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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR DAN JACOBY

IN SEPTEMBER 2004, when I assumed the Harry Bridges Chair in Labor Studies, 50% of the voters gave President

Bush a favorable job rating. Three years later, his approval ratings have dropped dramatically, to 30%. During my term in office we've seen other important reversals as well, including the President's signature on a significant minimum wage increase, his acquiescence to the protection of labor rights in trade agreements, and his abandonment of the privatization of social security. It sure looks like I've been busy, doesn't it?

As an economist, I'm trained to distinguish between correlation and causation. So, perhaps we here at the Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies are not responsible for all this change. If that's not the explanation, then how does change occur? It helps, of course, if leaders discredit themselves by taking their positions to the extremes of their illogic. But more than that, change requires that organizations such as ours keep alive the conversations about progressive alternatives.

It may be premature to conclude that the long political tide that began with the

Reagan era is reversing itself. Despite all the mistakes made over that period, it is nonetheless clear that the rightward swing away from active government still resonates with a large portion of the working class.

For me, the anti-tax, government-is-the-

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problem era is epitomized by the slogan, “You know what to do with your money better than any bureaucrat in Washington”. It takes a lot to deconstruct that phrase because it appeals almost instinctively to a sense that our money is ours, we worked for it. But the deeper and hard-to-fathom truth is that what we earn comes not solely from the sweat of our brows, but also from the luck of being integrated into a highly productive economy. Social investments in infrastructure, respect for human rights, and other rules help make economies prosper. If hard work were the sole ingredi-

ent of success, then manual laborers in developing countries would often be much wealthier than they are. Wealth is a social creation.

Successful economies create rules that provide incentives to those who create wealth—workers and capitalists. But they also ensure citizens are not turned into slaves or in other ways denied essential security or an adequate share of the nation's income. Tilting all rules to increase incentives for those who already have wealth practically ensures the disenfranchisement of the vast majority who do not. And that, unfortunately, has been the main direction our leaders have taken over the past thirty years. The result is a dramatic increase in inequality, with the poor and middle classes struggling to hold their own.

There are times when redistributing wealth from rich to poor can be destructive. Surely, raising the minimum wage to 40 dollars an hour might destroy many jobs, the output from which would no longer be affordable. But we are a long way from the tipping point, leaving us with substantial room for redistribution. But redistribution by itself will not ensure long-term success for workers. In a globalized and competitive environment, workers around the world are under pressure to demonstrate how they raise productivity.

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UW WORKING IN GUATEMALA ANGELINA SNODGRASS GODOY

THE UW GUATEMALA PROJECT is a youth empowerment project administered jointly by students and faculty at UW and by young people and their mentors in the Movimiento de Trabajadores Campesinos (MTC), a Guatemalan NGO. There is a novel approach to development based on youth participation, empowerment, and transnational solidarity.

Guatemala's geographic location near the US and low labor costs make it an advantageous site for maquiladoras, the apparel assembly factories sometimes called “sweatshops” because of their notoriously harsh working conditions. In recent

years, the apparel industry has grown in Guatemala; its advocates insist that it creates jobs, and jobs that are better-paid than the backbreaking agricultural work on the country's plantations. Its detractors warn that labor rights violations are endemic in the maquilas: obligatory overtime, minimal bathroom breaks, grueling work conditions and forced pregnancy tests are common across the industry. Workers who organize in defense of their rights are often fired in retaliation.

While in Guatemala, students heard about the challenges workers face in the apparel industry through direct encoun-

ters with the women who lead SITRACIMA and SITRACHOI, the only two unions in the entire maquiladora industry.



UW STUDENTS MEET WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND ACTIVISTS IN SAN MARCOS, GUATEMALA. (PHOTO: MYNOR MELGAR)

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STAFF UPDATES



KELLI LARSEN

Welcome Kelli Larsen as the new Program Coordinator at the Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies!

