

The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual

North American Labor History Conference

# Geographies of Labor



October 24-26, 2013  
McGregor Conference Center

**WAYNE STATE  
UNIVERSITY**

## **Conference Notes**

### **Research Hours at the Reuther Library**

The Reuther Library will be open the week of the conference, Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Additionally, the Reuther will provide extended hours on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### **Book Display**

Books on labor history and related topics will be open throughout the conference in Room A of the McGregor Center, located on the first floor.

Featured books will also be available for sale during the conference in the lobby near Room A.

### **Parking**

Parking for the conference is available in the structure on the corner of Cass Avenue and Palmer Street, just north of the conference center. Participants who have difficulty walking may park in the surface lot just north of the WSU Law Library, which is one building north of the McGregor Center.

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## THURSDAY, October 24, 2013

### Registration

9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., McGregor Lobby

### Guided Tour of Diego Rivera Murals at DIA

10:00 a.m.-11:30 p.m.

(meet at NALHC registration table in McGregor at 9:30)

### Cinematic Images of Labor in Detroit

9:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m. – 110 Kresge Auditorium

Chair: M. L. Liebler, Wayne State University

*Unruined Voices*

Todd Duncan, Wayne State University

*Detroit 48202: Conversations Along a Postal Route*

Pam Sporn, film-maker

**11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. - LUNCH (*on your own*)**

### 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. McGregor- SESSION 1

#### 1.1 Book Talk: *Driving Detroit* – Room B/C

Chair: Tracy Neumann, Wayne State University

Author: George Galster, Wayne State University

Commentators: Steve Babson, Wayne State University  
Tom Klug, Marygrove College

#### 1.2 Agricultural Labor from the US to Cuba- Room E

Chair/Commentator: Jorge China, Wayne State University

*The Struggle to Organize Packinghouse & Agricultural Workers: The United Packinghouse & Agricultural Workers of America (UPWA) Local 78 Ventura County, California, 1953-1963*

Luis H. Moreno, Bowling Green State University

*Private Spheres and Private Property: Gendering Migrant Labor in Michigan in the 1960s*

Nora Salas, Michigan State University

*Agriculture, Labor, and Revolution: Understanding the Role of Workers in Cuba and Michigan During Times of Upheaval*

Dionicio Valdés, Michigan State University

**1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. McGregor- SESSION 1 (cont.)**

**1.3 Poletown Revisited – Room J**

Chair/Commentator: David Fassenfest, Wayne State University

Excerpts from film, *Poletown Lives* and presentation by Ron Reosti, Poletown attorney

**1.4 Detroit as Symbol & Reality – Room G/H**

Chair/Commentator: Shea Howell, Oakland University

*The Elusive Postwar Boom: Detroit Autoworkers in the 1950s*

Daniel Clark, Oakland University

*Living in the Arsenal of Democracy: Workers, Housing, and Patriotism*

Karen Miller, Oakland University

*Keynotes: A Critical History of the Detroit Federation of Musicians Local #5*

Carleton S. Gholz, Northeastern University

**2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Break**

**2:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. McGregor – SESSION 2**

**2.1 Book Talk: *The Right to Stay Home* – Room B/C**

Co-Sponsored by Labor@Wayne

Chair: Nicole Trujillo-Pagan, Wayne State University

Author: David Bacon, photojournalist

Commentators: Elena Herrada, Community Organizer  
Dionicio Valdes, Michigan State University

**2:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. McGregor – SESSION 2 (cont.)**

**2.2 Immigrant Labor in Detroit & the ILGWU – Room J**

Co-Sponsored by LAWCHA

Chair: Tom Klug, Marygrove College

*“We are going to make better men for future generations”*: Industrial Americanization and the Manly Immigrant Worker  
Nicole Greer Golda, University of Michigan

*The Human Element: Fordism, Corporate Empire and the Making of Spatial Identity in Detroit, 1914-1955*  
Saima Aktar, University of California, Berkeley

*The ILGWU Immigration Project: An Innovative Approach to Assist Unions Members*  
Kathryn Dowingicz, Cornell University

**2.3 Black & Working-Class Activism in Detroit – Room G/H**

Chair/Commentator: Stephen Ward, University of Michigan

*The Political Response of Black Clubwomen to Detroit’s Black Migration in the 1920s*  
Jayne Morris-Crowther, University of Delaware

