NALHC Conference 2008

Thursday October 16, 11:00-1:00

Registration

1. **Working Class History, Migration, Immigration Laws, Activist Labor Scholarship: A Chicano/Latino Studies Perspective**

   Chair, José G. Moreno, Michigan State University
   Dióncio Valdés, Michigan State University
   Jerry Garcia, Michigan State University
   Dylan Miner, Michigan State University

2. **Labor and Class Movements**

   Chair
   Tom Klug, Marygrove College

   *The Working Class vs. the Leisure Class: How Class Influenced the Movement to Defeat the ERA in Post-WWII America*
   Emily E. LaBarbera Twarog, University of Illinois, Chicago

   *Looking for a Working Class in the 1950s: Testing the Embourgeoisement Thesis*
   Robert W. Wallace, McMurry University

   *George Edwards: The UAW's True Labor Man? The 1949 Detroit Mayoral Election and Working-Class Voters*
   Elizabeth K. Chamberlain, Central Michigan University

3. **The Political Consequences of Wartime Labor**

   Chair and Comment
   Daniel J. Clark, Oakland University

   *The US Experience*
   Karen A.J. Miller, Oakland University

   *Labor Mobilization in the UK*
   John Martin, DeMontfort University

4. **Twentieth-Century Shop Floor Culture**

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   Chair and Comment
   Stephen Meyer, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

   *Disputes at the Potter’s Bench: West Virginia Pottery Workers’ Grievance Procedure in the 1950s*
   Lou Martin, Chatham University

   *Tobacco Use and Shopfloor Culture at Hammermill Paper Company*
   Gregory Wood, Frostburg State University

   *Life on the Lehr: Gender Segregation and Women’s Shop Floor Culture in the Glass Industry*
   Ginny Young, West Virginia University
LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

MOVIE SHOWING
Made in L.A.

Thursday 2:00-4:00

1. Labor Rights are Civil Rights: Lessons from the Mexican-American Experience

Presenter
Zaragosa Vargas, University of California, Santa Barbara

Moderator and Respondent
Nicole Trujillo-Pagan, Wayne State University

Respondents:
Jorge L. Chinea, Wayne State University
José Cuello, Wayne State University
Francis Shor, Wayne State University

2. Documentary Film Screening

Liverpool Love Lane Refinery Lives
Comment
Ron Noon, John Moores University, Liverpool
Sam Davies, John Moores University, Liverpool

3. Labor, Occupational Health and the Environment

Chair and Comment
Nancy Gabin, Purdue University

Law and Transnational Working Class Activism in the Gilded Age: the Case of Bakery Reform, 1870-1910
Matthew Bewig, University of Florida

Labor Under Threat in America's Coalfields: Miners and the Energy Crisis, 1970 to 1983
Richard Fry, Wayne State University

‘The Fight is Not Yet Over: ‘USWA Participation in Indiana Dune Preservation in the 1960s
Brittany Bayless, Purdue University

4. Repression and Containment: Workplace Management in the United States and Mexico, 1897-1943

Chair and Comment
Howard R. Stanger, Canisius College

Size Didn't Matter: Activists, Employers and the Open Shop Question, 1897-1917
Chad Pearson, University of Albany, SUNY

Divide and Rule: Mexican Railway Executives Exploit Divisions Among the Rank and File of the Strongest National Union
Robert F. Alegre, Bloomfield College
5. **Calling All Graduate Students!**
Research session at Walter P. Reuther Library, Lisa Phillips, Indiana State University

**Plenary 4:15-5:45**

*U.S. Labor, The Anti-Imperialist Moment of 1919, and American Isolationism*, Elizabeth McKillen, University of Maine

**Conference Reception** at the Reuther Library, 6:00-7:00

Friday 9:00-11:00

1. **Legal Structures and Labor’s Campaigns for Justice**

*Chair and Comment*
Wythe Holt, University of Alabama Law School

*Global Social Justice and the International Legal Order: Lessons from American Labor's Experience of Constitutional Laissez Faire*
Robin Archer, London School of Economics

*Between a Rock and a Hard Place: How Much Work can Charter Do?*
Eric Tucker, York University