Before joining HBCLS, Kelli worked for Hate Free Zone organizing

first-time immigrant voters around the 2006 election. She has twice served as a union steward with UNITE HERE and UAW locals in Boston and Seattle, and strongly supports the worker cause. The 2003 Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride is one of her fondest labor moments and she looks forward to many more inspiring opportunities as she supports the great work of HBCLS. Kelli received a BA in English from Cornell and an MPA from the University of Washington.

SARAH LASLETT

After four years, Sarah leaves her position as the Director of HBCLS to work at The Evergreen State College Labor Education and Research Center. Here, she will work to develop women leaders in the labor and social justice movements. This new challenge will keep her focused on ties between higher education institutions and social justice work, and she looks forward to continuing to work with the faculty, staff, and students of the UW, and the many allies in the Puget Sound labor movement.

CHRISTOPHER SCHULZE-OECHTERING CASTAÑEDA

Chris will be starting his second year as the undergraduate assistant for HBCLS. He is a political science major and will be graduating in 2008.

WASHINGTON STATE RESEARCH

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our allies in the legislature and community, our funding from the Washington State Legislature has now been made permanent. With these funds, we will support a range of important research projects with particular relevance to labor in Washington State. Please read below for more information about our projects for 2007-2008.

Anne Goodchild, Civil and Environmental Engineering – *Puget Sound Warehousing Employment Research Project*

This project explores the dynamics of warehousing and distribution work related to the import of goods into the United States via marine transportation. Because of the many changes that have taken place in this sector, it is important that we understand more about the relationship between infrastructure, logistics operations, workforce development, and economic concentration. While industry changes, so does the nature of employment, and there is evidence that technology and economic activity are changing the nature of warehousing in Washington State. While much academic research in the transportation field has focused on modeling goods movement, and some work has been done to understand the labor force of the trucking and goods movement industries, we are currently lacking an understanding of the labor force in the Puget Sound region. This research will provide a better understanding of warehouse and distribution center workers and working conditions in the Puget Sound.

Dan Jacoby, Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences, UW Bothell – *Washington State Policy and the Demand for Part-Time Faculty at Community Colleges*

With nearly half a million instructors employed as contingent academic workers in American higher educational institutions, it is extremely important for us to understand their conditions of employment as well as the impacts of this practice on instruction and student outcomes. This research begins by exploring the demand for part-time faculty at the two-year community college level. In line with the work of the American Federation of Teachers in Washington and the Washington Educational Association, the project will analyze legislative proposals that aim to increase full-time employment for faculty, as well as gain an understanding of how the community college system in Washington State differs from systems in other places. Ultimately, this project will produce a stakeholder analysis that will provide more information about the political environment and help to set key parameters for achieving legislative goals in this arena.

WORKING GROUPS

HBCLS IS NOW ENTERING THE FOURTH year of the working group research and collaborations involving Visiting Committee members and HBCLS faculty associates. Below you will find updates on the three continuing working groups: **Race, Radicalism, and Labor**; **Union Democracy Re-Examined**; and **Exploring Intersectionality in the Domains of Work and Care**. Also, we are excited to introduce a new working group based on our successful forum of the same name, **Labor, Knowledge, and the Economy**.

LABOR, KNOWLEDGE, AND THE ECONOMY

As a follow-up to our public forum on Labor, Knowledge, and the Economy in 2006, faculty and community leaders have formed a working group to further research in this realm.

The group will produce research indicating how our emerging “knowledge economy” alters work, development, and organization. Eventually, the group hopes that this research and collaboration will provide material for a book.

Also, the group will sponsor a speaker series involving individual members of the working group as well as speakers not currently affiliated with the group.

Finally, the group intends to nominate Manuel Castells of the University of Southern California for a Danz Lectureship in 2008. This enterprise is particularly significant for the Bridges Center because it will involve five labor leaders from unions across the country impacted by knowledge work. In addition, it will include eleven faculty members from all three campuses of UW, representing diverse fields.

