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North American Labor History Conference*



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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1994

Registration 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour sponsored by Women's Studies Program

***Ethnicity and Nationalism: Italian Immigrants and the
Recomposition of the U.S. Working Class***

11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m., Room J

Chair: Peter Rachleff, Macalester College

*The Construction of Ethnic Differences in the U.S. Working Class at the Turn
of the Century: The Case of Italian Silk Workers in Paterson, N.J.*

Franco Ramella, Universita di Torino

*The Transnationalism of Italian-American Syndicalists and its Meaning for U.S.
Labor History*

Michael Miller Topp, University of Texas-El Paso

*'My Body is in America but my Mind is in Italy': Italian-American Radicalism,
1919-1939*

Fraser Ottanelli, University of South Florida

Comment: Nancy Hewitt, Duke University
Peter Rachleff, Macalester College

Working Class Formation in Colonial Africa

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

Chair: Monica Schuler, Wayne State University

Pre-Capitalist African Culture as Working Class Culture

Keletso Atkins, University of Michigan

The Artisan Origin of the Sierra Leonean Working Class

Ibrahim Abdullah, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Slave Emancipation, Class Formation, and Ethnicity in the Sudan, 1896-1956

Ahmad Sikainga, Ohio State University

Comment: Michael West, University of Illinois-Urbana

The Working Class in the United States and Britain: A Transatlantic Dialogue

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

Moderator: Christopher L. Tomlins, American Bar Foundation

The Atlantic Origins of the Proletariat

Marcus Rediker, University of Pittsburgh, and Peter Linebaugh, University of Toledo

Class: British and U.S. Differences and Similarities, 1880-1920

Neville Kirk, Manchester Metropolitan University

Response: The Audience

Case Studies in Comparative Labor History: The Australian-Canadian Labour History Project

2:30-4:30 p.m., Room J

Moderator: Martin Sullivan, Monash University

Australian and Canadian Labor Compared

Gregory S. Kealey, Memorial University

The State of Contemporary Labor History in Australia and Canada

Greg Patmore, University of Sydney

Comment: Charles Bergquist, University of Washington
J. Peter Campbell, Queen's University

The State and Labor in Modern Britain, 1750-1914

2:30-4:30 p.m., Room B

Chair: Sonya O. Rose, University of Michigan

"The Great End of All Government..." Working-Class Struggles and State Formation in Early 19th Century England

Marc Steinberg, Clark University

The State, Revolution, and the Chartist Strategy of Mass Arming: Popular Constitutionalism and Masculinity in the Cotton District, 1830-1850

Robert G. Hall, University of Tennessee

Gender, Work, and the State: Government Regulation of Women's Work in the White Lead Trade in England, 1891-1898

Carolyn Malone, Georgia Southern University

Exploring the Transformation of Labor's Entitlements in Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century England

Jane A. Rafferty, University of Michigan

Comment: Sonya O. Rose, University of Michigan

Labor Control in Colonial Africa

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

Chair: Osumaka Likaka, Wayne State University

Temperate Gangsters in a Sub-Tropical Place: American Engineers and the Advent of the Corporation on the South African Rand, 1902-1912

John Higginson, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

Struggles over the Labor Process: The Enugu Government Colliery in Nigeria during World War II

Carolyn A. Brown, Rutgers University

Clandestine Migration to South Africa during World War II: The Failure of Rhodesian State Policies to Retain African Labor

David Johnson, Georgetown University

Comment: Thaddeus Sunseri, Chicago State University

***Nat Weinberg Award
Presentation and Reception***

4:30-6:00 p.m., Room 200
Walter P. Reuther Library of Labor
and Urban Affairs

Award Recipient: Robert L. Kuttner
co-editor, *The American Prospect*

Plenary Session I

Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Room B/C

Welcome: Marilyn Williamson, Wayne State University

Moderator: Elizabeth Faue, Wayne State University

Is Class Still a Subject? Comparative Reflections

Geoff Eley, University of Michigan, and Keith Nield, Social History

Response: The Audience

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1994

Registration 8:00-9:00 a.m.

Coffee hour sponsored by the Labor Studies Center

Comparative Labor Processes and Labor Movements: Australia and Canada

9:00-11:00 a.m., Room J

Chair: Fran Shor, Wayne State University

Labor Process in the Twentieth Century: Australian and Canadian Case Studies

Jacques Ferland, University of Maine, and Chris Wright, University of New South Wales

Australian and Canadian Labour Movements in the Twentieth Century

Jacques Rouillard, Université de Montréal, and Mark Bray, University of Sydney

White Collar Labour: The Antipodean Model

Melanie Nolan, Victoria University

Comment: James Naylor, Brandon University

Cover photo by Tony Spina. Photo of Lech Walesa, leader and founder of Solidarity in Poland, leaving the shipyard where he worked. Photo was taken in Gdansk, Poland, 1983. From the Tony Spina Collection at the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs, Wayne State University.