*Spaces of Normativity Between the I.L.O. Legislation and Practice and National Regulations on Employment Contracts*
Elena Crumpana, European Commission and Spiru Haret University Law School, Romania

2. **Can’t Sing, Can’t Dance, Can’t Write: Laboring in Entertainment during the Blacklist Era**

*Chair*
Gail Malmgreen, Tamiment Library/Wagner Archives, New York University

*Millard Lampell from the Almanacs to The Inheritance: A Wordsmith and the Blacklist*
Ronald D. Cohen, Indiana University Northwest

*Time is Money: Labor, New Dance Group, and Dance as a Weapon*
Victoria Phillips Geduld, Columbia University

*I Won't Negotiate with the Communist: the Birth, Short Life and Death of the Television Writers of America*
K. Kevyne Baar, Tamiment Library/Wagner Archives, New York University

*Comment*
Daniel J. Leab, Seton Hall University

3. **Immigrant Workers: Policies and Practices**

*Chair and Comment*
Elena Herrada, Michigan State University

*American Education and Immigration Policy*
Blanche Kabengele, University of Cincinnatti

*The Gospel of Joe*
Andres F. Hijar, Northern Illinois University
4. Workers Represented and Representing Themselves

Chair
Jeffrey Powell, Wayne State University

Twisted Justice, Distorted History: How Big Business Rewrote History in 1913 Michigan
Steve Lehto, University of Detroit, Mercy

Ghostworkers in the Machine
Adam Tompkins, Arizona State University

Employer strategy and industrial relations conflict in meatpacking: How important is multi-plant capacity?
Comparing Hormel, USA (1985-86) and Portland, Australia (1988-89)
Patrick O'Leary, University of New South Wales, Australia

Conference Lunch 11:00-1:00
Introduction: Michael Smith, Walther P. Reuther Library and Archives
The Auto Industry and the UAW, Ron Gettlefinger, President of the UAW

Friday, 1:00-3:00

1. Contract Labor Systems in Europe and the United States

Chair
Janine M. Lanza, Wayne State University

The Statare System: Family Based Contracted Work in Commercial Agriculture in Sweden, 1800-1945
Lars Olsson, Växjö University, Sweden

Contracted Workers into Permanent Settlers - Hungarian Farm Workers in Sweden in the Beginning of the Cold War
Attila Lajos, Växjö University, Sweden

The Labor Movement, the Bracero Program and the Organizational Struggle in Agriculture, 1942-1960
Dionicio Valdés, Michigan State University

2. Coal Communities in Crisis
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Chair and Comment
Kenneth Fones-Wolf, West Virginia University

Defending 'Necessary Evils': Company Towns, Miners' Rights, and Federal Investigation in the 1920s
Rachel Blatch, Widener University

The Conservative Crusade against Organized Labor in the Turnpike Strike, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, 1939-40
Jennifer Egolf, West Virginia University

'Knock the EPA Out!': Environmental Politics and Community Identity in Appalachian Ohio
Allen Dieterich-Ward, Shippensburg University

Chair and Comment
Lisa Fine, Michigan State University

Reconsidering CIO Political Culture: Briggs Local 212 and the Politics of Local Dissent in the Wartime UAW
Charles Williams, University of Washington

Shop Floor Justice: The Maintenance of Class Solidarity in the Postwar Automobile Factory
Gregory M. Miller, University of Toledo

An Historical Analysis of Iacocca: Lee Iacocca with William Novack
Stephanie A. Martin, University of California, San Diego


Chair and Comment
Gregory Swedberg, Manhattanville College

Chicago’s Little Steel Strike: The Moral Equivalent of a General Strike
Michael Dennis, Acadia University

The Necessity to Integrate the Disabled in the Productive Sector
Willy Tadjudje, University of Yaounde II – Soa Faculty of Law, Cameroon

The Promise of Protocolism: New York Garment Workers, the Lawrence Textile Strike, and the Coalition between Progressives and Radicals from 1908 to 1914
Jacob Kramer, Borough of Manhattan Community College

Defending their Right to Work: Street Vendors and the Struggle to Make a Living in a Mexican City, 1969-1977
Sandra C. Mendiola, University of Alabama, Huntsville