RACE, RADICALISM, AND LABOR

This group brings together nine UW faculty members and two members of the HBCLS Visiting Committee in a variety of research and public education collaborations. In November, Prof. Vicente Rafael arranged a pair of talks on Immigration and Globalization by Walden Bello, the renowned Philippine sociologist and activist.

The Seattle Civil Rights and Labor History Project continued to be a major focus. This online resource uncovers the linked history of labor and civil rights struggles in the Seattle area. The website offers films, articles, photographs, and other documents related to the civil rights struggles of African Americans, Asian Americans, Latinos, and urban Indians over the course of the 20th Century. More than 80 activists have been interviewed for the project and video excerpts can also be viewed online. Please visit the website for more information: www.civilrights.washington.edu

This year we added a major section called the “Chicano/a Movement in Washington State History Project”. It consists of more than a dozen oral histories, and numerous photos and documents. Much of the work was done by students who

are members of MEChA de UW. Teresa Frizell served as Teacher Outreach Coordinator, preparing teachers to instruct their students about civil rights activism not just as it affected the South but also as it played out in Seattle. In addition, James Gregory and Trevor Griffey spoke at a variety of public forums and local media outlets, and also published a number of articles, including an op-ed in the Seattle PI, called “Remember Seattle’s Segregated History”.

UNION DEMOCRACY RE-EXAMINED

Prof. Margaret Levi and graduate students John Ahlquist and Jon Agnone received a second National Science Foundation grant of approximately \$300,000, which will allow them to continue surveying new and existing dockworkers. The panel design allows them to track changes over time to determine if and in what directions the preferences, beliefs, attitudes, and political participation of the new cohort of workers change as their immersion in the occupational community lengthens. In September 2007, this group presented findings in San Francisco at the ILWU Leadership Education and Development conference convened by Director of Educational Services and working group member, Gene Vrana.

We are completing research on key ILWU issues, such as waterfront screening, changes in union solidarity and organizational culture, pensioner voting rights, and the very complex Modernization and Mechanization agreement. Working group member Ron Magden facilitated access to materials in Tacoma and we have also delved into the archives at UW.

Jugum Scholarship winners Morgen Myrdal and George Robertson are producing a database on union democracy and are part of a team, along with graduate students Devin Kelly and John Hermansen, that has conducted interviews with ILWU pensioners and collected local election data. Professor Emeritus David Olson and working group member Joe Wenzl provided invaluable feedback, meeting regularly with the research team.

We are also examining the ILWU with investigations of other unions involved in the transportation and trade industries – specifically, the Waterside Workers’ Federation in Australia.

RACE, CLASS, AND WORK-LIFE BALANCE: EXPLORING INTERSECTIONALITY IN THE DOMAINS OF WORK AND CARE

This HBCLS working group, now in its second year, focuses on illuminating the ways that race, ethnicity and class shape individuals’ and families’ ability to balance work and care responsibilities. It was originally proposed by a set of UW faculty who saw a glaring gap in the coverage of these important “intersectionalities” in academic and popular literature. In our first year, we created a website for disseminating information on research and events related to our focus, hosted a series of community events, and submitted a proposal to fund a new research project by our members on the work-life experiences of academics and professionals of color. With that proposal recently funded by the Institute on Ethnic Studies in the U.S., in 2007-08 our group will be conducting the new study; continuing to expand our website as an informational clearinghouse and communications portal; and executing two conferences: one highlighting graduate student research in our area of focus and another for faculty and community members.

