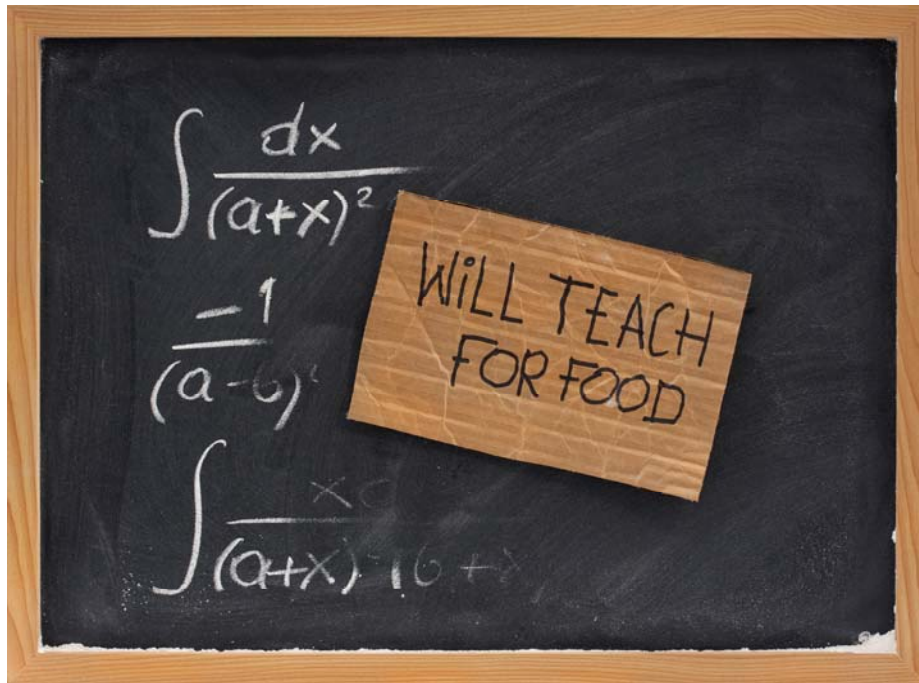


The 31st Annual
North American Labor History Conference

Knowledge, Work and Class



October 22-24, 2009
McGregor Conference Center

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Extended Research Hours at the Reuther Library

Monday, October 19, 2009	11:00 a.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Tuesday, October 20, 2009	11:00 a.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday, October 21, 2009	11:00 a.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Thursday, October 22, 2009	9:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Friday, October 23, 2009	9:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Saturday, October 24, 2009	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Book Display

The book display will be open throughout the conference in Room J of the McGregor Center, which is located on the east side of the building on the second floor.

Parking

Conference participants will find ample parking in the University parking structure located at the corner of Cass and Palmer, just north of the conference center. Participants who have trouble walking should park in the surface lot for the law library. This lot will also be open on Saturday.

North American Labor History Conference Program Committee

Janine Lanza, coordinator and chair; Marc Kruman, John Bukowczyk, Elizabeth Faue, Aaron Retish, and Fran Shor.

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Thursday, October 22, 2009

Registration and Coffee Hour

1:00-2:00 p.m., McGregor Lobby

Breakout Session, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Labor Resistance and Legal Norms: A Comparative Approach

Sponsored by the Wayne State University Graduate Student Association
Room B

Chair: Janine Lanza, Wayne State University

Edmund La Clair, Central Michigan University
The Whiskey Rebellion and the Creation of Legal Resistance

Amy Holtman French, Delta College
Mixing It Up: Women Bartenders and the Fight for Economic Citizenship

Louis Jones, Walter W. Reuther Library
Michigan Organized Labor Loses its 1952 Fight for Legislative Reapportionment: a Temporary Setback

Maria Spencer Wendeln, Wayne State University
Women Painters as Women Workers: Adélaïde Labille-Guiard and Portrait Painting

Organizing Knowledge Workers in Higher Education: Issues in Contract Negotiation

Room F

Moderator: Aaron Retish, Wayne State University

Panelists: Jeff Kolnick, Southwest Minnesota State University
Nikki Mandell, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
Charles Parrish, Wayne State University AAUP-AFT local

Workers, Safety and the Law

Room I

Chair/Commentator: Daniel Clark, Oakland University

Roger Chapman, Palm Beach Atlantic University
The Portal-to-Portal Decision and Domestic Cold War Politics

Jay Youngdahl, Youngdahl and CITT, PC
Navajo Railroad Workers and Employee Relations: Workers Safety and the Law

Tara La Rose, University of Toronto
Divided We Fall, United by YouTube? Workload, Worker Safety, Critical Consciousness and the Social Service Sector

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Plenary

4:15 - 5:45 p.m., Room B

Introduction: Janine Lanza, Wayne State University

Getting Paid for Information and Entertainment in the Internet Age
Tim Kiska, University of Michigan, Dearborn

Conference Reception

Reuther Library Lobby, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Friday, October 23, 2009