Friday 3:00-5:00
1. Land Tenure and Marginalization in Latin America and Louisiana

Chair
Michael Mizell-Nelson, University of New Orleans

The Evolution of Land Tenure & Ownership Law in Louisiana, Chile and Ecuador
Margaret M. Mahoney, University of Chile/American University

The Real and Imagined: Land Tenure Among Chile and Louisiana's Disenfranchised in Times of Crisis
Janie Simms Hipp, United States Department of Agriculture

River Rats: Working Class Squatter Communities in 19th and 20th Century New Orleans
Michael Mizell-Nelson, University of New Orleans

Immigrant Labor Strife and Solidarity in Post-Katrina New Orleans
Leo B. Gorman, University of New Orleans

Comment
William Quigley, Loyola University
2. **Race and Civil Rights: Evolution over Time**

*Chair*
Aaron Retish, Wayne State University

“All Men Are Entitled to Justice by the Government”: *Race, Rights, and the State during World War I*
Paul Michel Taillon, University of Auckland, New Zealand

‘The Latest Comers into Industry:’ Theorizing the ‘Negro Woman Worker’ during the Great Depression
Keona Katrice Ervin, Washington University in Saint Louis

*From the Fight to Overcome to the Fight for Freedom*
Thomas S. Darragh, Central Michigan University

*Micahael Novak, White Ethnicity, and Changing Concepts of Justice in 1970s America*
Richard Moss, Purdue University

3. **Teachers’ Unions: A Reading from Richard Kahlenberg’s Tough Liberal: Albert Shanker and the Battles Over Schools, Unions, Race, and Democracy**

*Chair*
Daniel Golodner, Wayne State University

Richard Kahlenberg, Century Foundation Senior Fellow

4. **Roundtable on Jane LaTour’s Sisters in the Brotherhoods: Working Women Organizing for Equality in New York City**
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*Discussants*
Lisa Phillips, Indiana State University
Elaine Crawford, IBEW Local 58
Michelle Fecteau, AAUP Wayne State University Chapter
Nancy Gabin, Purdue University

*Comment*
Jane Latour, District Council 37

**Plenary** 5:15-6:30
*Josie's Story: Looking for History in Some Very Small Places*, Kevin Boyle, The Ohio State University

Conference dinner 6:45-7:45

Labor Poets Featuring Marge Pierce 7:45…
Saturday 9:00-11:00

1. Labor’s Struggle for Political and Civil Rights

Chair and Comment
David Goldberg, Wayne State University

Legal Challenges to Labor Rule: Gateshead Council between the Wars
Sam Davies, Liverpool John Moores University

Civil Liberties and Labor Disputes: the Case of the CAW
Brandi L. Lucier, University of Windsor

A Call for 'Justice' rather than 'Protection:' The UAW's Legal Strategy Against Multinational Corporations
Michael J. Murphy, Stony Brook University

2. The Turning Point for U.S. Labor: Class, Culture, and Corruption in Post-WWII America

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Chair and Comment
Joe McCartin, Georgetown University

The Racketeer Menace and Anti-Unionism in the Mid-Twentieth Century U.S
David Witwer, Pennsylvania State University, Harrisburg

Bringing God to the Shopfloor: The Industrial Chaplain Movement in Postwar America
Elizabeth and Kenneth Fones-Wolf, West Virginia University

Ordinary (GI) Joes: Veterans and the Fate of Working-Class Americanism
James T. Sparrow, University of Chicago

3. Work, Freedom, and the Justice System

Chair and Comment
Lisa Phillips, Indiana State University

Was the Haymarket Trial Fair? A Reexamination in the Context of Contemporary Legal Standards and Practices
Timothy Messer-Kruse, Bowling Green State University

'A Most Notorious Thief': Theft and Worker Pilferage from Charleston’s Antebellum Wharves
Michael D. Thompson, Emory University

LUNCH 11:30-1:00

Labor and Presidential Politics, David Bonior, former member of Congress, professor Wayne State University
PLENARY SESSION

Thirty Years and Counting: Labor, Scholarship, Activism, and the Future
Christopher Johnson, Wayne State University
Geoff Eley, University of Michigan
Elizabeth Faue, Wayne State University
Janine Lanza, Wayne State University