*Union Hall and City Trenches: UAW Local 174 and the Spatial Imaginary of Walter Reuther*  
Stephen McFarland, CUNY Graduate Center

*African American Migrant Labor and the “Special Negro News” in 1950s Detroit: The Newspaper as Testimony*  
Rachel Peterson, Grand Valley State University

**2.4 The Fermi Atomic Power Plant and Unions – Room E**

Chair: Bill Lynch, Wayne State University

*“Power Reactor”*: Habitus, the Spaces of Unionism, and Environmental Practice  
Jacquelyn Southern, Trinity College

*Power and Place: The Fermi Atomic Power Plant and the Workers of Downriver Detroit*  
Lisa M. Fine, Michigan State University

Commentators: Michael Keegan  
Scott Kirsch, University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill)

**Keynote Address**

4:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m., McGregor B/C

Co-Sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) and Office of International Programs

Welcome: Dean Wayne Raskind, CLAS, Wayne State University

Introduction and Moderator: Fran Shor, Wayne State University & Coordinator, 2013 NALHC

***Workers of the World***

**Marcel van der Linden, Research Director, International Institute of Social History  
Professor, University of Amsterdam**

**Reception – Sponsored by NALHC**

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. McGregor Lobby

***Dinner (on your own)***

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**Screening of Film, *Harvest of Empire***

7:30 p.m. – 150 General Lectures

**FRIDAY, October 25, 2013**

**Registration**

8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m., McGregor Lobby

**8:30 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. McGregor - SESSION 3**

**3.1 The Public Policy Attack on Labor - Room B/C**

Chair/Commentator: Marick Masters, Wayne State University

*Heartland Blues: Labor Politics and Union Decline In The American Midwest*  
Marc Dixon, Dartmouth College

*Surviving on the Brink: Workers, Unions, and Collective Bargaining in New Zealand 1991-2011*  
George Lafferty, University of Western Sydney

*Organized Labor in a Neo-Mercantile Context: Michigan and Wisconsin*  
Roland Zullo, University of Michigan

*Looting the Post Office: The Dismantling of the USPS*  
Martha Ecker, Ramapo College

**3.2 Gender/Racial/Class Conflict in 19th & 20th Century Chicago – Room E**

Chair/Commentator: Sam Mitrani, College of DuPage

*On a Silver Platter: Cooking and Geographies of Household Labor in Chicago, 1850-1890*  
Courtney Wiersema, University of Notre Dame

*“The Working Man Does Not Need to be Told How to Live”: Defending the Working Man’s Saloon*  
Steven D. Barleen, Northern Illinois University

*Seed Plots of Lawlessness: Space, Labor, and Racial Violence in Chicago, 1904-1919*  
David Bates, DePaul University

**3.3 Transnational Migrations & Radical Labor – Room G/H**

Chair: Joel Wendland, Grand Valley State University

*Shanghaied in Hoboken: Asian Sailors as Workers and Immigrants*  
Anna Pegler-Gordon, Michigan State University

*Connecting Radical Port-Cities: Italian Maritime Workers and the Formation of Transnational Antifascist Networks*  
Michele De Gregorio, University of Teramo

*Constructing China from the Left: Cháo-ting Chi and Diasporic Citizenship*  
Adrienne Winans, Ohio State University

8:30 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. McGregor - SESSION 3 (cont.)

**3.4 “The Spatial Turn” and Male Skilled Labor – Room J**

Chair: Chris Johnson, Wayne State University

*“The Old Slippers”*: *Class Geographies in the New York Publishing Trade, 1783-1830*  
Steven Carl Smith, Providence College

*Men, Markets, & Railroads: The Globalization of Slate Production, 1848-1914*  
Nicholas O’Neill, University of Oregon

*“Cruising for Pine Lands”*: *The Labor, Mobility, and Legacy of John Henry Goddard and Wisconsin’s Timber Cruisers, 1870-1890*  
Craig William Kinnear, University of Notre Dame

*Steamboat Crews on the Monongahela River: A Geography of Labor in the Monongahela Valley*  
Marc Henshaw, Michigan Technological University

