Bread and Roses Centennial Academic Symposium
Saturday, April 28, 2012

Symposium Schedule

**Morning Check-In (pre-registration required)**
8:15 a.m. – 8:50 a.m., Lawrence History Center, 6 Essex Street, Lawrence
Check in here and receive your name tag, schedule, luncheon ticket and map. *(Note: All venues are within easy walking distance from our central locations at the Everett Mill and the Lawrence History Center)*

**Lunch Session**
12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. – Everett Mill, 15 Union Street, 1st Floor, Lawrence
*You must have a ticket to eat!* Our keynote speaker is Richard L. Trumka, AFL-CIO President.

**Final Concert and Wrap-Up**
4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – Everett Mill, 15 Union Street, 6th Floor, Lawrence
*All singers, whistlers, and jugglers, welcome!*

**Guided Walking Tours**
Guided walking tours of important strike sites will depart at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. from the Lawrence History Center, 6 Essex Street, Lawrence

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**Space 1: Everett Mill, 15 Union Street, 5th Floor**

**9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.: Teachable Moments: The Strike and Immigration in the Classroom**
- Rob Linné, and Leigh Benin, “Bread and Roses in the Classroom: Teaching Labor History in K-12 Schools,” Adelphi University.

**10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.: What Next? After the Strike**

**1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.: “The Triangle Fire Centennial Commemoration: A Case Study”**
- Rose Imperato, Triangle Fire Committee, moderator
- Daniel Levinson Wilk, Asst. Professor, American History, Fashion Institute of Technology, State University of New York.
- LuLu LoLo, Playwright/Actor/International Performance and Multi-Disciplinary Artist.
- Adrienne Andi Sosin, The Education & Labor Collaborative.
- Sheryl Woodruff, Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation.
3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.: Historical Memory: Where Did the Strike Story Go?

- Dexter Arnold, “Beyond the Bread and Roses Strike: Worker Militancy, Working-Class Realism and Popular Memory in Lawrence, 1912-1937,” University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.
- Frank Fletcher, “The American Dream and the Realities of the Lawrence Strike of 1912,” Midway College.

Space 2: Everett Mill, 15 Union Street, 6th Floor

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.: Music and Culture and Labor History

- Joel Saxe, “Jewish Communist Subculture on South Miami Beach,” ethnographer, documentary filmmaker, multimedia artist, writer, oral historian.

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.: The Strike in Words and Song

- Gloria G. Barsamian, “Three Whistles” excerpt from a work of fiction.
- Joyce Foster, “A Not So Distant Mirror: Child Mill Workers at the Time of the Strike,” (Using archival material from the congressional testimony of Camella Teoli in 1912 and a memoir by her father, Donald Smith (an American Woolen worker) written 20 years later.

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.: Labor and Public Art: Discussion on the 2011 removal of the History of Labor Mural from the Maine Department of Labor

- Nancy Nesvet, President, Art, Labor, Education Institute.
- Don R. Berry, President, Maine AFL-CIO.
- Karen Van Welden Herman, Artist and Board Member, Lawrence History Center.
- Professor Stephanie Yuhl, Department of History, College of Holy Cross.
- Laura A. Fortman, Executive Director, Frances Perkins Center.

3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.: Bread & Roses: A Performance Piece


Combining historical narrative, power point images and songs from the strike, this 60-minute performance piece brings the Bread & Roses Strike alive while presenting a faithful historical account of a landmark event in American labor history. King and Brandow are proud members of Local 1000 of the American Federation of Musicians.

Space 3: Essex Art Center 1 – 56 Island Street

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.: The Children’s Crusade: And a Child Shall Lead Them

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.: Strike Organization

- Will Cespedes, “The Industrial Workers of the World and the 1912 Strike,” IWW members.
- Clarisse Poirier, “Local Heroes: the Lawrence Strike Committee’s ‘Committee of Ten,’” Merrimack College.

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.: Strike Organization

- Stephanie Taylor – “A Passing Event: The Relationship of the IWW and the AFL in Lawrence, MA,” PhD candidate, Georgetown University.
- Timothy Tomlinson, “A Strike for Ten Loaves of Bread,” University of Pennsylvania, emeritus.

3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.: Labor in Historical Context

- Bruce Cohen, “Comparison of the Lawrence Bread and Roses Strike (1912) and the Great Paterson Silk Strike (1913),” Worcester State University.
- Janet Weaver, “Common Ground, Disparate Worlds: Connecting Iowa and Lawrence, 1911-1912,” Assistant Curator, Iowa Women's Archives, University of Iowa.
- John C. Kirchgessner, “Mountaineers, Immigrants, and King Coal: The Intersection of Three Cultures and the 1907 Monongah Mine Disaster,” St. John Fischer College.

Space 4: Essex Art Center 2, 56 Island Street

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.: Whose Side Were the Churches On?

- Joyce Caggiano, “‘No God, No Master...A Cry of the Heart in a Heartless Land...’” Rector of St. Paul's Church in Peabody.

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.: Wider Views: The Strike Resonates


1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.: 100 Years After


3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.: Talk to Today's Textile Workers

Did you know textile workers still work in Lawrence? Nearly 500 are employed at Polartec, represented by UNITE HERE New England Joint Board Local 311. Proud of their union and the work they do, some of them will share their stories with you.
9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.: Labor Today – 100 Years After the Strike

- Peter Olney, “BATTLE IN THE MOJAVE: Lessons from the Rio Tinto Lockout,” Organizing Director of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) on the West Coast.
- Tom Marvin, “Community/Labor Coalitions: Some Lessons from Indianapolis.” Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.
- Rand Wilson, strike strategist and Organizing Director at SEIU Local 888.

Participants will also include union members who were recently on strike at Verizon and the Shaw's warehouse in Methuen.

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.: “The Importance of Strike Activity in Building New Unions”

- Steve Early, author of The Civil Wars in U.S. Labor
- Joe Burns, staff attorney and negotiator, Association of Flight Attendants/Communications Workers of America and author of Reviving The Strike.

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.: “Solidarity or Exclusion: The Legacies of Labor’s Response to Racism”

Annetta Argyres, UMass Boston and Steve Schnapp, United for a Fair Economy.

3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.: “Bread and Roses: Dignity and Respect as a Dimension of Labor and Working Class Struggles”

- Robert Ross, Clark University
- Jennifer Doe, Organizer MA Jobs with Justice.
- Brian Lang, President, UNITE HERE Local 26.