Social Rationalization and Politics in Germany and the United States in the Interwar Period

9:00-11:00 a.m., Room B

Moderator: David Abraham, University of Miami

Rationalization of "Family Work" Municipal Family Welfare and Urban Working-Class Mothers in the Interwar Years

Karen Hagemann, Technical University of Berlin

Irrationalities of Rationalization? Images of Modernity and the Attraction of Destruction in 1920s and 30s in Germany

Alf Ludtke, Max Planck Institute for History

Rationalizing Private Lives: Industrial Social Policy in Weimar and Nazi Germany

Carola Sachse, Senatsverwaltung for Work and Women

Response: Alice Kessler-Harris, Rutgers University
Elizabeth Faue, Wayne State University

Workers' Nationalism and Internationalism

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

Chair: Dexter Arnold, South Central Federation of Labor

Mazzini vs. Marx: Workers' Circles in the Post-1848 London Emigré World

Michaela Tomaschewsky, Indiana University-Northwest

The Molly Maguires in Ireland and the United States, 1830-1880

Kevin Kenny, University of Texas at Austin

Working Class Radicalism in the Irish Diaspora: The Irish Progressive League, 1917-1920

David Brundage, University of California-Santa Cruz

Comment: Dirk Hoerder, University of Bremen

Luncheon

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

Moderator: Leslie Hough, Wayne State University

Robert L. Kuttner
co-editor, *The American Prospect*
Nat Weinberg Award Recipient

Immigration and Labor Culture in Australia and Canada

12:30-2:30 p.m., Room J

Chair: Seth Widgerson, University of Maine

Immigration and Labour in Australia and Canada

Franca Iacovetta, University of Toronto, and Michael Quinlan, Griffith University

Labour and Working Class Culture in Twentieth Century Australia and Canada

Gerry Friesen, University of Manitoba, and Lucy Taksa, University of New South Wales

Comment: Jill Roe, Macquarie University/Harvard University
Kathleen Paul, University of South Florida

Contesting Social Space: Company Towns and the Creation of Regional Industrial Cultures, 1900-1950

12:30-2:30 p.m., Room B

Chair: Gary Gerstle, Catholic University of America

Paternalism in a Declining Industry: Lake Copper, Michigan, 1913-1943

Jeffrey Eberle, Wayne State University

Power and Parochialism: Community Negotiations and Resistance in a North Carolina Milltown

Mary Wingerd, Duke University

From "Rebel Carpenter of Nazareth" to the Ku Klux Klan: Race, Religion, and Rebellion in the Lumber Towns of Sowell

G.C. Waldrep III, Duke University

Comment: Bruno Ramirez, Université de Montréal
Gary Gerstle, Catholic University of America

Language, Radicalism, and Working Class Protest in Nineteenth Century Britain and the United States

12:30-2:30 p.m., Room E

Chair: Richard Price, University of Maryland-College Park

T.J. Wooler, Popular Radical Ideology, and Forms of Activism, 1817-1821

Michael G. McQuarrie, Duke University

Justice, the People and the Market: Labor Republicanism and the Language of Working-Class Radicalism in the United States, 1885-1905

Andrew Neather, Duke University

"Their Own Vine and Fig Tree": Agrarian Reform and Working Class Experience in Britain and America, 1830-1850

Jamie Bronstein, Stanford University

Comment: David A. Zonderman, North Carolina State University
Richard Price, University of Maryland-College Park

Labor, Economic Policy and Globalization

3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Room J

Moderator: Nick Unger, ACTWU

Globalization and the Challenge to Organized Labour in Europe

Bruno Amoroso, University of Roskilde

Labor and Economic Reform: Egyptian Lessons for the Third World

Marsha Pripstein Posusney, Bryant College

Labor Internationalism: Past, Present and Future

Sean Sweeney, Queens College

The Role of the International Labor Movement in the Age of the Transnational Corporation

Arthur Lipow, Michael Harrington Centre

Response: The Audience

Books on labor history and related topics are on sale in Room F/G throughout the conference.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION

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

If you register before October 1, 1994, you will be assured the special institutional discount rate of \$69 for a single room and \$79 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 rates.

