1991
Southern Labor Studies Conference
October 10, 11, 12, 13, 1991

Georgia State University
Atlanta, Georgia

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Department of History
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Georgia State University
General Information

The Southern Labor Studies Conference, held since 1976, provides a forum for scholars, labor leaders, activists, historians and students to share knowledge and ideas on the history and development of the labor movement.

The conference will be held at Georgia State University in downtown Atlanta. The program will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 10 and extend through Sunday afternoon, October 13.

Registration

Conference fees: $30 (before October 3)
$35 (after October 3)
$15 students, retirees

Conference fees include all program materials, refreshments and lunch on Friday, October 11. Register by mailing your completed registration form with your check made payable to GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY. The mailing address is on the registration form.

Cancellations

Cancellations must be received by October 3, 1991, in order for you to receive a refund of your registration fee. To cancel your registration, call The Southern Labor Archives at (404) 651-2477.

Location and Parking

Georgia State University is located in downtown Atlanta. A map will be sent to all conference registrants. Please indicate on your registration form if you would like information on parking. A MARTA rapid-rail station is located near campus and attendees are encouraged to use public transportation.
Hotel Accommodations

A number of rooms have been reserved at reduced rates at two hotels within walking distance of Georgia State University. Registrants must make reservations by calling the hotels.

Travelodge: (404) 659-4545
(Ask for Michelle)
$46/Single or Double $58 (+ Tax)
Deadline: September 14, 1991

Howard Johnson: (404) 659-2660
$58/Single or Double $68 (+ Tax)
Deadline: September 19, 1991

NOTE: Participants should identify themselves as attending the Southern Labor Studies Conference to receive the special rates.

Southern Labor Studies Conference Program

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Registration - Lower Lobby, Alumni Hall

1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
WELCOME: Thomas J. La Belle, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Georgia State University
Herbert Mabry, Georgia State AFL-CIO
Stuart Acuff, Atlanta Labor Council

1. Plenary #1:
THE STATE OF LABOR STUDIES:
A HEMISPHERIC VIEW
Veterans' Memorial Hall, Alumni Hall

MODERATOR: Todd A. Diac, History, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

United States and Latin American Labor Studies
Charles Bergquist, History, University of Washington
Brazil
Barbara Weinstein, History, SUNY-Stony Brook

Rural Spanish America
Michael Jimenez, History, Princeton University

COMMENT: The Audience

3:00 P.M.-3:30 P.M.
Refreshments - Lower Lobby, Alumni Hall

3:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

2. Plenary #2:
THE PLACE OF BLACK WORKERS IN SOUTHERN HISTORY
Veterans' Memorial Hall, Alumni Hall

MODERATOR: Earl Lewis, History, University of Michigan

Contesting the New South: The Politics and Culture of Wage Household Labor
Tera Hunter, History, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Toward a Black Working Class Infra-Politics in the Twentieth Century South
Robin D. G. Kelley, History, University of Michigan

COMMENT: August Meier, History, Kent State University
Joe W. Trotter, Jr., History, Carnegie Mellon University
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

8:00 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.
3. EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL DALE O. SOMERS LECTURE
   Room 201, Urban Life Building
   PRESIDING: Gary M Fink, Georgia State University
   Presentation of Somers Memorial Award,
   Timothy J. Crimmins, Georgia State University
   Introduction of Speaker
   Merl E. Reed, Georgia State University
   LECTURE: Sex, Lies, and Southern History: Searching for a
   Woman Who Almost Wasn't There
   Jacquelyn Dowd Hall, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon
9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
4. Plenary #3:
   RACE, CLASS, AND GENDER: TOWARD A NEW SYNTHESIS IN SOUTHERN TEXTILE HISTORY
   Urban Life Auditorium
   MODERATOR: Robert H. Zieger, History, University of Florida
   Race Relations
   Mary Frederickson, History, Miami University
   Class Relations
   David Carlton, History, Vanderbilt University
   Gender Relations
   Bess Beatty, History, Oregon State University
   COMMENT: Gary Gerstle, History, Catholic University of America
   Norman Hill, A. Philip Randolph Institute

11:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.
5. Luncheon: A TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH JACOBS
   Georgia Railroad Depot
   PRESIDING: Leslie S. Hough, Southern Labor Archives
   Millie Beik, Southern Labor Archives

1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
   Registration: Department of History, Room 805, General Classroom Building

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1:30 P.M. - 3:15 P.M.
6. CONVICT LABOR IN THREE GEORGIA INDUSTRIES
   Room 718, General Classroom Building
   CHAIR: Doug Munro, History, Bond University, Queensland, Australia
   Labor, Punishment and the Task System in Georgia's Convict Mines
   Alex Lichtenstein, History, Florida International University
   The Use and Abuse of Convict Labor at the Chattahoochee Brick Company
   David Berry, History, Georgia State University
   The Rise and Fall of Convict Labor in the Central Georgia Lumber Industry
   Mary Ellen Wilson, History, Middle Georgia College
   COMMENT: Karin Shapiro, History, Yale University
   Doug Munro

7. WORKERS AND ECONOMIC NATIONALISM
   Room 804, General Classroom Building
   CHAIR: Paul B. Goodwin Jr., History, University of Connecticut, Storrs
   Workers and Nationalization of Mexico's Oil Industry
   Jonathan C. Brown, History, University of Texas-Austin
   Workers and the Nationalization of Argentina's Railway Industry
   Maria Celina Tuozzo, History, University of Texas-Austin
   COMMENT: Paul B. Goodwin Jr.
   Rodney D. Anderson, History, Florida State University

8. ORGANIZED LABOR AND CIVIL RIGHTS IN ALABAMA
   Room 904, General Classroom Building
   CHAIR: Judith Stein, History, City University of New York
   Mobile During World War II: Organized Labor and the Struggle for Black Equality in a "City That's Been Taken by Storm"
   Bruce Nelson, History, Dartmouth University
   George Wallace, Civil Rights, and the Alabama Labor Movement
   Alan Draper, Political Science, St. Lawrence University
   COMMENT: Judith Stein
   James Orange, Industrial Union Department, AFL-CIO
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9. INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND UNION POLITICS IN MODERN BRAZIL AND MEXICO
   Room 939, General Classroom Building
   CHAIR: Dalila De Sousa, History, Spelman College
   Continuity and Change in the Brazilian Industrial Relations System under the 1988 Constitution
   Russell Smith, Business, Washburn University
   Trozos de Cristal: Privatization and Union Politics at Telefones de Mexico
   Steve Dubb, Political Science, University of California, San Diego
   COMMENT: Margaret Keck, Political Science, Yale University

3:30 P.M. - 5:15 P.M.

10. POLITICS AND LABOR IN MEXICO
    Room 804, General Classroom Building
    CHAIR: Helen McKinney, Languages, Spelman College
    Labor Union Rights in Mexico Today
    Daniel La Botz, History, University of Cincinnati
    Organization without Organizing, Benefits without Benefit: A Farm Worker's Union and Farm Worker's in Sonora, Mexico
    Paul Clark, Political Science, University of Illinois
    COMMENT: Jeffrey L. Bortz, History, Appalachian State University

11. WORKSHOP: Labor Recruitment and Factory Labor: The International Context
    Room 718, General Classroom Building
    MODERATOR: Jack Blicksilver, Economics, Georgia State University
    DISCUSSION LEADERS:
    Leonard A. Carlson, Economics, Emory University
    Thomas E. Terrill, History, University of South Carolina
    REACTION:
    Leon R. Fink, History, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
    William Finlay, Sociology, University of Georgia

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12. POPULISM AND LABOR POLITICS
    Room 904, General Classroom Building
    CHAIR: Bradley R. Rice, History, Clayton State College
    Peculiar Radicals: The Populist/Labor Coalition in Late Nineteenth-Century Dallas
    Patricia E. Hill, History, Lander College
    The Failed General Strike of 1921: A Turning Point in Argentine Labor History
    Joel Horowitz, History, St. Bonaventure College
    COMMENT: Robert C. McMath, Jr., History, Georgia Institute of Technology
    Charles G. Steffen, History, Georgia State University

8:00 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.

