



**NORTH AMERICAN LABOR
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2024 PROGRAM**

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Welcome to Detroit!

The North American Labor History Conference (NALHC) has been on hiatus since the 2020 pandemic, but we are coming back this year amid a presidential election campaign to consider questions about the relationship between work and democracy. The year 2024 comes at a crucial juncture for workers and labor organizations in the United States and throughout the world. We have been celebrating anniversaries of democratic movements globally; these movements fight for empowerment and political rights, causes that are embraced by many working-class radicals and labor organizers, both men and women. The rise of nationalist and other authoritarian movements threatens political and economic rights in the United States and internationally.

The working classes, people of color, ethnic minorities, women, and LGBTQ+ people are organizing against voting restrictions while struggling against apathy and fear. As labor scholars, historians, activists, archivists, and union members, we meet to consider the relationship and role of workers, labor unions, and worker organizations in democratic societies, and we discuss the importance of democratic governance in local, institutional, national, and global contexts. Your participation in this conference is an important contribution to that discussion.

Panels at this year's NALHC will be held in either the historic Reuther Library or the Student Center. A historical exhibit down Reuther Mall on campus will show the way between buildings. Instructions on registration, lodging, parking, transportation, dining options, and local attractions are available along with the preliminary conference program that follows.

Registration

The regular registration rate includes lunch options for Friday and Saturday. Other registration options and their costs will vary depending on your institutional/union affiliation and employment status. Contact us with any questions at: NALHC@wayne.edu.

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Regular Registration	90.00
Non-WSU Faculty	40.00
Non-WSU Student	40.00
Non-WSU Union Member	40.00
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Fee-Exempt* (no Lunch)	0.00

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Lodgings

This year's conference hotel is the Westin Book Cadillac in Downtown Detroit. The hotel's address, phone number, and other contact information are provided below. A URL is also included to the hotel's conference registration site, where the conference rate is listed as \$259 per night. Other accommodations are available to conference attendees if the Westin Book Cadillac has no vacancy, though these will not offer the same pro-rated rate for attendees negotiated by the university.

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If you need to park at Wayne State, street parking is available, or you can pay to access one of Wayne State's convenient covered lots. For some of our parking options near the conference, refer to the information below on Parking Structures 1, 5, and 6.

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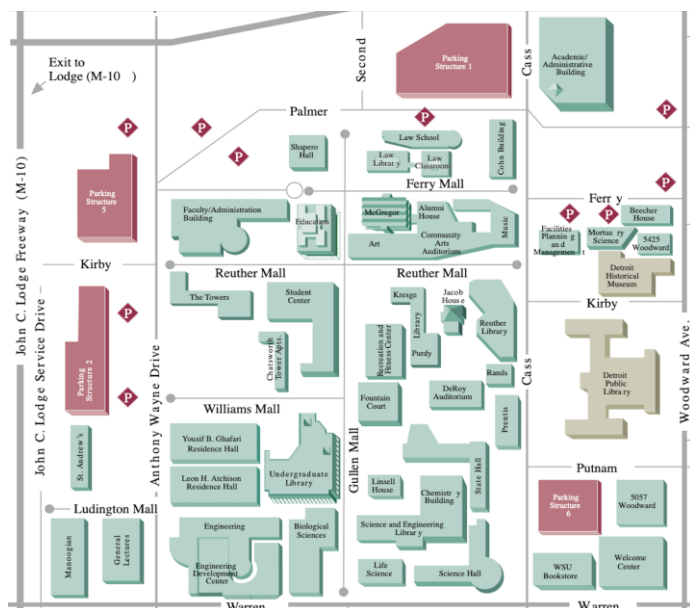
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Olympic Grill Thursday: 7 AM – 4 PM	Greek Restaurant Friday: 7 AM – 4 PM	119 W Warren Avenue Saturday: 8 AM – 4 PM
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Nearby Attractions

Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History
315 E Warren Ave, Detroit, MI 48201
Thursday: 9 AM – 7 PM
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Saturday: 9 AM – 5 PM

Detroit Historical Museum
5401 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI 48202
Thursday: 10 AM – 5 PM
Friday: 10 AM – 5 PM
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Thursday: 9 AM – 4 PM

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Thursday: 10 AM – 4 PM

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Thursday: 10 AM – 4 PM

Friday: 10 AM – 4 PM

Saturday: 10 AM – 4 PM

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Thursday: 9:30 AM – 12 PM; 1PM – 3:30 PM

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Saturday: Reading Room is Closed