**Keynote Address**

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. McGregor B/C

Co-Sponsored by the Departments of History and Africana Studies

Welcome: Melba Joyce Boyd, Chair, Africana Studies, Wayne State University  
Introduction and Moderator: Marc Kruman, Chair, History, Wayne State University

***Black Renaissances in the Urban Midwest: Migration, Working Class Consciousness  
& Culture in the New Deal***

**Darlene Clark Hine,  
Board of Trustees Professor of African American Studies and History,  
Northwestern University**



**11:10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. McGregor SESSION 4**

**4.1 Book Talk: *Trampling Out the Vintage: Cesar Chavez and the Two Souls of the United Farm Workers*  
Room B/C**

Co-Sponsored by the Walter Reuther Library, Wayne State University

Chair: Beth Myers, Director, Walter Reuther Library, Wayne State University

Author: Frank Bardacke, Journalist, California State University, Monterey Bay

Commentators: Jane Slaughter, *Labor Notes*  
Ruben Martinez, Michigan State University

**4.2 Race & Unfree/Forced/Free Labor – Room E**

Chair: Gloria House, University of Michigan, Dearborn

*In a State of Slavery and Freedom: Labor, Race, and Salt in Settler-Colonial Gallatin County Illinois from 1803-1832*

John C. Marquez, University of Illinois

*African Americans in Southern Iowa's Mining Communities, 1879-1930*

David Brodnax, Trinity Christian College

*Framing Freedom: Forced Labor, Crime and Punishment, and the Louisiana State Penitentiary in the Atlantic World*

Christina Pruett Hermann, Michigan State University

*Labor Contractors, Migrant Workers and Notions of Wage Labor in Japanese-Controlled Fushun Colliery, 1907-1945*

Limin Teh, University of Chicago

**4.3 Critical Geographic Approaches to Labor History and Political Struggle – Room J**

Chair/Commentator: Andrew Herod, University of Georgia

*Manufacturing Razors, Producing Scale: A New Cut into the Historical Geography of Cold War Labor Struggles*  
Stuart Schrader, New York University

*Global Unions, Local Power: Evaluating Labor Transnationalism from North America to the Global South*

Jamie K. McCallum, Middlebury College

*"A Gesture of Sympathy": Labor's Cold War in Decolonizing Africa and the Internationalization of the Anti-Apartheid Boycott, 1958-1960"*

Simon Stevens, Columbia University

**11:10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. McGregor SESSION 4 (cont.)**

**4.4 Exploring the Legacy of Civil Rights Unionism In the Age of Right-To-Work (Roundtable) – Room G/H**

Chair: David Goldberg, Wayne State University  
Participants: Beth Bates, Wayne State University  
General G. Baker, Scholar and Activist  
Robert Korstad, Duke University  
Michael Stauch, Duke University

**4.5 Spatial Flows on the US/Canada Border – Room I**

Chair/Commentator: Peter McInnis, St. Francis Xavier University

*Public Work or Development Tool? Region, Class, and the Placentia Railway Question, 1884-1889*  
Scott Eaton, Simon Fraser University

*From Workplace Injury to Socialism: Eugene Kingsley's Political Path in the Pacific Northwest*  
Patrick Craib and Benjamin Isitt, University of Victoria

*Social Media and the 1921 Paper Strike: The Circular Letters of Charles Salisbury*  
Stephen Cernek, Daniel Webster College

**12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m, Luncheon Address (Pre-Registration Required) - McGregor L/M**

Co-Sponsored by the Wayne State University Center for Latino/a and Latin American Studies

Introduction: Jorge Chinaa, Director, Center for Latino/a and Latin American Studies

**In Defense of Immigrant Worker's Rights in a Globalized Economy**

**Speaker: Cindy Estrada, VP, UAW**

**2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. McGregor SESSION 5**

**5.1 Latino Labor Leaders – Room B/C**

Co-Sponsored by Center for Latino/a and Latin American Studies and Labor@Wayne

Chair: Jorge Chinaa, Director, CLLAS, Wayne State University  
Moderator: Marick Masters, Director, Labor@Wayne, Wayne State University

Esther Lopez, Vice President, UFCW  
Yanira Merino, Ass't to the President, Laborers Union  
Eliseo Medina, Secretary Treasurer, SEIU

**2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. McGregor SESSION 5 (CONT.)**

**5.2 Book Talk: *Looking South: Race, Gender and The Transformation of Labor from Reconstruction to Globalization*- Room J**

Co-Sponsored by McKnight, McClow, Canzano, Smith & Radtke, P.C.