13. KEYNOTE ADDRESS: SEVENTH BIENNIAL SOUTHERN LABOR STUDIES CONFERENCE
    Room 201, Urban Life Building
    PRESIDING: David J. McCreery, Georgia State University
    Slave Resistance in Guyana
    Emililia Viotti Da Costa, History, Yale University

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12
9:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

14. LABOR RELATIONS UNDER SLAVERY
    Room 201, Urban Life Building
    CHAIR: Tiffany Patterson, History, Spelman College
    Hired Slavery in Virginia's Tobacco Industry
    Suzanne Schnittman, History, University of Rochester
    Overseers and the Nature of Antebellum Labor Contracts
    James D. Schmidt, History, Rice University
    In Pursuit of Virtue: The Anti-Slavery Vision of Frances Wright
    Vivian Sandlund, History, Emory University
    COMMENT: Wayne K. Durrill, History, University of Cincinnati
15. COMMUNISM, ANTI-COMMUNISM, AND THE CHURCH
Room 302, Urban Life Building
CHAIR: Robert Korstad, History, Duke University
The Communist Party, the Church, and Labor in Costa Rica, 1943-1948
Eugene Miller, History, City University of New York
Christian Radicalism, McCarthyism, and the Dilemma of Organized Labor in Dixie
Doug Flanning, History, California Institute of Technology.
Under the Crimson Flag: Fahle Burman's Two Trips to the Michigan Supreme Court
John P. Beck, Michigan State University
COMMENT: Steve Rossburn, History, Lake Forest College

16. RURAL LABOR MARKETS: LATIN AMERICA AND THE UNITED STATES
Room 311, Urban Life Building
CHAIR: Thomas F. Armstrong, History, Georgia College
The Changing Nature of the Labor Force in Coffee Agriculture in Columbia
Sutti Ortiz, Anthropology, Boston University
Employment Relations in Developing Country Agriculture: The Case of Mexico
Linda Wilcox Young, Economics, University of Vermont
Turpentine and Timber: An Analysis of the Naval Stores and Timber Workers in Citrus, Hernando, and Pasco Counties [Florida], 1870-1930
Allen Tyler Padgett, History, University of South Florida
COMMENT: Peggy Barlett, Anthropology, Emory University.
Thomas F. Armstrong

17. TEXTILES AND POLITICS IN THE MODERN SOUTH
Room 203, Urban Life Building
CHAIR: Winifred D. Wandersee, History, Hartwick College
The Failure of Operation Dixie
Michael Goldfield, Political Science, Cornell University
J.P. Stevens and the Union: Struggle for the South
James A. Hodges, History, The College of Wooster
COMMENT: Bruce Raynor, Vice President, Armalagamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union
Winifred D. Wandersee

11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.
18. MEETING OF LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION WORKING GROUP ON LABOR STUDIES
LUNCH (on your own)
1:30 P.M. - 3:15 P.M.
19. WORKING WOMEN: A CROSS-CULTURAL COMPARISON
Room 201, Urban Life Building
CHAIR: Lawrence J. Boyette, History, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Cracker Maids: Sowing the Union in Atlanta, 1899 to 1929
Gretchen E. Maclachlan, Political Science, Clark Atlanta University
Uncovering the Invisible Workers: Transition of Colombian Domestic Workers from the Informal to the Formal Sector
Mary Jo Dudley, Latin American Studies, Cornell University
COMMENT: Susan Levine, History, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Cindia Cameron, 9 to 5, National Association of Working Women
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20. THE UNITED FRUIT COMPANY: LABOR AND ETHNICITY IN CENTRAL AMERICA
Room 302, Urban Life Building
CHAIR: Dee Spears, History, Tulane University
Afro-Jamaican Traditions and Labor Organizing on United Fruit Company Plantations in Costa Rica, 1910
Aviva Chomsky, History, Bates College

Labor and Ethnicity in Panama
Michael L. Conniff, History, Auburn University

West Indians in Costa Rica: The 1934 Banana Contract
Ronald Harpelle, History, University of Toronto
COMMENT: Cindy Foster, History, University of California, Berkeley