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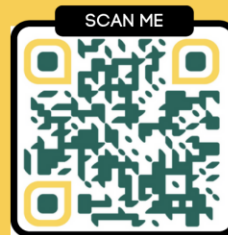
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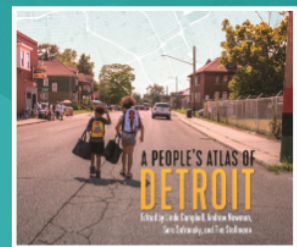
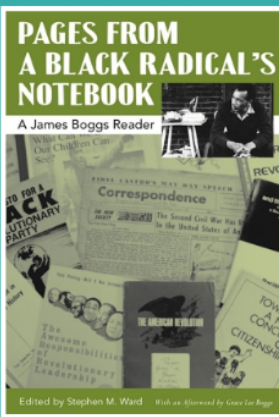
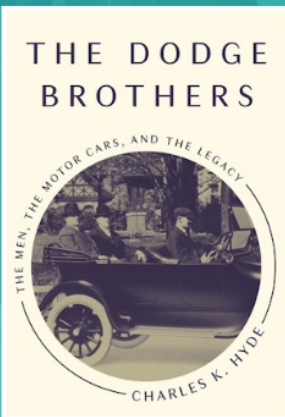
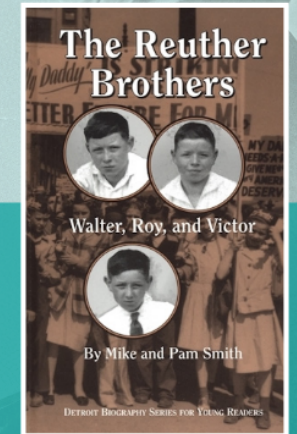
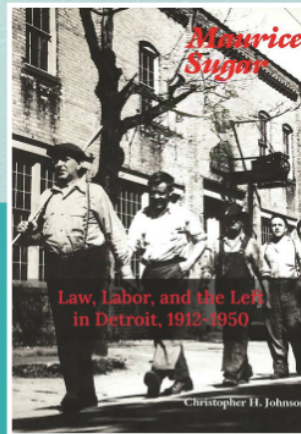
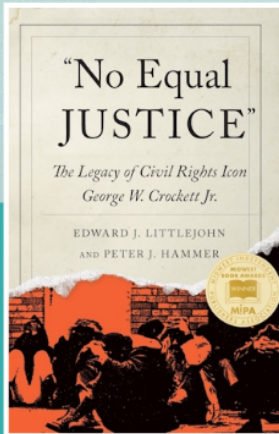
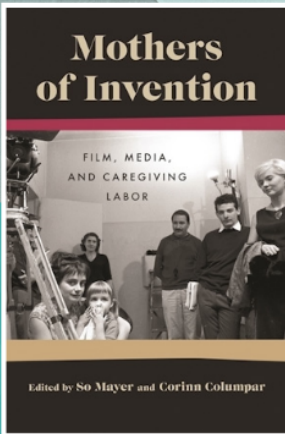
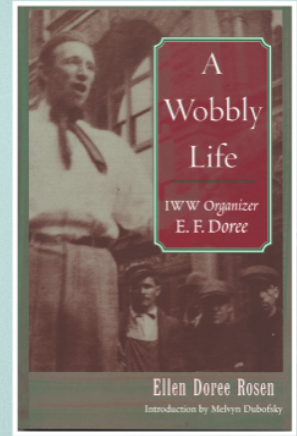
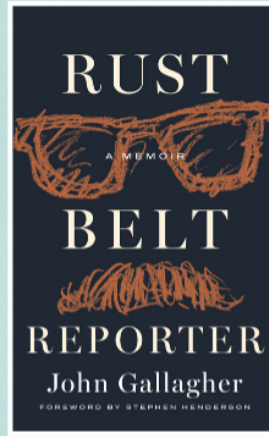
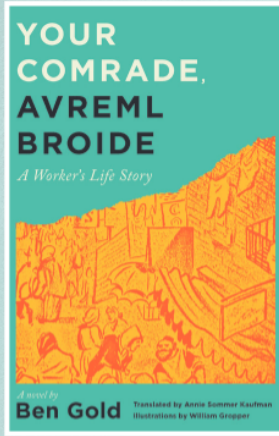
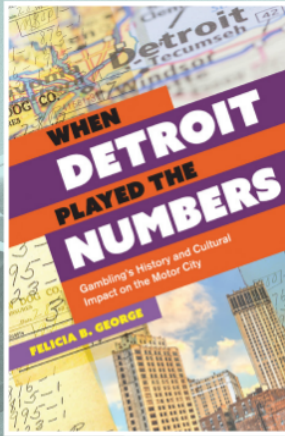


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This conference program is dedicated to Gayle McCreedy, our friend and colleague, who passed away unexpectedly in September 2023. Gayle was involved in organizing and coordinating NALHC since the late 1980s and leaves behind many friends from Wayne State and the conference.