Chair: Kidada Williams, Wayne State University

Author: Mary Frederickson, Emory University

Commentators: Ethel Brooks, Rutgers University  
Nancy Gabin, Purdue University

**5.3 *Forces of Labor Revisited* – Room G/H**

Co-Sponsored by *Critical Sociology*

Chair: David Fasenfest, Wayne State University

*Revisiting Forces of Labor – Ten Years Later*

Beverly Silver, Johns Hopkins University

*Geographies of Power: Labor Organizing in a Global Era*

Heidi Gottfried, Wayne State University

*New Directions of Work in China*

Sarah Swider, Wayne State University

**5.4 *Employment Gray Zones in Europe* – Room E**

Chair: Janine Lanza, Wayne State University

*Employment Gray Zones: Towards a New Concept in International Comparisons at Work*

Donna Kesselman, Paris University (*Creteil*)

Patrick Dieuaide, Paris University (*Sorbonne Nouvelle*)

Antonella Corsani, Paris University (*Pantheon-Sorbonne*)

*Atypical and Informal Employment in Southern European Union Regions: Agency and “Anti-Recession” Measures*

S. Gialis and L. Leontidou, Hellenic Open University

**5.5 *Subversive Mobility and Labor’s Struggles* – Room I**

Chair/Commentator: Andrew Herod, University of Georgia

*Rails to Revolution: Railroads, Railroad Workers and the Mexican Revolution of 1910*

Hector Agredano, CUNY Graduate Center

*Working for “the Public”: The Evolution of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 192 and the Role of East Bay Bus Drivers in the Fight Against Transportation and Spatial Injustice”*

Kafui Attoh, Murphy Institute, CUNY

*Autogestion: Cars and the Drive for Farmworker Self-Organizing in California*

Don Mitchell, Syracuse University

**3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. Break**

**3:45 p.m.- 5:15 p.m. McGregor – SESSION 6**

**6.1 Book Talk: *Working the Diaspora: The Impact of African Labor on the Anglo-American World, 1650-1850* - Room G/H**

Co-Sponsored by the Department of Africana Studies

Chair: Ollie Johnson, Wayne State University

Author: Frederick C. Knight, Morehouse College

Commentators: Jason Young, SUNY Buffalo  
Butch Ware, University of Michigan

**6.2 *What Do Unions Do: A Retrospective (Roundtable)* – Room B/C**

Co-Sponsored by Labor@Wayne

Chair: Marick Masters, Wayne State University

Author: Richard Freeman, Harvard

Commentators: Rosemary Feuer, Northern Illinois  
Michael Goldfield, Wayne State University  
Immanuel Ness, Brooklyn College

**6.3 *Transgressive Labor at Borders & Workplaces* – Room E**

Chair: Bill Bryce, Wayne State University

*Labor Control and Limits of Citizenship at the Texas-Mexico Border*  
Antonio L. Vasquez, Michigan State University

*Agency or Exploitation?: Gender, Performativity and Labor in the Narco-economy*  
Heather Agnew, UCLA

*Shop Rats in Space: Auto Workers and the Struggle for Control of the Shop Floor in the Exurban Factory*  
Gregory M. Miller, Lourdes University

*“Must Go Outside”: Space, Power, and Smoking Bans at Work, 1980s-1900s*  
Gregory Wood, Frostburg State University

**3:45 p.m.- 5:15 p.m. McGregor – SESSION 6 (CONT.)**

**6.4 War & Empire on the Frontiers – Room J**

Co-Sponsored by LAWCHA

Chair/ Commentator: Colleen Woods, University of Maryland

*Military Occupations: The Work of Counter-Insurgency in the Indian and Philippine Wars*  
Justin Jackson, Columbia University

*Summiting Mt. Malindang: Linking Military and Scientific Work in the Philippines*  
Amy Kohout, Cornell University

*The Philippine Frontier as an Answer to Militancy: Homesteading as a Strategy for Managing Urban and Labor Unrest in the 1930s Philippines*  
Karen Miller, LaGuardia Community College, CUNY