Please visit the website for more information: <http://depts.washington.edu/ssw-web/bridgesctr/>

“MESSAGE FROM CHAIR”

(CONTINUED FROM COVER)

We need to show how labor contributes to the creation of wealth in this country. We’ve begun two exciting new projects that will connect our labor research to important policy arenas. In our working group entitled Labor, Knowledge and the Economy we’ll investigate how labor produces and uses knowledge in order to think long-term about how workers gain and use skills to achieve independence in a technologically dynamic world. Our other research group examines one important technological area involving the new logistics of the global supply chain. The research from these groups aims to show how labor can and should adjust to a dynamic world. At the same time, we’ll never forget that worker rights underpin efforts to secure adequate income and a good life.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES

THE HBCLS CAPACITY TO GIVE prizes, scholarships, and research grants continues to expand. Below is a description of the many awards we have made for the upcoming year. All of these winners will be honored at our **Annual Awards Celebration**, which will take place in spring 2008. We hope you will be able to attend this year to offer your congratulations to these outstanding contributors to Labor Studies.

MARTIN AND ANNE JUGUM SCHOLARSHIPS

Each year HBCLS gives one-year, full tuition scholarships to outstanding undergraduates who demonstrate a commitment to labor research or practice. These awards are named after longtime International Longshore and Warehouse Union member and leaders Martin "Jug" Jugum and his wife Anne.

Joseph Guanlao: As an English major and co-director for the Filipinos of UW Research Project, Joseph has taken great initiative to explore academic opportunities on campus. He began this work by examining his parents' stories as Filipino immigrant workers and continued on to include the history of other Filipino workers and students. He has helped to develop a database for this work and has made important contributions to the study of Filipino history in this and other communities. In addition to this work, Joseph is working on a theatrical musical about the experience of Overseas Filipino Workers.

Aaron Verzosa: Aaron is a Linguistics and Physiology major, interested in exploring labor shortages in the Philippines health-care industry. He writes, "The purpose of my proposal is to create a lasting and critical discourse at the University regarding... labor migration in the Philippines as it pertains to health inequalities." He hopes this important work will instigate a large-scale collaboration in the U.S. and the Philippines, involving students, workers, academics, and others. Aaron will pursue graduate studies in a health specialty and hopes to work on behalf of populations in the developing world.

George Robertson: An exchange student from the University of Western Australia, George ventured to Seattle because he was attracted by the work of HBCLS and its associates at UW. This award supports George's work on the ILWU Union Democracy Reexamined Project, to which he has contributed many hours of research and analytical work. He is currently working with the UW Licensing Advisory Committee to investigate the conditions under which UW apparel is manufactured. George is an active member of the Progressive Branch Alliance of the Australian Labor Party and a passionate advocate for social and economic justice.

MARTHA H. DUGGAN FELLOWSHIP IN LABOR STUDIES

This graduate fellowship was created in 2004 to honor the memory of Martha Duggan, wife of Robert Duggan. Both Bob and Marty were founding supporters of the endowed Chair in Labor Studies, as well as HBCLS. The endowment that Bob established in Marty's name has generated funds that we have awarded to one outstanding graduate student for the 2007-08 year.

Amy Bailey, Doctoral candidate, Sociology. Amy writes, "I am interested in veterans' issues due to the military's substantial impact on stratification and the labor force. Substantial correlations exist between veterans' issues and the provision of caring labor. Military personnel have distinctive patterns of family formation and women's labor force participation, which relate to both the supply of and the demand for caring labor. Male members of the armed forces marry and become fathers earlier than their civilian counterparts, which results in many men leaving behind young wives with young children when they are deployed overseas. Half of all married enlisted women are married to other service members. These patterns raise the issue of provision of caring labor by military spouses, both the occupational requirement that the spouses of many service members become virtual single parents, and the impact that frequent migration and the care of young children may have on their labor force participation."