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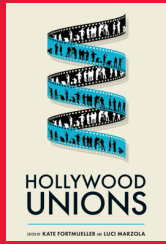


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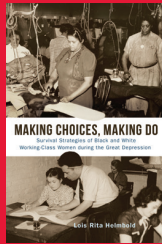
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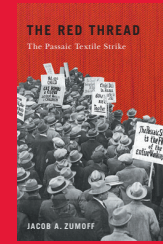
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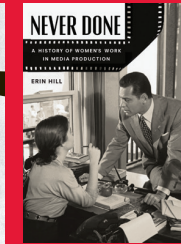
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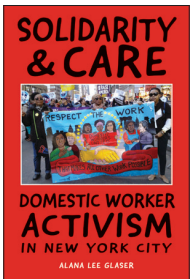


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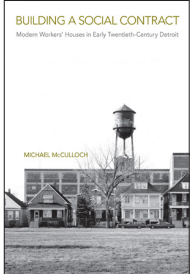
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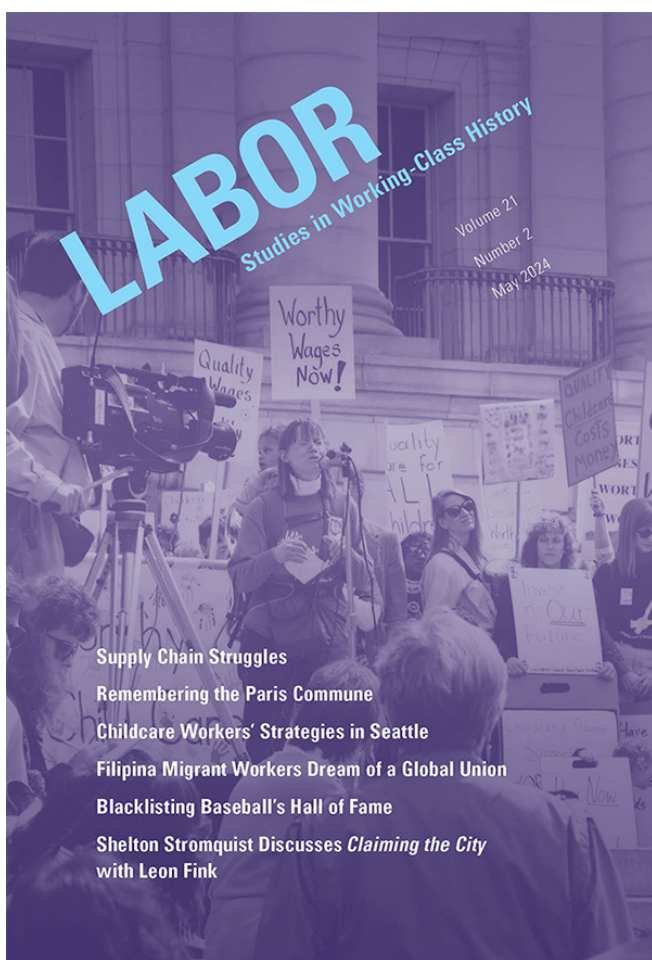
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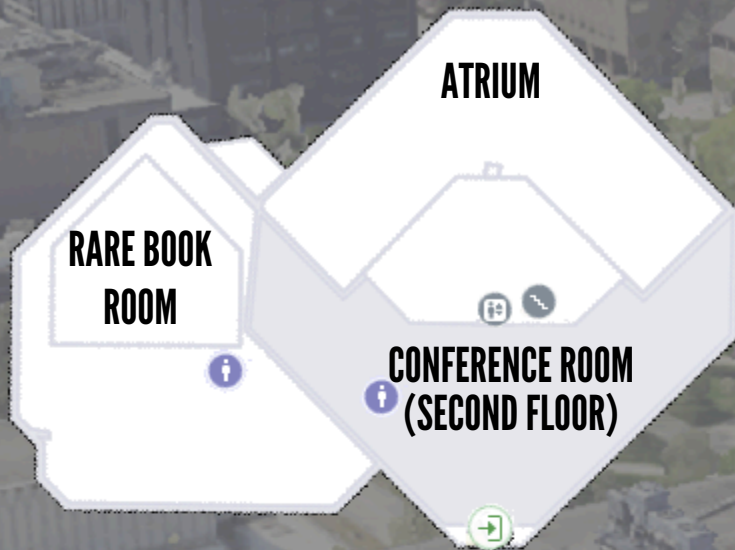