Unfortunately, Wayne State University cannot guarantee the institutional rate for hotel reservations made after October 1, 1994. Standard rates at the Hotel St. Regis are \$99 for a single room and \$109 for a double room. Hotel registrations after October 1 are not secured, and will depend upon room availability. For reservations, contact the Hotel St. Regis, 3071 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, Michigan, 48202, U.S.A., 313/873-3000. The Fax number is 313/873-2574.

The Hotel St. Regis will offer limited shuttle service between the hotel and the campus for conference participants free of charge. This service will bring conference participants to campus prior to the beginning session each day and will return to the hotel after the last session each evening. A sign-up sheet will be located at the hotel desk for persons wishing to use the shuttle service.

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

Conference funding provided by the College of Urban, Labor, and Metropolitan Affairs, the College of Liberal Arts, the Walter P. Reuther Library of Labor and Urban Affairs, and the Department of History, Wayne State University. Special thanks to the staffs of the Reuther Library and the Department of History, Wayne State University.

Program Committee: Elizabeth Faue, chair; Alan Raucher, Robert Gordon, Leslie Hough, Christopher Johnson, Philip Mason, Stanley Shapiro, Stanley Solvick, Joe Ward.

North American Labor History Conference REGISTRATION FORM

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Registrations received before October 1, 1994 will lock in substantial savings.

Registration	\$30.00 (\$45.00 after Oct. 1, 1994)
Thursday Reception	Free to Registrants
Friday Luncheon	\$10.00
Friday Reception	Cash Bar
Friday Dinner	\$16.50
Saturday Luncheon	\$10.00

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

Request Vegetarian Meals (check here) _____

Please note: Due to the size of this year's conference, we anticipate filling our maximum capacity at each of the meals. Please register early if you will wish to dine at the McGregor Center facility. 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.

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Women and Italian Labor Migration

3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Room B

Chair: Donna Gabaccia, University of North Carolina-Charlotte

Women Who Leave, Women Who Remain: The Italian Case
Maddalena Tirabassi, Giovanni Agnelli Foundation, Torino

Italian Women at Work in Argentina
Carina Frid Silberstein, University of Rosario

Female Professionals in the Immigrant Community: Italian-Trained Midwives in Southeastern Wisconsin
Diane C. Vecchio, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Italian-Born Women in the Australian Labor Force
Ros Pesman, University of Sydney, and Ellie Vasta, University of Wollongong

Comment: Franca Iacovetta, University of Toronto
Donna Gabaccia, University of North Carolina-Charlotte

Comparative Teamwork in Labor History

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

Moderator: Marcel van der Linden, International Institute for Social History

Panelists: Giovanni Arrighi, SUNY-Binghamton
Gregory Kealey, Memorial University
Ray Markey, University of Wollongong
Beverly Silver, Johns Hopkins University

Reception/Cash Bar

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

Dinner

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

Moderator: Aleya Rouchdy, Wayne State University

Proletarianization and National Segregation in 1920s Palestine
David de Vries, Tel Aviv University

Plenary Session II

7:30 p.m., Room B/C

Transnational Labor Organizing: A Roundtable

Moderator: Darryl Holter, UCLA

Panelists: Brad Markell, UAW Region 1A
Mary McGinn, Labor Notes
Baldemar Velazquez, Farm Labor Organizing
Committee

Post-Plenary Gathering: Labor and Social Conscience Bernard J. Firestone Memorial Tribute

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Alvin's Twilight Bar
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1994

Registration 8:00-9:00 a.m.

Coffee hour sponsored by MAIR (Master of Arts in Industrial Relations)
Program

Gender Ideology and Strategy on the Left

9:00 - 11:00 a.m., Room J

Chair: Stephen Meyer, University of Wisconsin-Parkside

'...even if we open both doors and windows for them they will not come into the union': *The Typographical Association in Stockholm and Women Workers, 1874-1900*

Inger Humlesjo, University of Uppsala

Strikers, Strikebreakers, and Violence: Masculinity on the Waterfront
Tapio Bergholm, University of Helsinki

The Heroic Man and the Ever-Changing Woman: Gender and Politics in European Communism, 1917-1950

Eric Weitz, St. Olaf College

Comment: Laura Tabili, University of Arizona
Laura Frader, Northeastern University

The Dominant Culture and Alternative History

9:00 - 11:00 a.m., Room B

Chair: Gail Malmgreen, Robert F. Wagner Archives

The March of Labour Halted: The Material Culture of Labour History Memorabilia and the Politics of Collecting
Beverly Butler, Leeds University

The Subordination of Class: Class Versus Classification
Andrew Lee, Tamiment Library