BEST PAPER PRIZES

HBCLS holds an annual competition for the best Labor Studies papers written in the previous year by both graduate and undergraduate students. The winners and their paper titles are:

Graduate

John Ahlquist, Department of Political Science, for ***Policy by Contract: Social pacts in Australia and New Zealand***

Undergraduate

George Robertson, Political Science major, for ***"Speak out now when others grow silent": The Messenger, the IWW and Debates over New Negro Radicalism***

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Labor and Employment Relations Association, founded in 1947 as the Industrial Relations Research Association, is an organization of professionals interested in industrial relations and human resources. In 1997 the (then IRRA) Seattle chapter established a \$1,000 scholarship to be administered by HBCLS in support of an outstanding student committed to pursuing a profession in labor and/or labor management. This year's winner is:

Patricia George, Ethnic, Gender and Labor Studies, UW Tacoma. After witnessing the injustices of the penal system as a correctional officer, Patricia realized that a solid education would best enable her to promote equality in action, a value that she missed while working at the corrections center. Upon graduation, Patricia will apply to law schools in order to "develop the intellectual skills necessary to successfully represent the working class clients in the practice of employment and labor law."

LELLI FUND SUPPORTS TACOMA'S WORKING WATERFRONT MARITIME MUSEUM

WHEN PHIL LELLI, long-time supporter of the Bridges Chair, died in 2004, a generous group of donors contributed over \$9,500 to create a memorial to him. We are pleased to announce that these funds have now been directed to Tacoma's Working Waterfront Maritime Museum (WWMM). Working in conjunction with the Foss Waterway Seaport, the WWMM is being developed into an exciting collection of exhibits and activities that will educate the public, preserve and showcase the history of Tacoma's working waterfront and demonstrate and teach the maritime crafts and skills. One project currently in development is the Wardroom, a meeting space that will be available for use by the broader Tacoma community. This wardroom will be named after ILWU leader Harry Bridges, and the donations to the Lelli memorial will help to develop this space. For more information on the WWMM, go to www.wfrontmuseum.org

RESEARCH GRANTS

EACH YEAR, HBCLS OFFERS research grants to faculty, staff, and graduate students. In a competitive process, applicants submit proposals which are reviewed by members of the Center's Standing Committee. For the 2007-08 year, HBCLS distributed eight research grants. Below you will find descriptions of the projects we are supporting this year.

Faculty

Professor **Priti Ramamurthy**,
Women Studies

Cotton Body Politics and Social Reproduction in Andhra Pradesh, India

Farming in India is in crisis and this is a serious issue because this industry provides livelihoods for seventy percent of the population. Farm incomes are more uncertain and insecure now that they are closely linked to global agricultural prices, public infrastructure spending on irrigation and health has decreased, and unknowable risks have been introduced with the switch to new agricultural technologies, particularly genetically modified seeds. Farming families are facing a crisis of social reproduction. This project will involve updating government data on labor employment in India, as well as field research to interview farming families and transcribe and translate their stories.

Professor **Mike Honey**, Labor and Ethnic Studies and American History, UW Tacoma
African American Longshore Workers

This research project will build upon the work of Ron Magden (Historian and HBCLS Visiting Committee member) to explore the history of longshore workers in the South Puget Sound with a special exploration of black workers on the west coast. His fieldwork will include research at the ILWU national office in San Francisco, efforts to transcribe existing interviews of longshore workers, and additional in-depth interviews.

Graduate Students

Srinivas Chokkula,
Department of Geography
Spaces of Survival: Daily-wage Labor Markets in India

Srinivas will travel to India to conduct an ethnographic field study about daily wage labor markets (DLM). DLMs are designated market-squares where unemployed, mostly migrant, laborers gather to find work for the day. These spaces are common in cities across India, but have received little scholarly attention. Srinivas hypothesizes that these spaces may be structural extensions of the formal sector, meeting a niche demand for services in urban areas.

Emily Lynch, Department of Anthropology
Health Insurance Reform and Self Care in Washington State

This research will explore a union-negotiated health insurance reform based on the idea of "personal responsibility" in King County, Washington. As a record number of U.S. residents fall through the cracks of the country's health care system, it is important that we understand the role of unions in transforming health policies that attempt to shift the burden of care from groups to the individual.