**6.5 From Fields to Factories in Colonial & Post-Colonial Latin America – Room I**

Co-Sponsored by LAWCHA

Chair: Hernan Garcia, Wayne State University

*Colonial Capitalism and the Forced Industrialization of Native Populations in Spanish America*  
Jose Cuello, Wayne State University

*Maize Relations: A Political Ecology of Agricultural Labor in the Central Highlands of Mexico*  
Emma Gaalaas Mullaney, Pennsylvania State University

*Producing Space, Producing Protest: Chilean Metalworkers' Spatial Strategies across Political and Economic Regimes, 1945-2011*  
Joel Stillerman, Grand Valley State University

**Keynote Address**

5:30 p.m.- 6:30 pm, McGregor B/C

The Gerald J., Myrna F., and Stuart L. Bernath Lecture Series for the Support and Discussion of American History, Diplomacy, and Foreign Affairs

Welcome: Dean Sandra Yee, WSU Libraries

Introduction and Moderator, Elizabeth Faue, Professor and Director, History Grad Program, Wayne State University

**Who Built the Empire? Class, Race and the Remaking of the Global US**

**Julie Greene, Professor of History  
and Co-Director for the History of the New America, University of Maryland**

**Spoken Word/Music Concert**

8:00 p.m. – Maccabees at Midtown – 5057 Woodward

## **SATURDAY, October 26, 2013**

### **Registration**

**8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. McGregor Lobby**

### **9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. McGregor – SESSION 7**

#### **7.1 Book Talk: *Gospel of the Working Class: Labor's Southern Prophets in New Deal America* – Room B/C**

Chair: Cornelius Bynum, Purdue University

Authors: Erik Gellman, Roosevelt University and Jarod Roll, University of Mississippi

Commentators: Beth Bates, Wayne State University  
Michael Honey, University of Washington

#### **7.2 *New Directions in the Study of International Anarchist Networks (Roundtable)* – Room E**

Chair: Julie Herrada, University of Michigan

Tim Messer-Kruse, Bowling Green State University

Mark Lause, University of Cincinnati

Tom Goyens, Salisbury University

Pietro DiPaola, University of Lincoln (UK)

#### **7.3 Geographies of Labor: Theory & Methods – Room G/H**

Co-Sponsored by Labor@Wayne and the Department of Urban Studies & Planning

Chair: Robin Boyle, Wayne State University

Presenter: Andrew Herod, University of Georgia

Respondents: Beverly Silver, Johns Hopkins University  
Don Mitchell, Syracuse University

#### **7.4 Labor in the Middle East – Room J**

Chair: May Seikaly, Wayne State University

*Palestinian Labor Flows to Israel*

Leila Farsakh, University of Massachusetts, Boston

*Home of the Kurdish Seasonal Workers as a Rural and Colonial Space*

Iclal Ayse Kucukkirca, Mardin Artuklu University

*Iraqi Labor and US Labor Solidarity*

Michael Zweig, SUNY Stony Brook

**10:30 a.m.- 10:45 a.m. Break**

**10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. McGregor – SESSION 8**

**8.1 Contesting the Global Sweatshop (Roundtable) – Room B/C**

Co-Sponsored by the Department of Sociology and John Canzano, McKnight, et. al. P.C.

Chair/Commentator: Mary Frederickson, Emory

Ethel Brooks, Rutgers University

Ashok Kumar, St. Johns College, Oxford University

Katherine Corbit, University of Michigan

**8.2 U.S. Working Class Self-Activity in Transnational Contexts – Room G/H**

Chair: Mel Small, Wayne State University

*Hard Hats, Hippies, and Hawks*

Penny Lewis, Murphy Institute, CUNY

*Cultural and Ideological Exchanges Between African American GIs and Okinawans During the Vietnam War*

Yuichiro Onishi, University of Minnesota

*From Racism to International Solidarity: UAW Local 879, 1980-1995*

Peter Rachleff, Macalester College

Commentator: Frank Joyce, labor and anti-war activist

**8.3 Transnational Labor Organizers in the Early Twentieth Century (Roundtable) – Room I**

Chair: Colin Davis, University of Alabama, Birmingham

Shelton Stromquist, University of Iowa

Francis Shor, Wayne State University

Paula DeAngelis, Adelaide University

**8.4 WWII & Post WWII Working Class Spatial Politics – Room J**

Chair: William Mello, Indiana University

*Making War, Not Homes: Migrant Workers and Substandard Housing in the U.S.S.R. and the United States*