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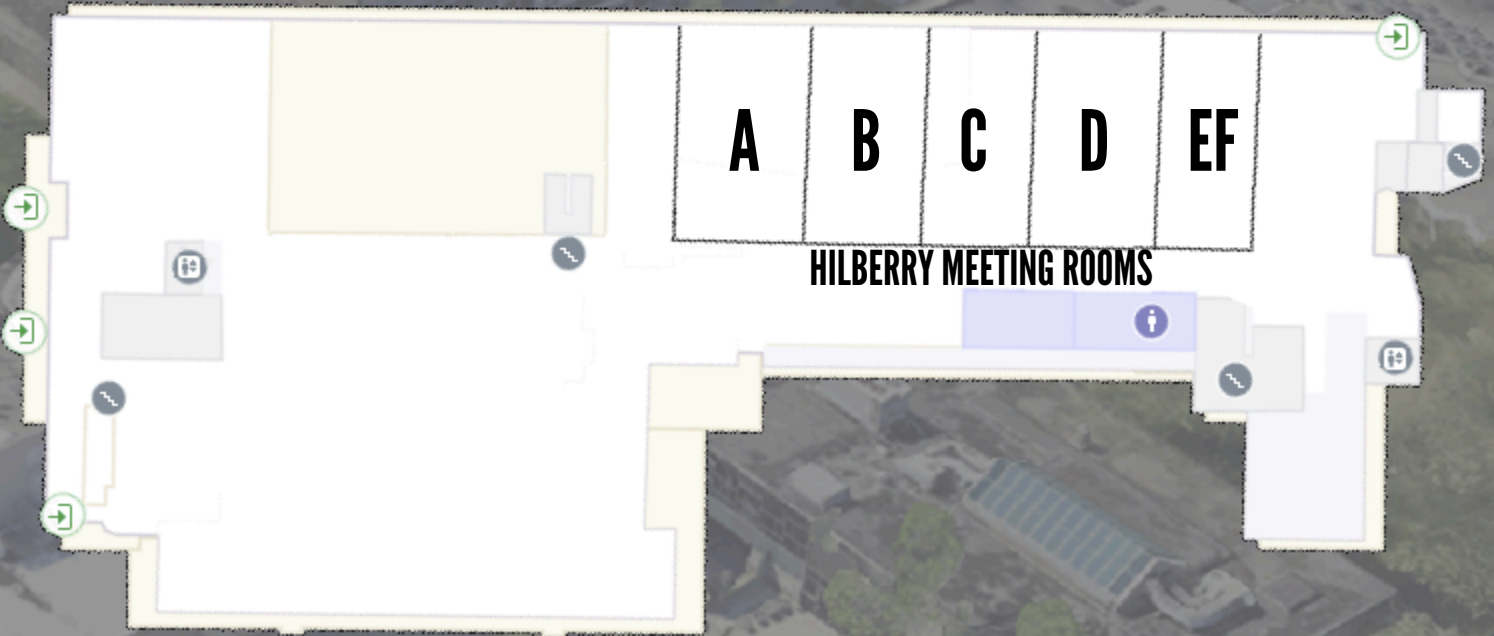


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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

ALL-DAY EVENTS

ACADEMIC PRESS BOOK EXHIBIT

Reuther Archives, Woodcock Wing Hallway

Hours: 12:00 PM – 7:00 PM

LABOR HISTORY OUTDOOR EXHIBIT

Reuther Mall

REGISTRATION: 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Reuther Atrium, Coffee to Be Served

