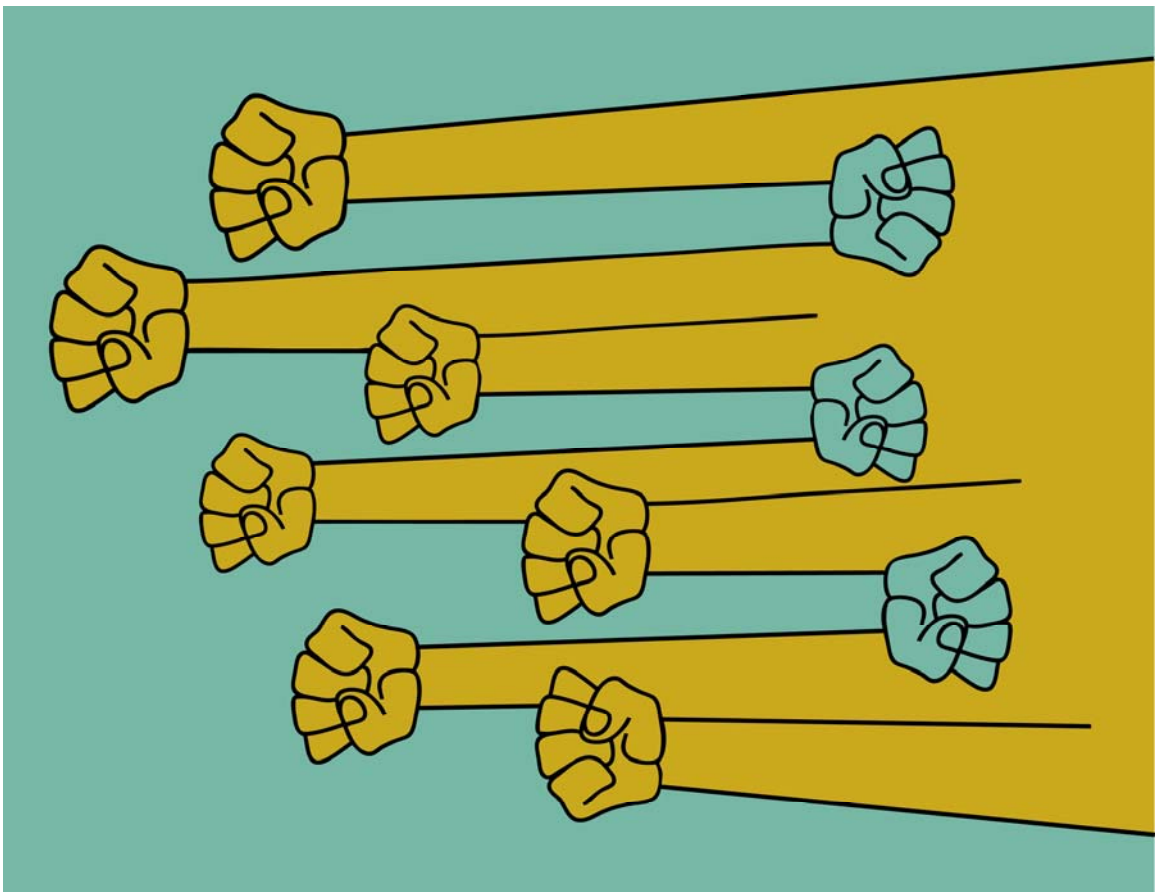


North American Labor History Conference

Class, Social Movements and the New Politics



October 21 – 23, 2010
McGregor Memorial Conference Center

WAYNE STATE
UNIVERSITY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2010

Thursday 2:00-4:00

Lessons and Legacies: The Detroit Newspaper Strike 15 Years Later

Moderator: Scott Martelle, Independent Journalist and Author

Panelists:

Steve Babson, Wayne State University

Chris Rhomberg, Fordham University

Donald Boggs, AFL-CIO

Working Class History, Migration, Guest Workers, Labor Strikes, Social Movements in Mexican and Latino Labor Scholarship

Moderator: Jose G. Moreno, Michigan State University

Panelists:

Dylan Miner, Michigan State University

Luis Moreno, Michigan State University

Felix Medina, Michigan State University

Political Theory and Political Action

Chair: Ronald Aronson, Wayne State University

Labor and Economic Crises: Marx and Keyes in the 1930s and 1970s

Ingo Schmidt, Athabasca University

Labor's Squandered Opportunity: The Socialistic Labor Party, Cumulative Voting and the Chicago Elections of 1878 and 1879

Edward J. Burke,

'Ready to Start Fighting Communism Here': Politicized Workers and the Decline of the United Electrical Workers

Will Cooley, Walsh University

Thursday 4:15-5:45

Conference Plenary

Immigrant Workers and the Future of American Labor

Ruth Milkman, City University of New York

Thursday 6:00-7:00

Conference Reception

McGregor Lobby

FRIDAY, October 22, 2010

Friday 9:00-11:00

Roundtable: What can Sociology and Labor do for one another?

Chair: Ruth Milkman, City University of New York

Participants:

Jeff Rothstein, Grand Valley State University

Ian Robinson, University of Michigan

Marick Masters, Wayne State University

Agricultural Policy, Foodways and Working- Class Life

Group Man and the Limits of Working-Class Politics: John Steinbeck, New Deal Liberalism and Agricultural Labor in the 1930s

Charles Williams, University of Washington, Tacoma

Eating Habits and Low-Incomes in New York City: A Comparison of Food Politics and Policies in 1910 and 2010

Elizabeth Cafer du Plessis, Indiana University

Migrants and Workers' Movements: Shifting Patterns

African-American Migrants to Pittsburgh, 1916-1930

Y'hoshua R. Murray, Edinboro University, Pennsylvania

The Iraqi Ba'ath Party, Labor Mobilization, and the Kennedy Administration

Don Matthews, Oakland University

WSU History Graduate Student Association Panel

Elizabeth Ryan, Wayne State University

Friday 11:00-1:00
Luncheon

Edward Gaffney, AFT Michigan
Introduction Michael O. Smith, Reuther Archives

Friday 1:00-3:00

Shaping the Working Landscape

*Political Economy, Urban Spatiality and the Evolution of Working-Class
Political Strategies from the Gilded Age to the Progressive Era*
Robert Chidester, The Mannick & Smith Group

Union and Community Partnership in Construction Organizing
Mike Rabourn

*Progress and Decline: Federal Regulation of Coal Mine Health and Safety in
the United States, 1969 to 1988*
Richard Fry, Wayne State University

The Fight for Equal Rights: Race and Class

Chair: Fran Shor, Wayne State University

*The Naval Imperial State and Race in the Making of Modern Working-Class
Politics: the Case of the Seamen's Unions*
Justin Jackson, Columbia University

When Black was Red: Interpreting Black Socialism
Jeffrey A. Johnson, Providence College

*The Building Trades and the Philadelphia Plan: The Labor Politics of
Affirmative Action in Philadelphia, 1967-1972*
Timothy J. Lombardo, Purdue University

Women working for their rights

Chair: Linda Pritchard, Eastern Michigan University

'They all sort of disappeared': The Early cohort of UAW Women Leaders

Amy Bromsen, Wayne State University

A Gendered Disruption: the Work Culture of the Women Air Force Service Pilots of World War II

Sarah Myers, Texas Tech University

The Politics of Nine to Five's Pink Collar Activism

Allison Elias, University of Virginia

From HUAC to the Patriot Act: The Politics of National Security

Comment: Russ Belant

HUAC in Detroit, 1952: The Politics of National Security and Race

Steve Babson, Wayne State University

David Riddle, Independent Researcher

Friday 3:00-5:00

Activism Shaping the Urban Environment

The United Auto Workers and the Transformation of Environmentalism

Brandon Ward, Purdue University

Belfast and Detroit: Two Nodes of International Revolt

Patrick Kirkwood, Central Michigan University

Race, Employers and Class Struggle

Chair and Commentator: Robert Woodrum, Georgia Perimeter College

Stories that Employers Tell: Employment Managers and Black Workers in Detroit, 1916-1929