Gretchen Pruett, University of Delaware

*Negotiating the City: The CIO and Working-Class Experience in mid-1940s Urban America*

Eric Fure-Slocum, St. Olaf College

*“Those Greedy Workers”: Suburbanization and Public Service Workers’ Class Relations in Postwar Philadelphia*

James Wolfinger, DePaul University

**10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. McGregor – SESSION 8 (cont.)**

**8.5 Working Class Uprisings in the Post WWI Period – Room E**

Chair/Commentator: Manny Ness, Brooklyn College

*The Revolution of 1918 and the Reconstitution of Working Class Space in Berlin*

Parker Everett, University of Chicago

*Legislative Empowerment as General Strike “Success”: Rethinking the 1919 General Strikes in Seattle and Winnipeg*

Victoria Johnson, University of Missouri

*Turin and the Workers’ Uprising of 1920*

Pietro Di Paola, University of Lincoln (UK)

**12:30 p.m.- 1:45 p.m. Luncheon – Room L/M  
(Pre-registration Required)**

**LAWCHA Awards**

Shellton Stromquist, President, LAWCHA

**Luncheon Address**

***UAW Solidarity Campaigns in Mexico***

Moderator: Moe Fitzsimmons, Director UAW Global Organizing Institute

Huberto Juárez, Autonomous University of Puebla

Salvador Quintana, UAW International Representative



**Plenary I – Room B/C**  
**2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**  
Co-Sponsored by Labor@Wayne

**The Assault on US Unions**

Welcome: Detroit AFL-CIO Representative  
Chair/Moderator: Michael Goldfield, Wayne State

Amy Bromsen, Wayne State University  
Richard Freeman, Harvard  
Rosemary Feuer, Northern Illinois  
Michael Honey, University of Washington  
Mike Hamlin, Detroit Scholar and Labor Activist

**Plenary II – Room B/C**  
**3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
Co-Sponsored by McKnight, McClow, Canzano, Smith & Radtke, P. C.

**New Strategies for US Labor**

Chair/Moderator: Jane Slaughter, *Labor Notes*

“Domestic Worker Organizing, Transnational Feminism, and a New Vision for Labor”  
Premilla Nadasen, Queens College, CUNY

“Chokepoints in the Supply Chain: New Strategies for US Labor”  
Jim McCormick, Warehouse Workers Organizing Committee

Scott Holiday, Organizing Committees for D15  
Frank Hammer, retired UAW and labor activist

6:30 p.m. 100 General Lectures

**Screening of Film: “American Revolutionary: The Evolution of Grace Lee Boggs,” followed by discussion with the filmmaker, Grace Lee.**

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## CALL FOR PAPERS

### THE NATURE OF WORK

36<sup>TH</sup> Annual North American Labor History Conference

October 16-18, 2014

Wayne State University

Detroit, Michigan

The Program Committee of the NALHC, an international conference with global perspectives, invites proposals for papers, panels, roundtables, etc. on the theme of “The Nature of Work” for our thirty-sixth annual meeting. Other thematically related proposals will be considered, especially if part of a full panel or roundtable.

Humans have confronted the environmental constraints on their labor since the dawn of history. Whether as hunter-gatherers, agriculturalists, or industrial/post-industrial workers, the nature of work has been intimately connected to making-over the natural world.

While the field of environmental history has provided new horizons within which to situate work and workers, this conference intends to expand those horizons through a wider range of disciplinary and interdisciplinary perspectives. We encourage proposals that seek to understand the changing nature of work and workers in the natural and built environment. Focusing on the historical nature of work may also provide opportunities for those who wish to investigate such subtopics as: globalization, free/unfree/forced labor, gender/class/racial/ethnic dimensions, commodified/de-commodified labor, the end of work, and transnational, national, and local histories. We welcome proposals from a wide variety of disciplines, especially history, geography, sociology, anthropology, economics, industrial relations, working class studies, and cultural studies.

Submissions of proposals for papers, panels, and roundtables should include a one paragraph abstract and a brief biographical statement per each participant. Submissions should be sent before the deadline of March 31, 2014 to:

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