FIRST PANEL SESSIONS: 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

<p>PANEL 1A: Rethinking Anti-Labor Violence in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries</p> <p>Commentator: Ryan S. Pettengill, <i>Collin College</i></p> <p>Panelists: Kimberly Kracman, <i>Princeton University</i>: “Anti-Labor Violence from Within: White Racism in the Early Railway Industry” Chad Pearson, <i>University of North Texas</i>: “Landscapes of Terror: The Ku Klux Klan’s Use of Farms, Fields, Forests, Hilltops, and Parks in the 1920s”</p>	<p>Reuther Archives, Conference Room</p>
<p>PANEL 1B: The Union Makes Us Strong: Discussion with Sam Fishman Travel Grant Recipients (Hybrid Online)</p> <p>Commentator: Dan Golodner, <i>Wayne State University</i></p> <p>Panelists: John M. Branch, <i>Northwestern University</i>: “Organized Labor and ‘Voluntary Agencies’ in the Late Twentieth Century United States” Yoav Fromer, <i>Tel Aviv University</i>: “The ‘Other’ Israel Lobby: The United Auto Workers and Israel, 1948-1988” Kyle Stanton, <i>Hapeville Depot Museum</i>: “Civil Rights and Workers Rights: An Exhibition of Hapeville’s Atlanta Assembly Plant” Gregory Wood, <i>Frostburg State University</i>: “Anti-Union Workers and the UAW in Detroit after the Flint Sit-Down Strikes”</p>	<p>Reuther Archives, Rare Book Room</p>

BREAK: 2:00 PM – 2:15 PM

SECOND PANEL SESSIONS: 2:15 PM – 3:45 PM

<p>PANEL 2A: Labor and the Socialist Imaginary during the Progressive Era (Hybrid Online)</p> <p>Commentator: Gabe Logan, <i>Northern Michigan University</i></p> <p>Panelists: Steve Babson, <i>Wayne State University</i>: “Forgotten Populists: When Farmers Turned Left to Save Democracy” Ralph Darlington, <i>University of Salford</i>: “Labour Revolt in Britain, 1910-1914” Michael Feagan, <i>University of Western Ontario</i>: “Cooperative Networks: American and Canadian Telegraph Operators’ Work and Unions, 1880-1910”</p>	<p>Reuther Archives, Conference Room</p>
<p>PANEL 2B: Proactive Partnerships: Responsive and Inclusive Collecting, Outreach, and Instruction Programs</p> <p>Commentator: Conor Casey, <i>University of Washington</i></p> <p>Panelists: Ben Blake, <i>University of Maryland</i> Marcie Farwell, <i>Cornell University</i> Tanya Hollis, <i>San Francisco State University</i> Vakil Smallen, <i>George Washington University</i> Gavin Strassel, <i>Wayne State University</i> Lisa Vallen, <i>Georgia State University</i> Robin Walker, <i>International Longshore and Warehouse Union</i></p>	<p>Reuther Archives, Rare Book Room</p>

BREAK: 3:45 PM – 4:00 PM

FIRST PLENARY SESSION: 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Elizabeth Faue, Director, *Labor@Wayne*, Welcome and Introduction
Lex McMenamin, Editor of News and Politics, *Teen Vogue*: “Hot Labor 2024: Gen Z Joins the Labor Movement,” or “Why Gen Z Loves Organized Labor”
Reuther Archives, Atrium

RECEPTION: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

ALL-DAY EVENTS

ACADEMIC PRESS BOOK EXHIBIT

Reuther Archives, Atrium
Hours: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

LABOR HISTORY OUTDOOR EXHIBIT

Reuther Mall

QUIET STUDY/WORKSPACE

Reuther Archives, Rare Book Room

FILM SCREENINGS

Reuther Archives, Conference Room

Don't Be a Sucker: 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM
1943, 23 mins

Salt of the Earth: 2:15 PM – 4:00 PM
1954, 94 mins

REGISTRATION: 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

2nd Floor Student Center

THIRD PANEL SESSIONS: 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

<p>PANEL 3A: Teacher Unionism, Education, and Labor Politics in the United States</p> <p>Commentator: Jacqueline Daugherty, <i>American Federation of Teachers</i></p> <p>Panelists: Hanna Folland, <i>Miami-Dade County Public Schools</i>: “The Spirit of '68: Race and Democracy in the Florida Teacher Strike” Marie A. Menard, <i>Université Paris-Est Créteil</i>: “A Political Education? Democracy, Politics and Teacher Unions in the US” Katie Rainwater, <i>Florida International University</i>: “Democratizing the University: The United Faculty of Florida, 1968-1976”</p>	<p>Student Center, Hilberry A</p>
<p>PANEL 3B: The Southwest Detroit Automotive Heritage Guide</p> <p>Commentator: Dianne Feeley, <i>Unite All Workers for Democracy</i></p> <p>Panelists: Ron B. Alpern, <i>Project Coordinator</i> Jim Pedersen, <i>UAW Local 898</i> Brian Yopp, <i>MotorCities National Heritage Area</i> David A. Zonderman, <i>North Carolina State University</i></p>	<p>Student Center, Hilberry B</p>
<p>PANEL 3C: Transnational Anarchists and the Mexican Revolution (Hybrid Online)</p> <p>Commentator: Reyna Esquivel-King, <i>Wayne State University</i></p> <p>Panelists: Andrew D. Hoyt, <i>Merced College</i>: “Revolutionaries or Adventurers, Conmen or Companions: Contextualizing the Interpersonal Animosity, Ideological Distrust, and Polemic Debates over the Nature and Character of the Mexican Revolution in the Italian-American Press” Ryan A. Knight, <i>Normal Superior Federal School of Oaxaca</i>: “The Mexican Revolution, the Partido Liberal Mexicano, and the International Anarchist Movement” Michele Presutto, <i>Independent Scholar</i>: “‘The Border of the Others’: Italians around the US-Mexican Border” Kenyon Zimmer, <i>University of Texas-Arlington</i>: “‘There Was Every Nationality’: Transnational Anarchism, the IWW, and the Mexican Revolution’s ‘Foreign Legion’”</p>	<p>Student Center, Hilberry C</p>