Registration and Continental Breakfast

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

Breakout Session, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Creating a Culture of Professionalism

Room B

Chair/Commentator: Joseph Slater, University of Toledo
Commentator: Peggy Kahn, University of Michigan-Flint

Judith Christiansen, Wayne State University
Wild Women (and Men) Organizing Office, Technical and Professional Workers in Recession-Era Detroit

Benjamin L. Peterson, University of Illinois, Chicago
'We Are Sanitarians: ' Janitors Construct their Own Culture of Professionalism

Labor's Evolution in the Late 19th and Early 20th centuries

Room F

Chair: Mitchell Newton-Matza, Westwood College and the Museum of Science and Industry

James Illingworth, University of California, Santa Cruz
The Cook and the General: Urban Working People and the Republican Party in New Orleans, 1862-1865

Jeffrey A. Johnson, Providence College
Revolution and Race: Tracing Black Socialism in the Progressive Era Press

Timothy Messer-Kruse, Bowling Green State University
The Black and Green Conspiracy: Did Anarchist and Fenian Bombers Cooperate?

Steven Barleen, Northern Illinois University
The Saloon on the Prairie: Miners, Families, and the Role of the Saloon in Braidwood, Illinois, 1865-1883

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Education Policy, Labor and the Rights of Students

Room E

Chair/Commenator: Dan Golodner, Wayne State University

Commentator: John Lyons, Joliet Junior College

Robert Duke, Eastern Michigan University

Labor, Language and Law: Community Responses to Federal Bilingual Education Policy in the 1960s and 70s

Sara R. Smith, University of California, Santa Cruz

Rank and File Teachers' Organizing against California's Briggs Initiative, 1976-1978

Newsworkers, Class Consciousness, and the Political Economy of the Media

Room I

Chair/Commentator: Elizabeth Faue, Wayne State University

Commentator: Michael Stamm, Michigan State University

Bonnie Brennen, Marquette University

From Mythology to Collective Identity: The Development of Newsworkers' Class Consciousness, 1900-1940

Jon Bekken, Albright College

Knowledge Workers in the New Media Economy: Precarity, Valorization, Fordism and Resistance

Conference Luncheon

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

Hubert Harrison: The Voice of Harlem Radicalism, 1883-1918 (A Multimedia Talk)

Jeffrey Perry, Independent Scholar

Breakout Session, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Workers, the Left and Labor: Problematic Relations Between Workers and Left Wing Ideology in Education Sponsored by the Labor and Working Class History Association

Chair and Comment: David Witwer, Pennsylvania State University, Harrisburg

Jennifer Luff, University of California, Irvine

Labor's Loyalty Oaths: AFL Anticommunism and the Pennsylvania Civil Service, 1939-1942

Lisa Phillips, Indiana State University

Montgomery Ward, the RWDSU, and that Commie Union: Local 65

Lawrence Richards, Miami University of Ohio

The Paradox of Social Unionism: District 65's Unsuccessful Effort to Organize Clerical Workers at New York University in 1971

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The Movement for Labor Rights and Civil Rights

Chair/Commentator: Nancy Gabin, Purdue University

Joseph Abel, Rice University

Defense Contracts, Title VII and the Struggle for Equal Employment Opportunity in the Texas Aircraft Industry, 1965-1975

Robert Byrne, Georgetown University

Sundown Towns in the D.C. Metropolitan Area: a Comparative Analysis

J. Kevin Benson, Salem College

Gender and Leadership: Do Women Lead Differently than Men?

Workers and Faith/Workers of Faith

Chair/Commentator: Karen Miller, Oakland University

Commentator: Robert Bruno, University of Illinois

Matthew Pehl, Augustana College

The Class of Clergy

Ron Briley, Sandia Preparatory School

Woody Guthrie and the Labor Question: A Cultural Worker's Post War Faith

Rethinking the Popular Front

Moderator: Lisa Fine, Michigan State University

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James Barrett, University of Illinois-Urbana

Response: Bryan Palmer, Trent University
Daniel Walkowitz, New York University

Breakout Session, 3:00- 5:00 p.m.

Book Panel: Jeffrey B. Perry, *Hubert Harrison: The Voice of Harlem Radicalism*

Chair: Chad Pearson, University of Alabama

Discussants:

Ousmane Power-Greene, Clark University

Christopher Phelps, Ohio State University

Bryan D. Palmer, Trent University (Ontario)

Brian Kelly, Queens University (Belfast)

Education, Labor and the Work of Learning

Chair/Commentator: John Beck, Michigan State University

Michael Law, Auburn University

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Commonwealth University and the Education of Workers

James Taylor, Victoria University, New Zealand
Harry Atkinson: the Informal Education of a New Zealand Ethical Socialist, circa 1890-1906

Jess Rigelhaupt, University of Mary Washington
Teaching Labor and Learning Class Politics at the California Labor School, 1942-1957

