

The Fourth

SOUTHERN LABOR STUDIES CONFERENCE

September 30, October 1 & 2, 1982
Urban Life Center
Georgia State University, Atlanta

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

12:45 p.m.

OPENING (Room 201)

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

1. E. P. THOMPSON AND THE MAKING OF THE ENGLISH WORKING-CLASS: A TWENTY-YEAR RETROSPECTIVE (Room 201)

Presiding:

David Montgomery, Yale University

"The Making of the English Working-Class: Twenty Years Later"
Richard Price, University of Maryland

"After Two Decades: The English Model and the American Context"
Michael J. Cassity, University of Georgia, Athens

Comment:

E. J. Hobsbawm, Birkbeck College, University of London

3 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

BREAK

3:15 p.m. - 5 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

2. LABOR ATTITUDES AND PRACTICES DURING THE 1880s (Room 303)

Presiding:

Lorin Lee Cary, University of Toledo

"The Lemming Syndrome: Leadership in the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers in the 1880s"
Sharon Trusilo, Carnegie-Mellon University

"A Critique of the New South Creed: Labor and Politics in 1880s Atlanta"
Clifford Kuhn, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Comment:

David P. Thelen, University of Missouri, Columbia

3. ORGANIZING INDUSTRIAL WORKERS DURING THE GREAT DEPRESSION (Room 201)

Presiding:

Robert H. Zieger, Wayne State University

"Heritage of Fear: The Attempt to Unionize Minnesota Iron Miners, 1934-36"
Donald G. Sofchalk, Mankato State University

"The United Rubber Workers in the South, 1936-1943"
Daniel Nelson, University of Akron

Comment:

Alice Hoffman, Pennsylvania State University
Gene Howard, United Rubber Workers

8 p.m.

4. DALE SOMERS MEMORIAL LECTURE
Urban Life Center Auditorium

"The Common Laborer in the 19th Century"
David Montgomery, Yale University

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

8:45 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.

5. WOMEN, CHILDREN, AND WORKING-CLASS CULTURE
(Room 201)

Presiding:

Lyn Goldfarb, Service Employees International Union

"Ida Hayman Callery: Southwestern Socialist-Feminist, 1886-1917"
Neil K. Basen, Wisconsin School for Workers

"Highlander's Junior Union Camps, 1941-44: Workers' Children and Working-Class Culture"
John P. Beck, University of Michigan

Comment:

*James R. Greene, University of Massachusetts, Boston**

6. THE SOUTHERN TEXTILE INDUSTRY: BEFORE AND AFTER (Room 307)

Presiding:

Melton A. McLaurin, University of North Carolina, Wilmington

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1 (continued)

"Lowells of the South: Northern Influence on the Development of the North Carolina Textile Industry, 1840-1900"

Bess Beatty, Shorter College

"Organizing the Breathless: The Politics of Brown Lung"

Robert E. Botsch, University of South Carolina, Aiken

Comment: *Nick Builder*, Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union

10:25 a.m. - 10:35 a.m. BREAK

10:35 a.m.-12:15 p.m. 7. ORGANIZED LABOR AND THE "RIGHT TO WORK" (Room 201)

Presiding: *Higdon C. Roberts Jr.*, Center for Labor Education and Research, University of Alabama, Birmingham

"The Adoption of the 1944 'Right to Work' Law in Florida"

Philip A. Grant Jr., Pace College

"Constant Vigilance: The AFL's Response to 'Right to Work' Legislation, 1943-1949"

Gilbert J. Gall, Wayne State University

Comment: *Daniel A. Powell*, Area V, Committee on Political Education, AFL-CIO

8. BLACK WORKERS IN PENNSYLVANIA: WELFARE CAPITALISM AND FEDERAL INTERVENTION (Room 307)

Presiding: *Anatoli M. Ilyashov*, Labor Studies Center, University of the District of Columbia

"Welfare Capitalism: Black Welfare Officers and Southern Black Workers in Western Pennsylvania, 1916-1940"

Dennis C. Dickerson, Williams College

"Black Workers and the FEPC in Pennsylvania"

Merl Reed, Georgia State University

Comment: *Frank Mont*, Civil Rights Department, United Steelworkers of America

12:15 p.m. - 1 p.m. LUNCH on your own

1 p.m. - 5 p.m. 9. AN AFTERNOON WITH THE AUTO WORKERS (Room 201)

Moderator: *Clifford Kuhn*, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

1 p.m. - 2 p.m. FILM: *With Babies and Banners*

2 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Conversations with Former Auto Workers