BREAK: 10:30 AM – 10:45 AM

FOURTH PANEL SESSIONS: 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM

<p>PANEL 4A: What is “Labor Democracy?”: Perspectives from Party Politics to Unionization and the Shop Floor</p> <p>Commentator: David Goldberg, <i>Wayne State University</i></p> <p>Panelists: Richard A. Bachmann, <i>University of Michigan</i>: “Investigating Labor Democracy Abroad: Six Detroit Autoworkers in a Swedish Plant, 1974” Constantin J. Berlin, <i>Goethe University Frankfurt</i>: “SWP Presidential Campaigns as an Expression of Multiracial Labor Democracy” Dwjuan Frazier, <i>University of Minnesota</i>: “Unionization in the Era of ‘Political Capitalism,’ 1973-Present”</p>	<p>Student Center, Hilberry A</p>
<p>PANEL 4B: Farmworkers, Labor Politics, History, and Stewardship</p> <p>Commentator: Delia Fernandez-Jones, <i>Michigan State University</i></p> <p>Panelists: Nahomi Linda Esquivel, <i>University of Chicago</i>: “‘Boot-Legged Braceros’: Creating Tethered Agricultural Workers after the Bracero Program” Gabriel Field, <i>Texas A&M University</i> Christine R. Robbins, <i>Texas A&M University</i> Mark W. Robbins, <i>Del Mar College</i></p> <p>Joint Paper: “Labor, Remembrance, and Stewardship: The Community Preservation of a Mexican American Farmworker Cemetery in the South Texas Borderlands”</p>	<p>Student Center, Hilberry B</p>
<p>PANEL 4C: Globalization, Deindustrialization, and Labor Politics</p> <p>Commentator: Lisa Fine, <i>Michigan State University</i></p> <p>Panelists: Ryan S. Pettengill, <i>Collin College</i>: “‘The Labor Movement’s Mouse that Roared’: Charles Kernaghan, the National Labor Council, and the Merging of Labor Rights and Human Rights” Sean Raming, <i>Notre Dame University</i>: “Civilian NASA: The UAW Campaign for Economic Conversion” Donald P. Taylor, <i>University of Wisconsin</i>: “A ‘Runaway’ Sneaker Factory: Local Plant Closure, Globalization, and the Transformation of the US Athletic Shoe Industry”</p>	<p>Student Center, Hilberry C</p>

LUNCH BREAK AND SECOND PLENARY SESSION: 12:15 PM – 2:15 PM

Panel Discussion: *Work, Democracy, and the 2024 Election*

Student Center, Hilberry D

Moderator: Mark Gaffney, Board of Governors, *Wayne State University*

Panelists:

Jeannette Bradshaw, *Metro Detroit AFL-CIO*

Derek Dobies, *Michigan AFL-CIO*

Andy Levin, *Center for American Progress*

Nia Winston, *UNITE-HERE*

FIFTH PANEL SESSIONS: 2:15 PM – 3:45 PM

<p>PANEL 5A: Intersections of Power: Histories of Labor, Energy, and Democracy in the Electric Utilities</p> <p>Commentator: Josiah Rector, <i>University of Houston</i></p> <p>Panelists: Anna Calori, <i>University of Glasgow</i>: “Working to Keep the Lights On’: Entangled (De)Industrializations in the Post-Socialist and Post-Colonial Worlds” Ewan Gibbs, <i>University of Glasgow</i>: “Electric Citizens: The Rights, Responsibilities and Status of Manual Workers in Britain’s Nationalized Electric Industry” Veronica Jacome, <i>Temple University</i>: “Cutting Off the White Man’s Revenue: Labor Power, Consumer Capitalism and Lightless Tuesday in an Electrifying US” Trish Kahle, <i>Georgetown University</i>: “Civil Rights on the Line: How Black Workers Integrated the US Electric Power Industry”</p>	<p>Student Center, Hilberry A</p>
<p>PANEL 5B: Politics and Labor in Historical Memory</p> <p>Commentator: Elizabeth Faue, <i>Wayne State University</i></p> <p>Panelists: Rosemary Feurer, <i>Northern Illinois University</i>: “Mining and the ‘Miner’s Freedom’” Mark A. Sleboda, <i>Eastern Michigan University</i>: “Imprisoned by Conscious Behavior: Russian Orthodoxy, the Soviet State and Labor in Historical Memory” James Walsh, <i>University of Colorado</i>: “Lessons from the Pauper Graves: The Story of the Leadville Irish Memorial, Naming 1300 19th Century Immigrant Workers and the Foundation of the Colorado Labor Movement”</p>	<p>Student Center, Hilberry B</p>
<p>PANEL 5C: Labor in Socialist and Non-Aligned States between Dissent and Participation (Hybrid Online)</p> <p>Commentator: Ana Kladnik, <i>University of Graz</i></p> <p>Panelists: Goran Musić, <i>University of Vienna</i>: “Non-Aligned Exchanges in Industrial Democracy: Tracing Yugoslav Influences on Zambian Labor Policies, 1964-1991” Jakub Šlouf, <i>Czech Republic National Archives</i>: “Strikes under State Socialism in Czechoslovakia, 1945-1968” Nina Vodopivec, <i>Institute for Contemporary History</i>: “Gender, Labor and Socialist Democracy: Women Workers and Their Participation in Self-Managed Factories in Slovenia”</p>	<p>Student Center, Hilberry C</p>

BREAK: 3:45 PM – 4:00 PM

SIXTH PANEL SESSIONS: 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

<p>PANEL 6A: <i>Contingent Faculty and the Remaking of Higher Education: A Labor History</i>, Roundtable Discussion</p> <p>Commentator: Amy French, <i>Delta College</i></p>	<p>Student Center, Hilberry A</p>
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<p>Panelists: Eric Fure-Slocum, <i>St. Olaf College</i> Claire Goldstene, <i>Independent Scholar</i> Deborah Kingery, <i>Wayne State University</i> Karen Tarpinning, <i>Wayne State University</i></p>	
<p>PANEL 6B: UAW Organizing in the Shadow of Deindustrialization and the Long 1970s</p> <p>Commentator: Martha Grevatt, <i>UAW Local 869, Pride at Work</i></p> <p>Panelists: Shannan Clark, <i>Montclair State University</i>: “UAW Stands for a Union of All Workers’: District 65 and the UAW’s Diversified Organizing Strategy in an Era of Declining Auto Employment” Amanda Walter, <i>Towson University</i>: “‘Service, Support, Solidarity, Autonomy’: The Changing Strategies and Constituencies of the UAW in the 1970s and 1980s”</p>	<p>Student Center, Hilberry B</p>
<p>PANEL 6C: Labor Struggle across Continents: Italy, Australia, and Nicaragua</p> <p>Commentator: Sarah Swider, <i>Wayne State University</i></p> <p>Panelists: Jeremy P. DaCruz, <i>SEIU</i>: “Contemporary Nicaragua, Party-Dominated Unionism, and Its Meanings for the International Left” Geraldine Fela, <i>Macquarie University</i>: “Conspiracy, Democracy, and Australia’s 1998 Waterfront Dispute” Emilio Gardini, <i>Magna Graecia University of Catanzaro</i>: “Class Struggles in Logistics: Self-Organization and Class Formation in Grassroots Unions in Italy”</p>	<p>Student Center, Hilberry C</p>

RECEPTION: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Reuther Archives, Atrium

BERNIE FIRESTONE LABOR ARTS TRIBUTE: 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Reuther Archives, Rare Book Room

