

Practicioners of Scientific Husbandry or "Mere Workers, the Mud-Sills"? Central Canadian Agricultural Associations and Contested Agrarian Identities during the Nineteenth Century

Darren Ferry, independent scholar

Sentimental Reformers & Eternal Progressionists: Spiritualism, Women's Rights and the Working Class, 1849-1869

Mark Lause, University of Cincinnati

LAWCHA Annual Membership Meeting and Luncheon

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., McGregor L/M

Short Farewell Presentation by the President

The Enduring Memory of the Haymarket Martyrs around the World

James Green

University of Massachusetts at Boston

Book Panel

The Story of Reo Joe: Work, Kin, and Community in Autotown, U.S.A., by Lisa Fine

Sponsored by the Labor and Working Class History Association

1:00 - 3:00 p.m., McGregor B/C

Chair: Nora Faires, Western Michigan University

Panelists:

Lisa Fine, Michigan State University

Nancy Gabin, Purdue University

Steve Meyer, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Daniel Clark, Oakland University

Comment: The Audience

Rosa Luxemburg and Working-Class Strategy in the Wake of the 1905 Labor Upsurge

1:00 - 3:00 p.m., McGregor F/G

Chair: Aaron Retish, Wayne State University

German Labor and the Revolutionary Orientation of Rosa Luxemburg, 1905-1919

Paul Le Blanc, La Roche College

Luxemburg, Mass Action, and Women's Liberation

Olga Domanski, News and Letters

The Floyd Dell "Bomb Talking" Thesis Reconsidered

Timothy Messer-Kruse, University of Toledo

The Role of Labor in Development

1:00 - 3:00 p.m., McGregor E

Chair: Catherine Bogosian, Wayne State University

Undercurrents to Independence: Plantation Unionism in Kenya's Central Province, 1959-65"

David Hyde, University of East London

The British Guiana Trades Union Council Strike of 1962

Gordon Daniels, Mississippi Valley State University

Robert Waters, Southern University at New Orleans

Roundtable Session: The Fruits of Labor

1:00 - 3:00 p.m., McGregor H

Chair and Commentator: John Williams-Searle, College of St. Rose

Insuring Workers: Labor Union Sickness Funds in Progressive America

John E. Murray, University of Toledo

Employer Anti-Union Methods in the Progressive Era

1:00 - 3:00 p.m., McGregor I

Chair and Commentator: Elizabeth Faue, Wayne State University

From Blacklists to Reference Checks: the Evolution of Bureaucratic Methods of Fighting Organized Labor in Detroit, 1900-1918

Thomas Klug, Marygrove College

"An Infamous Order:" The Labor Injunction in the Copper Strike of 1913

Coreen Derifield, Purdue University

Changing the Law: Organized Labor's Anti-Injunction Campaigns in Detroit, 1916-1919

Jacob Hall, University of Iowa

Roundtable Session: New Evidence on the Haymarket Affair

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

Chair and Commentator: Melvyn Dubofsky, SUNY, Binghamton

Panelists:

Timothy Messer-Kruse, University of Toledo
Bryan Palmer, Trent University
James Green, University of Massachusetts, Boston
Beverly Gage, Yale University

Reading Militance: Militancy, Radicalism, and Crafting Labor History

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

Chair and Commentator: Daniel Katz, Harry Van Arsdale Jr. Center for Labor Studies, SUNY Empire State

Was the Personal Political? Reading the Autobiography of American Communism

James Barrett, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

The Flying Billboard: Organizing on the Airlines, 1944-1950

Liesl Orenic, Dominican University

A Crossroads in Labor Militancy: The Rise and Fall of the Quad Cities FE-UE, 1949-1955

Matthew M. Mettler, University of Iowa

Don West and the Labor Struggle in the Postwar South: Progressives Confront the Cold War Challenge, 1945-1955

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

Chair and Commentator: Carl R. Weinberg, Butler University

Don West, The Southerner, and the Great Dalton Red Hunt: Radical Religion and Union Activism in Northwest Georgia, 1955-1956

James J. Lorence, Gainesville College

Crabgrass as Grassroots: The Contending Influences of Don West and Lucy Mason in Post-War Georgia