21. ORIGINS OF THE BLACK PROLETARIAT: CASE STUDIES FROM THE POST BELLUM SOUTH
Room 311, Urban Life Building
CHAIR: Garrett Weaver, History, Jackson State University

Mississippi’s First Labor Union
Ken Lawrence, Deep South People’s History Project

“To Control and Sell Thou Own Labor”: Blacks and Agricultural Labor Contracts in Post War West Tennessee
Denorah Davis, History, Jackson State University

Dual Labor Systems in Mississippi after the Civil War
Elizabeth Ann Sharpe, Political Science, Jackson State University
COMMENT: William Woods, History, Tougaloo College
Paul Cimbala, History, Fordham University

22. LABOR AND TEXTILES DURING THE GREAT DEPRESSION: A CROSS NATIONAL COMPARISON
Room 203, Urban Life Building
CHAIR: Janet Irons, History, Lock Haven University

The Search for Stability: The Politics of South Carolina Textile Workers during the Great Depression
Bryant Simon, History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Employment, Wages and Labor Conflict in the Mexican Textile Industry during the Great Depression
Jeffrey L. Bortz, History, Appalachian State University
COMMENT: Cliff Welch, History, Grand Valley State University
Janet Irons

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23. FAMILY LABOR AND PATERNALISM IN SOUTHERN TEXTILES
Room 201 Urban Life Building
CHAIR: Glenda Gilmore, History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Patriarchy Lost: The Preconditions for Paternalism in the Odell Cotton Mills of North Carolina, 1882-1900
Gary R. Freeze, History, Erskine College

Factory Legislation and Exploitation of Child Labor in the Cotton Textile Industry
Philip M. Holleran, Economics, Hampden-Sydney College
COMMENT: Julia Kirk Blackwelder, History, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Glenda Gilmore, History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

24. POLITICS AND REFORM: UNION REFORM AND LABOR LAW
Room 302, Urban Life Building
CHAIR: W. Carl Biven, Economics, Georgia Institute of Technology

Union Reform and Labor Law: Miners for Democracy and the Use of the Landrum-Griffin Act
George W. Hopkins, History, College of Charleston

The AFL-CIO 1976 Legislative Platform: Its Successes and Failures during the Carter Administration
Bill M. Kaylor, History, Georgia State University
COMMENT: Martin Halpern, History, Henderson State University
Herb Green, United Automobile Workers, Atlanta

25. THE FACTORY: THE VIEW FROM THE INSIDE
Room 311, Urban Life Building
CHAIR: Daniel James, History, Yale University

Social Origins of Resistance in the Factory Workplace: The Not-So-Powerless Prevail
John D. French, History, Florida International University

Flirting in the Factory: Gender Relations in a Caribbean Work Place
Kevin A. Yelvington, Anthropology, Florida International University
COMMENT: Daniel James
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:45 A.M. - 10:45 A.M.

26. ORAL HISTORY: THE ANGLO, HISPANIC, AND BLACK EXPERIENCE
Room 216, Urban Life Center

CHAIR: Clifford M. Kuhn, History and Archives, Georgia State University

Ya Basta! The San Antonio Pecan Shellers’ Strike of 1938
Emily Jones, Education, University of Texas, Austin

Marie Tedesco, History & Archives, East Tennessee State University

Black Workers Remember: The Era of Jim Crow
Michael Honey, History, University of Washington, Tacoma

COMMENT: Jacqueline Rouse, History, Georgia State University
Robert P. Ingalls, History, University of South Florida

11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

27. IMAGES OF LABOR IN ART AND FILM
Room 216, Urban Life Center

CHAIR: Allen Tullos, Liberal Arts, Emory University

The Man with the Hoe: Slave, Sharecropper, and Single Taxer
Laura L. Meixner, History of Art and Archaeology, Cornell University

The 1934 General Textile Strike
George Stoney, Film and Television, New York University
Judith Helfand, “The Uprising of ’34”

COMMENT: Greg Kaster, History, Gustavus Adolphus College
[General Textile Striker]