Jaime Kelly, Department of Geography
Collaboration and Variation among Nonprofit Organizations and Unions in Hong Kong
Jaime plans to travel to Hong Kong to research the ways that non-governmental

organizations (NGOs) and unions craft agendas to meet the needs of informal, casual, or low-wage service sector employees. Through hands-on research, interviews, and project evaluation, she will explore the strengths and weaknesses of the various techniques employed, as well as the collaborative campaigns initiated by these organizations.

Trevor Griffey, Department of History
"Integrating a Burning House": Black Worker Struggles for Affirmative Action in the Age of Deindustrialization

Trevor is exploring the history of the UCWA (United Construction Workers Association) by traveling to various archives across the country to examine the national political context for the UCWA's organizing and expansion attempts. Through this and other case studies of affirmative action movements, Trevor hopes to extend the histories of the Civil Rights Movement and New Left into the 1970s.

Janet Jones, Department of Social Work
The Role of Caring Labor for African American Grandmothers

Janet plans to assess the status of African American grandmothers between the ages of 35 and 65 who are working and caring for their grandchildren. She will conduct oral interviews to obtain information in areas of current work status, household members, and access to community resources. This project will provide relevant information on the conditions of working African American grandmothers, and create a template for future grandmother programs in African American communities.

Devin Kelly, Department of Sociology
Union Power and Technological Change

This project seeks to understand how secondary associations, such as unions, are able to survive in the face of potentially destructive structural and economic crises. Devin will analyze dockworker unions in the Netherlands and the United States to reveal how each has reacted to threatening structural changes, such as cargo containerization and port modernization, from the 1960s through the present. The results will contribute to our understanding of the relationship between organizational power, jurisdiction, and larger structural processes.

Indigenous, Immigrant, Migrant Labour & Globalization

The Pacific Northwest Labor History Association's 40th annual conference is being presented in collaboration with the Labor & Working Class History Association.

June 6th-8th, 2008
Simon Fraser University Harbour Centre
Vancouver, BC

Proposal deadline is January 14, 2008. Please see website for more information: www.pnlha.org

DISTINGUISHED SUPPORTER AWARD

THIS YEAR THE STANDING COMMITTEE of HBCLS has awarded this prize to a significant community supporter. This award recognizes the leadership of people who support and contribute to the Harry Bridges Chair and the Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies. We would not be successful without these outstanding allies, and this is our small way of thanking them for their work on our behalf. We are thrilled to announce the 2007 winner.

Robert Duggan Distinguished Supporter of Labor Studies

JoAnne Jugum, Seattle Public School Teacher and member of the HBCLS Visiting Committee.



JoAnne Jugum is a member of the HBCLS Visiting Committee and a teacher in the Seattle Public Schools. JoAnne, a true product of Seattle, was born here, attended public high school, and graduated from the University of Washington. After graduation, she became an elementary school teacher and taught for over 30 years, most spent as a third grade teacher at Wedgwood Elementary. JoAnne's father, Martin Jugum, played an instrumental role in the creation of the Bridges Center. His union activism was vitally important to his fellow workers and community, and JoAnne learned a lot from her father's work.

Growing up, JoAnne absorbed a great deal of labor history and learned to embrace the past at a very early age. As a child, she was taught about the importance of working conditions, workers' rights, and a union's role in protecting and fighting for workers.

All of these stories and lessons accompanied her into the classroom and helped to frame her view of work as a teacher and as a union member. Throughout her many years of service, she participated as a rank-and-file activist and enjoyed sharing union information with her fellow teachers.

One day with her father, JoAnne expressed amazement that he never used notes when he gave speeches; he told her that everything was in his head. When

JoAnne spoke at her retirement party, she didn't need notes, and it was then that she really understood her father: "If you live it and are passionate about it, you can speak from your heart." JoAnne will continue to speak in this way, as she presents the Jugum Award each year for the Bridges Center. She is happy to be able to carry on the legacy of her father, who loved to talk to and teach young people about unions.