Chris Green, Marshall University

Latin American Anarchism: Perspectives on Class, Gender, Nation and Revolution

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

Chair: Barry Pateman, Associate Editor, The Emma Goldman Papers

Anarchist Essayists, Organized Labor, and the National Question: Addressing the 'Indigenous' and the 'Foreign' in Early Twentieth-Century Argentina, Brazil and Peru

Geoffroy de Laforcade, Longwood University

Rolling for the Revolution: Cuban Cigar Makers in Havana, South Florida, and New York City, 1850s-1890s

Evan Daniel, Tamiment Library/NYU and New School for Social Research

Gender, Migration, and the Culture of Anarchism in Belle Époque Buenos Aires

José Moya, University of California, Los Angeles

Conference Reception
5:00 - 6:00 p.m., McGregor Lobby

Cash Bar

Plenary Session and Dinner

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

Introduction: TBA

Myth and Memory in Writing the History of the IWW

Melvin Dubofsky, SUNY - Binghamton

Post-Plenary Gathering: Labor and Social Conscience
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Corey Dolgon (Singer/Songwriter - MA)

And more . . .

Note: The shuttle to the Hilton will leave the Scarab Club at 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 22, 2005

Registration and Coffee Hour
8:00 - 9:00, McGregor Lobby

Education, Culture, and Solidarity: U.S. Labor Schools in the 1920s -1940s
9:00 - 11:00 a.m., McGregor B/C

Chair: Kenneth Teitelbaum, Kent State University

A. J. Muste, Workers' Education, and the Making of a Cultural Front
Leilah Danielson, Northern Arizona University

"Education for the Purposes of Democracy": Workers and Intellectuals at the Rand School of Social Science
Thomas Wirth, SUNY, Binghamton

Communist Labor Pedagogy before McCarthyism
Marvin E. Gettleman, Brooklyn Polytechnic University

Regimenting Work: The Politics of Economic Change during the 1970s and 1980s
Sponsored by the Labor and Working Class History Association
9:00 - 11:00 a.m., McGregor F/G

Chair and Commentator: Rosemary Feurer, Northern Illinois University

Workers and the 'Welfare Queen': Criminalization and Surveillance in Illinois State's Anti-Welfare Fraud Initiatives
Julilly Kohler-Hausman, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Cultivating Competitiveness: UAW Bureaucratization and 'Jointness' Programs at Caterpillar
Jason Kozlowski, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Struggles for Worker Control: Wars of Position in Heavy Industry Towns
9:00 - 11:00 a.m., McGregor E

Chair and Commentator: Christine Daniels, Michigan State University

Faith, Power, and Conflict: Miner Preachers and the UMWA in the Harlan County Mine Wars
Carletta S. Bush, West Virginia University

Talking Steel: Oral Histories of Steel Workers in Youngstown, Ohio
Donna M. DeBlasio, Youngstown State University

Workers' Union? Workers' Town?: Dissent and Decline in Aluminum City
Jeanine M. Mazak, Michigan State University

Creative Scholar-Activist: George Breitman's Contributions on Malcolm X and Leon Trotsky
9:00 - 11:00 a.m., McGregor I

Chair and Commentator: Wythe Holt, University of Alabama School of Law

Breitman and the Post-World War II Black Radicalization
Alan Wald, University of Michigan

Breitman and Trotsky's Writings
George Shriver, Translator and Editor

A Farewell to White Radicals, Too?: The Reverend Albert Cleage, George Breitman and the Freedom Now Party?
Angela D. Dillard, New York University

Luncheon
11:00 - 1:00, McGregor

Alternate Presentation
11:00-1:00, McGregor B/C

Vigilante Violence against the Wobblies: The Lynching of Frank Little and Wesley Everest
Irwin Nack, William Patterson University

Legacies of 1905: Trotsky's Theorizations - "Uneven and Combined Development" and "Permanent Revolution"
1:00 - 3:00 p.m., McGregor B/C

Chair: TBA

Origins and Relevance of the Theory of Permanent Revolution
George Shriver, Translator and Editor

'Uneven and Combined Development' as a Tool for Comprehending History
Paul Le Blanc, La Roche College

Permanent Revolution: Theory and Historical Evidence in the Work of Pierre Broue (1926-2005)
Geoffroy de LaForcade, Longwood University

Beyond International Solidarity: U.S. Labor in the Cold War
1:00 - 3:00 p.m., McGregor F/G

Chair: Lisa Fine, Michigan State University

American Labor and Occupation: U.S. Militarism and Free Trade Unionism in Asia, 1945-1975
Daniel E. Garcia, College of New Rochelle