Clifford Kuhn

2:30 p.m. - 3 p.m. "Auto Workers and the UAW During the 1940s"

Nelson Lichtenstein, Catholic University of America

3 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Refreshments

3:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. "Auto Workers and the UAW During the 1950s"

Seth Wigderson, Wayne State University

3:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Conversations with Former Auto Workers

Clifford Kuhn

4:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. "Auto Workers and the UAW Today"

Herb Green, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America

1 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. 10. CLASS ORGANIZATION IN THE URBAN SOUTH (Room 307)

Presiding: *Dale Newman*, University of Pittsburgh

"Class Consciousness in Charlotte Textile Mills"

Jim Leloudis, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

"Black Women in the Tobacco Factories of Winston-Salem"

Robert Korstad, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Comment: *James Barrett*, North Carolina State University

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1 (Continued)

- 2:45 p.m. - 3 p.m. BREAK
- 3 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. 11. ORGANIZED LABOR IN THE SOUTH DURING THE 1930s (Room 216)
- Presiding: *Tom Terrill*, University of South Carolina
- “Anti-Labor Vigilantes During the 1930s”
Robert P. Ingalls, University of South Florida
- “Organized Labor in the Deep South: An Image of the 1930s”
Harral E. Landry, Texas Woman’s University
- Comment: *Joseph Jacobs*, Labor Attorney
- 8 p.m. 12. KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Urban Life Center Auditorium
- “The Making of the English Working-Class, 1870-1914”
E. J. Hobsbawm, Birkbeck College, University of London

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

- 9:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. 13. LABOR MILITANCY AMONG SOUTHERN LOW-WAGE WORKERS (Room 201)
- Presiding: *George W. Hopkins*, The College of Charleston
- “The Charleston Hospital Strike of 1969”
Leon Fink, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- “‘Fearless Thousand’: The Kellwood Strike of 1966-67”
Jon Bloom, Taminent Library, New York University
- Comment: *Fred Siems*, International Ladies’ Garment Workers’ Union
Andrew Young, Mayor, City of Atlanta*
- 11:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m. BREAK
- 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. 14. SOUTHERN LABOR ORGANIZING AND THE ISSUE OF RACE: UNION STRATEGIES, PAST AND PRESENT (Room 201)
- Presiding: *Thomas F. Armstrong*, Georgia College
- CASE STUDIES:
- “An AFL Union Adapts to a New Era: The Tobacco Workers International Union in Durham, North Carolina”
Dolores Janiewski, Samuel Gompers Papers, University of Maryland
- “Industrial Unionism and Civil Rights: The International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, CIO, in Bessemer, Alabama”
Horace Huntley, University of Alabama, Birmingham
- “The CIO and Interracial Unionism after World War II: Operation Dixie”
Michael Honey, Northern Illinois University
- Panelists: *Asbury Howard*, State Representative and former officer of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union of Alabama
- Karl Korstad*, former organizer for the Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers Union in the Carolinas and Tennessee
- Willie Rudd*, Vice President, United Furniture Workers Union of America
- 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. LUNCH on your own
- 2 p.m. ATLANTA LABOR HISTORY BUS TOUR
(Meet in Room 201)

*Not confirmed.

GENERAL INFORMATION

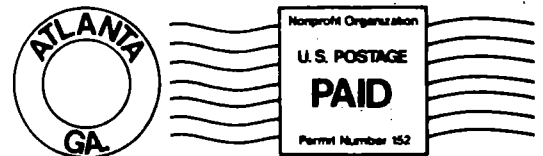
The Fourth Southern Labor Studies Conference will be held in the Urban Life Center of Georgia State University in downtown Atlanta (at the intersection of Decatur Street and Piedmont Avenue). Registration will begin at 10 a.m., Thursday, September 30 at registration desk on the second floor of the Urban Life Center. The conference program will begin at 1 p.m. and extend through Saturday morning, October 2.

Registration fees are: general public, \$10; and students, retirees, and unemployed, \$7.50. Registrants will be sent a map showing the location of parking lots and the GSU campus. No cancellations or refunds are permissible after September 23, 1982. Stop payment of a check does not constitute a formal cancellation. For stop payments, there will be a returned check fee of \$5 or five percent of the face amount of the check, whichever is greater, and the registrant will be held liable for the seminar fee until the date of official cancellation.

Registrants must make their own hotel reservations. A block of rooms has been set aside at The Downtowner, 404/577-1510. Room rates are \$31 single, \$34 double.

For more information, contact the Southern Labor Archives at 404/658-2476.

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