Workers and Management in the Auto Industry on the Local and the National Levels

Chair/Commentator: Steve Meyer, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Gregory Miller, University of Toledo
The Manager's Brains are Under the Worker's Do-Rag: The Appropriation of Workers' Knowledge in the Postwar Automobile Factory, 1965-1985

Jason Russell, York University
Between the Workers and the National: Staff Representatives and a UAW/CAW Local, 1950 – 1990

Matthew Birkhold, Binghamton University
Shhh! Its a Secret: Commodity Fetishism and the Production of Shopfloor Knowledge Among Black Autoworkers in Detroit, 1963-1971

Creative Labor: Writers, Journalists, and the Class Imagination

Chair/Commentator: Graham Cassano, Oakland University
Commentator: Lawrence Richards, Miami University

Shannan Clark, Montclair State University
Journalists' Campaigns on the Home Front: The New York Newspaper Guild during World War II

Gregory Geddes, SUNY-Plattsburgh
Blue Collar: Worker-Writers and the Post-War Literary Organs of the New York Intellectuals

Plenary

5:15-6:45 p.m., Room B

Introduction: Charles Parrish, President, AAUP-AFT WSU local, Wayne State University

The Professional Politics of Organizing Academic Labor
Gary Rhoades, General Secretary, AAUP

Conference Reception

6:45-7:45 p.m., McGregor Lobby

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Saturday, October 24, 2009

Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30-9:30 a.m., McGregor Lobby

Breakout Session, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Organizing Knowledge Workers in Higher Education: Part-time Faculty

Moderator: Aaron Retish, Wayne State University

Panelists: William Norris, Henry Ford Community College
Jason Kosnoski, University of Michigan-Flint
Tom Anderson, Wayne State University
Jon Curtiss, AFT-Michigan, AFL-CIO

Automation, Autogestión and New Possibilities: Workers' Autonomy under Late Capitalism

Stephen Ward, University of Michigan
The Next American Revolution: James Boggs on Automation and the Challenge of Post-Industrial Detroit

Cedric Johnson, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Refugees, Servants and Yeomen: Thoughts on Voluntourism, 'Free Labor' and the Remaking of New Orleans

Sean Smith, Organizer, Canadian Auto Workers
Argentina's Worker-Recuperated Enterprises and Community-Based Labor Organizing: What Can Canadian Labor Learn from Argentina?

Marcelo Vieta, York University
*Self-Management, Workers' Cooperativism, and the Worker-Recuperated Enterprises in Argentina:
The Potential for Reconstituting Work and Recomposing Life*

Knowledge Workers: Organizing and Understanding

Chair/Commentator: Lisa Phillips, Indiana State University

Jonathan Hagood, Hope College
Organizing the Production and Application of Medical Knowledge

Stephanie Reichelderfer, University of Maryland
A 'Booming but Tainted' Profession: Immigration Lawyers

Mikael Ottosson and Calle Rosengren, Malmö University
Dealing with Intangibles: Wage Relations in Knowledge-Intensive Work

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**Conference Luncheon
11:30 - 1:00, Room M**

Detroit, the Crisis in the Auto Industry, and the Future of the American Labor Movement

Moderator: Tom Klug, Marygrove College

Christopher Martin, University of Northern Iowa
Michael Smith, Wayne State University
Heather Thompson, Temple University

Breakout Session, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Labor and the Media

Moderator: Jack Lessenberry, Wayne State University and Michigan Public Radio

Panelists: Christopher Martin, University of Northern Iowa
Anne-Marie Cusak, Roosevelt University; The Progressive and Huffington Post
Frank Emspak, Workers Independent News
John Russo, Youngstown State University and Working Class Studies
Perspectives
Barbara Kucera, University of Minnesota and Workday Minnesota

Race, Gender and Class Struggle at A.E. Staley

Authors: Steve Ashby, University of Illinois-Urbana
C.J. Hawking, Arise Chicago

Response: Dan Lane, Independent Scholar

Community and Labor Relations

Moderator: Ian Rocksborough-Smith, University of Toronto

Panelists: David Dobbie, Wayne State University
David Reynolds, Wayne State University
E. Ian Robinson, University of Michigan (tentative)

CALL FOR PAPERS

Class, Social Movements and the New Politics Thirty-Second Annual North American Labor History Conference Wayne State University, October 21-23, 2010.

The Program Committee of the North American Labor History Conference invites proposals for sessions and papers on “Class, Social Movements and the New Politics” for our thirty-second annual meeting.

Recent elections have shown the emergence of new political demographics and the increased influence of young voters, progressive voters and workers. New labor alliances have increasingly focused their energies on securing and promoting a fresh understanding of how politics can serve workers. This year’s conference examines the intersection of politics and workers in order to understand how this relationship has developed. We welcome papers that examine this theme broadly: looking at the ways workers participate in politics, define political interests, create electoral alliances and understand their place in a political system.

Please submit panel and paper proposals (including 1-2 page abstracts and brief vitas or biographical statements for all participants) by **March 15, 2010** to:

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Faxed, mailed or emailed proposals accepted.

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