"People Speaking to People:" The Early Cold War Relationship between the AFL's Free Trade Union Committee and the CIA's National Committee for a Free Europe, 1949-1954
Quenby O. Hughes, Rhode Island College

A Case of Tricky Labor Diplomacy: The AFL-CIO and South Africa's Union Movement, 1955-1985
John C. Stoner, SUNY Binghamton

Chilean Workers and the U.S. Labor Movement: Encounters and Disagreements, 1940-1960s
Angela Vergara, University of Texas, Pan American

Points of View: Labor and Syndicalism
1:00 - 3:00 p.m., McGregor E

Chair: TBA

From Syndicalism to Communism
Ralph Darlington, University of Salford

Ties that Failed to Bind: The IWW and Syndicalist Internationalism, 1905-1939
Wayne Thorpe, McMaster University

Syndicalism and Industrial Unionism in the United States, 1900-1922: Two Sides of the Same Coin?
Ronald Mendel, Northampton University

Relations between Workers and the State
1:00 - 3:00 p.m., McGregor I

Chair and Commentator: Eric Fure-Slocum, St. Olaf College

The Hoof and the Club: Labor's Response to State Repression in Progressive Era Pennsylvania, 1900-1916
Gary Jones, Muhlenberg College

U.S. Foreign Policy and the AFL-CIO in British Guiana
Jeff Olson, Northern Illinois University

Labor Racketeering: A Case Study of the Western Conference of Teamsters
Robert C. Donnelly, Gonzaga University

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Hotel Transportation

There is a \$20 per day valet fee at the Hilton Garden Inn for parking at the hotel. Persons who plan to drive back and forth to campus every day should consult the campus parking section below.

A shuttle will be provided to participants prior to the first session and after the last session of each day free of charge to conference participants. With the exception of the Thursday night schedule, the shuttle will only run between the Hilton and the Reuther Library. The shuttle will run at the following times: Thursday, 9:00-1:00 a.m. and 8:30-10:30 p.m.; Friday, 7:30-9:00 a.m. and 8:00-9:15 to both the Hilton and to the Scarab Club. One additional shuttle bus will be available at 10:00 p.m. for transport from the Scarab Club to the Hilton. Saturday, 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. and 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Persons who want to travel to the hotel between the shuttle times may contact the concierge at the McGregor Center, who can call them a taxi; or may choose to take the Woodward Avenue bus, which has stops in front of the main public library (southbound) and the Detroit Institute of Arts (northbound). For persons familiar with previous conference accommodations, you need to be aware that this hotel location is too removed from campus to walk there.

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Participants driving to Wayne State University will find that we are conveniently located near all major freeways. Check out the WSU website at <http://www.wayne.edu/tourwsu/directions.html> for complete driving directions and campus maps. We encourage participants to use the student/guest parking structures while on campus. All parking structures are pay-on-entry; guest parking is \$3.00 - \$5.00 per day, depending upon the lot chosen.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Technology, Environment and Work

Twenty-Eighth Annual North American Labor History Conference Wayne State University, October 19-21, 2006

The Program Committee of the North American Labor History Conference invites proposals for sessions and papers on "Technology, Environment and Work" for our twenty-eighth annual meeting.

The parameters of work have always been shaped and ultimately changed by the uses of technology and the elements of the environment. Even before the tremendous shift of industrialization, labor and the environment, writ large, have coexisted, often in harmony but at times in conflict. Workers welcome technological change and environmental factors that ease their labor. But, at the same time, such changes also threaten not only worker culture and morale but also their very livelihoods. Technology has transformed more than the shop floor, the field, and the home. It has affected nature, as well as laborers' relationship to the environment. As we witness on a daily basis, the intersection of technical change and work continues to exercise its complex pressure on labor today, just as it did in the past. This year's conference wishes to explore these issues.

The program committee encourages comparative and interdisciplinary scholarship from a range of national and international contexts, the integration of public historians and community and labor activists into conference sessions, and the use of differing session formats (workshops, roundtable discussions, and multimedia as well as traditional panels). It encourages sessions that address the theme from perspectives of gender, race, ethnicity, and sexuality.

Please submit panel and paper proposals (including 1-2 page abstracts and brief vitas or biographical statements for all participants) by March 1st, 2006, to:

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