*Useful Tool or Dangerous Weapon: The Use and Misuse of Labour Archives--
An International Observation*
Stephen Bird, National Labour History Museum

Comment: Janet Langlois, Wayne State University
Catherine Rew, National Labour History Museum

Labor, Law, and the State in Comparative Perspective

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

Chair: Christopher L. Tomlins, American Bar Foundation

The Turn to Repression in Canadian Labour Law, 1893-1914
Eric Tucker and Judy Fudge, York University

Disciplining the State: Organized Civil Servants and the Politics of Labor Activism
Mary McGuire, University of Michigan

Low Wage Labor Markets and the Role of the State: A Comparative Analysis
Diane MacDonald, Northeastern University

Comment: Christopher L. Tomlins, American Bar Foundation

Luncheon

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

Moderator: Dan Leab, Labor History

*What Framework Should be Used to Explain U.S. Labor Development?
A Critique and a Suggested Answer*
John Laslett, University of California-Los Angeles

Comparative Perspectives Roundtable: Industrial Democracy in America: The Ambiguous Promise, Nelson Lichtenstein and Howell John Harris, eds.

12:30 - 2:30 p.m., Room J

Moderator: Bruce Nissen, Indiana University-Northwest

Discussants:

Chris Howell, Oberlin College
Richard Locke, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Rianne Mahon, Carleton University
Jonathan Zeitlin, University of Wisconsin

Response: Nelson Lichtenstein, University of Virginia

Labor Conflict in Revolutionary Contexts

12:30 - 2:30 p.m., Room B

Chair: Pamela S. McKinsey, University of Michigan

Paris Building Trades and Rebellion, 1830-1871
Casey Harison, University of Southern Indiana

"And All the Nonworking Rascals We Will Send to the Devil": Labor Activities in a Russian Textile City in the Late 19th Century
Susan M. Vorderer, Merrimack College

Challenge to Authority: Labor Conflict in Mexican Cotton Textile Factories during the Revolution
Jeffrey Bortz, Appalachian State University

Comment: Belinda Davis, Rutgers University

Trade Unions and the Cold War

12:30 - 2:30 p.m., Room E

Chair: Michael Goldfield, Wayne State University

Labor and the World System in the 1940s
Victor Silverman, Pomona College

The American Working Class and the Making of the Cold War
Stephen Ashby, Calumet Project for Industrial Jobs

Anglo-American Rivalry and the Paralysis of the IFTU, 1950-1960
Anthony Carew, University of Manchester

Comment: John Savile, University of Hull

Race Riots in the Era of World War I: International Perspectives

3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Room J

Chair: A. Yvette Huginnie, University of California-Berkeley

Chicago's 1919 Race Riot: Ethnicity, Class, and Urban Violence
Dominic Pacyga, Columbia College

Britain's Red Summer: The 1919 Race Riots in Liverpool
Carlton Wilson, North Carolina Central University

Limits to Fraternité: Racial Violence in France during World War I
Tyler Stovall, University of California-Santa Cruz

Comment: Laura Lee Downs, University of Michigan

Labor Internationalism in Peace and War, 1918-1945

3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Room B

Chair: Arthur Lipow, Michael Harrington Centre

Strike for Peace: British Influence on the Policy of the International Trade Unions
Christine Collette, Swindon College

Labor, Ethnicity, and Foreign Policy: The Chicago Federation of Labor and the Rebellion against AFL Collaborationism
Elizabeth McKillen, University of Maine

The World Trade Union Conference, February 1945: Attempts to Build an International Labour Movement
Isabelle Tombs, South Bank University

Comment: Thomas Sugrue, University of Pennsylvania

Workers and the Welfare State: A Comparative Roundtable

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

Moderator: Richard Hill, New Zealand Department of Justice

Work, Community, and Politics: Maritime Workers and the State in International Perspective

Sam Davies, John Moores University

Organizational Capacity and Urban Working Class Politics: The Labour Party and the Great London Council's Local Economic Strategy

Daniel Egan, Boston College

Working Class Solidarity and State Redistribution of Risk

Herman Schmid, University of Roskilde

The New Zealand Labour Movement and State Labour Policy

John Martin, New Zealand Department of Internal Affairs

Response: The Audience

Call for Papers

The program committee seeks panel and paper proposals for a conference on "Culture and Community in Working Class History," October 19-21, 1995, at Wayne State University in Detroit. Direct proposals and inquiries to Elizabeth Fauc, Coordinator, NALHC, Department of History, 3094 Faculty/Administration Bldg., Wayne State University, Detroit, MI 48202; 313/577-2525.