Thomas Klug, Marygrove College

Hubert Harrison and the Struggles of 1919

Jeffrey B. Perry, Independent Scholar

N. F. Thompson, William Hooper Councill, and the Emergence of Biracial Anti-Union Activism in the South

Chad Pearson, University of Alabama, Huntsville

The United Farm Workers -- Politics and Power through the Looking Glass

Chair and Commentator: Michael O. Smith, Walter P. Reuther Library

Bittersweet Harvest: the UFW Grape Boycott and the California Table Grape Commission

Matthew Garcia, Brown University

The UFW After the Alra: From "Non-Violent Vietcong" Tactics to "Non-Missionary Work"

Miriam Pawel, Independent Scholar

The Forgotten Legacy of the Filipino Manongs: the Path from Original Strikers to Outcasts

Marissa Aroy, Independent Filmmaker and Berkeley City College

Friday 5:15-6:45

"Labor Poetry"

M.L. Liebler, Wayne State University

Friday 7:00-8:00 – Conference Reception, Reuther Library

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2010

Saturday 9:00-11:00

Changing Labor Policy in the Fin de Siecle

Friend or Enemy? The Changing Labor Views of Congressman John J. Gardner, 1897 - 1911

Vilja Hulden, University of Arizona

Diamond Field Citizens: The Contested Power of Mineworkers in South Africa

Micalee Sullivan, Michigan State University

Workers against Bolsheviks: The 1918 Revolt in Izhevsk and What it Tells Us about Soviet Power

Aaron Retish, Wayne State University

Workers Using Media/Media Understanding Workers

News at Home and from Abroad: Croatian-Americans, Transnationalism, and Political Action

Rachel Batch, Widener University

The Enraged People are Many: Race, Immigrant Newspapers and the Creation of Working-Class Whiteness

Robert M. Zecker, Saint Francis Xavier University

Digitizing Blue Jeans, USA: Using Digital Technology in a Labor History Course

Jason Friedman, Wasatch Academy

Postwar Challenges to Labor

Transitioning Labor in the 'Lean Years': Middle Class Grassroots

Mark Robbins, Del Mar College

'Crosscurrents of Memory': Myth, Memory and Britain's Winter of Discontent

Tara Martin, Central New Mexico Community College

'Yesterday's Ideas': The Alliance for Labor Action and the Boundaries

Dave Bates, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Saturday 11:00-1:00

Working Class Politics: Past, Present and Future

Pimps and Politics: Chicago in the Late-Nineteenth Century

Mary Linehan, University of Texas, Tyler

AFSCME and the New Politics at the 1974 Democratic Convention

Joseph Hower, Georgetown University

Coffee, Tea and We the People: Grassroots Activism in the Neoliberal Present

Perry Miller, Michigan State University

Unions, Organizing and Political Movements

The Working Man Does Not Need to Be Told How to Live: Aurora, Illinois

Steven Barleen, Northern Illinois University

Workers' Party, Workers' Politics? Blue-Collar Workers in the Swedish Social Democratic Party

Erik Bengtsson, University of Gothenburg, Sweden

The Public and the People: the AFL and CIO Campaigns against Taft-Hartley's Passage

Rachel Burstein, City University of New York, Graduate School

Race and Ethnicity in the Labor Movement

Pure but Not Simple: the American Federation of Labor, the Jewish Labor Committee: The Politics of Human Rights, 1945-1955

Rachel Feinmark, University of Chicago

Asian American, the New Left and the Origins of I Wor Kuen

Christopher L. Parsons, Trent University

"Brothers on the Line" – a documentary

NALHC will host a showing of the new documentary exploring the legacy of the Reuther brothers – Walter, Roy, and Victor – pioneering labor organizers and civil rights champions whose leadership of the United Auto Workers (UAW) transformed the social, economic, and political landscape of a nation. Directed and co-produced by Sasha Reuther (granddaughter of Victor).

Saturday 1:15- 2:30 p.m. – Conference Luncheon