Organizer: M. L. Liebler

Guest Artists: Lolita Hernandez, Rev. Robert B. Jones, Jeanne Bryner

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

ALL-DAY EVENTS

LABOR HISTORY OUTDOOR EXHIBIT

Reuther Mall

QUIET STUDY/WORKSPACE

Reuther Archives, Rare Book Room

SEVENTH PANEL SESSION: 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

<p>PANEL 7A: The Gendered Politics of Labor</p> <p>Commentator: Lisa Phillips, <i>Indiana State University</i></p> <p>Panelists: Amanda L. Izzo, <i>Saint Louis University</i>: “The Feminist Awakening of the St. Louis Teamsters” James (Jamie) McQuaid, <i>Wayne State University</i>: “‘Why So Many Queer People Joined Up with the New Deal’: Fighting for a New Order amid Reaction and Repression in the Postwar Labor Movement” Cornelia Weiss, <i>Independent Scholar</i>: “Imposing Unequal Pay for Equal Work: The Post-WWII US Military Governments in Europe”</p>	<p>Student Center, Hilberry A</p>
<p>PANEL 7B: Labor Struggle and Anti-Colonial Resistance</p> <p>Commentator: Carlos Hernandez, <i>Wayne State University</i></p> <p>Panelists: David Brundage, <i>University of California-Santa Cruz</i>: “Labor and Anticolonialism: Frank P. Walsh and the Struggle for Global Democracy, 1916-1924” Kanchi Venugopal Reddy, <i>Pondicherry University</i>: “Emergence of Industrial Labor in Colonial Andhra: Exploring Its Conditions and Consciousness, 1900-1947” Joel R. Wendland-Liu, <i>Grand Valley State University</i>: “‘Souls of the Laborers’: Labor, Racial Capitalism, and Du Bois’s Critique of Monopoly Capitalism”</p>	<p>Student Center, Hilberry B</p>
<p>PANEL 7C: Democracy at Work: The Civic Impact of the Drug War on Workers</p> <p>Commentator: Jeremy Milloy, <i>Wayne State University</i></p> <p>Panelists: Andrew Hutchinson, <i>LiUNA! Local 955</i> Josey Scoggin, <i>Great Lakes Expungement Network</i></p>	<p>Student Center, Hilberry C</p>

BREAK: 10:30 AM – 10:45 AM

EIGHTH PANEL SESSION: 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM

<p>PANEL 8A: Work and Wellness: Causes and Solutions to Health</p> <p>Commentator: Jeremy Milloy, <i>Wayne State University</i></p> <p>Panelists: O Michael Leslie, <i>AFL-CIO Solidarity Center</i>: “Workplace Hate, Workplace Cancer, Sexism and Fighting Back: The Memoir of a Black Autoworker” Meredith Perkins, <i>Miami University Humanities Center</i>: “Outlaw Operators, Then and Now: How Coal Companies Enable the Black Lung Crisis in Central Appalachia” Brianna Roberts, <i>University of Louisville</i>: “Building Bridges between Union Commitment and Prosocial Impact: Unearthing the Pathways to Democratic Engagement and Worker Well-Being”</p>	<p>Student Center, Hilberry A</p>
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<p>PANEL 8B: Rewriting the 1930s: Labor Politics, the Law, and State Responses to Workers' Power</p> <p>Commentator: Daniel Clark, <i>Oakland University</i></p> <p>Panelists: David Chambers, <i>Independent Scholar</i>: "Leo Krzycki: Super CIO Organizer—and Soviet Agent?" Jon Perkins, <i>University of Colorado</i>: "One Law, Many Interpretations: Scholars' Views of the Origins of the Wagner Act and Its Implications for American Workers" Gregory Wood, <i>Frostburg State University</i>: "'Beyond All Tolerance': Autoworker Opposition to the CIO during the 1937 Chrysler Sit-Down Strike"</p>	<p>Student Center, Hilberry B</p>
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<p>PANEL 8C: Labor, Race, and Ethnic Politics</p> <p>Commentator: Mia Michael, <i>Wayne State University</i></p> <p>Panelists: Derek R. Everett, <i>Colorado State University</i>: "Colorado Jobs for Colorado Workers: Labor and Nativism in the Great Depression" Alexa Sparks, <i>University of Alabama</i>: "Fighting Their Own War on Poverty: The Cairo Community Union and the Grassroots War on Poverty" Antonio Vásquez, <i>Augsburg University</i>: "No More Boat Race-ism: Lessons from Political Mobilization in East Austin during the Chicano Movement"</p>	<p>Student Center, Hilberry C</p>
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LUNCH BREAK AND THIRD PLENARY SESSION: 12:15 PM – 2:00 PM

Mark Gaffney, Board of Governors, *Wayne State University*, Welcome and Introduction
Panel Discussion: *Organized to Win: Why Labor Organizing and Education Are Changing*
Student Center, Hilberry D (Hybrid Online)

Panelists:

- Barbara Madeloni, *Labor Notes*
- Erica Smiley, *Jobs with Justice*
- Todd Wolfson, *AAUP-AFT, Rutgers University*
- Ethan Earle, *Organizing for Power (O4P)*



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