Recognized in a book of Outstanding Teachers of America, and the recipient of the Golden Acorn and Washington State PTA Outstanding Educator Awards for her service to the school and community, JoAnne continues to teach throughout Seattle as a substitute. She loves this work and will continue to do it as long as she can.

RECENT FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Harry Bridges Chair, **Dan Jacoby**, has published "The Effects of Part-time Faculty Employment upon Community College Graduation Rates" in the *Journal of Higher Education*, as well as "The New Cooling Out Functions in Higher Education" in *Teachers College Record*.

He participated in an Educational Testing Society Symposium at Princeton in May 2007. Prof. Jacoby's presentation was entitled "Chill: How and Why Reliance on Part-time Faculty in Community Colleges 'Cools out' Students and Faculty".

Mike Honey, Professor of History, UW Tacoma founding faculty member, and former Harry Bridges Chair, and has recently been named the first recipient of the university's new Fred T. and Dorothy G. Haley Endowed Professorship in the Humanities.

Prof. Honey has published *Going Down Jericho Road: The Memphis Strike, Martin Luther King's Last Campaign*.

Additionally, Prof. Honey is incoming President-elect of the Labor and Working-Class History Association (LAWCHA).

David Olson, Professor Emeritus of Political Science and Bridges Chair Emeritus, received the 2007 Outstanding Civic Educator Award from the Washington State Senate at

the Washington State Civic Education Day in Olympia, Washington.

Margaret Levi has recently published "Coalitions of Contention: The Case of the WTO Protests in Seattle" (with Gillian Murphy) in *Political Studies*. This article draws on the HBCLS WTO History Project and was published in December 2006.

Prof. Levi is now the faculty co-chair of the UW Licensing Advisory Committee, which works to ensure that products with the UW Logo are produced in sweatshop-free conditions.



Mark Smith, Associate Professor of Political Science, Adjunct Professor of Communication, and HBCLS Standing Committee member published *The Right Talk: How Conservatives Transformed the Great Society into the Economic Society*.

Conventional wisdom attributes the Republican resurgence to a political bait and switch—the notion that conservatives win elections on social issues like abortion and religious expression, but once in office implement far-reaching policies on the economic issues downplayed during campaigns. Smith illuminates instead the

eye-opening reality that economic matters have become more central, not less, to campaigns and the public agenda.

James Gregory, Professor of History and HBCLS faculty associate, has won UW's James D. Clowes Award for the Advancement of Learning Communities for his work on The Seattle Civil Rights and Labor History Project. For his book, *The Southern Diaspora: How The Great Migrations of Black and White Southerners Transformed America*, he won the 2006 Philip Taft Labor History Award, which is administered by the ILR School at Cornell University.

Anna Haley-Lock, Professor in the School of Social Work and HBCLS faculty associate, has co-authored a piece coming out this fall that presents the theoretical perspective to ground the restaurant study that was recently funded by the Bridges Center. She also co-authored a companion study analyzing chain restaurants in Seattle and Chicago, titled "Protecting vulnerable workers: A framework for understanding how public policy and private employers shape the contemporary low-wage work experience". This will be published in *Families in Society* in Fall 2007.

NEW BRIDGES CENTER FACULTY ASSOCIATES



Hwasook Nam joined the faculty of the History Dept. and the Jackson School of International Studies in the fall of 2007. Hwasook grew up in Seoul, South

Korea where she studied Korean history, earning an MA degree at Seoul National University. Her thesis was on the colonial Korean women's movement. She continued her graduate work at the UW with the late professor of History, James Palais. While a PhD student, Hwasook worked as a certified interpreter, helping Korean immigrants at clinics and courts, and as a full time temporary worker at a high-tech company in Redmond. Working as a temp redoubled her commitment to labor studies and her research on shipbuilding worker activism in twentieth-century Korea. Hwasook earned her doctoral degree in 2003 and taught Korean and Asian history at the University of Utah for four years. Her first book, *Labor's Place in South Korean Development*, will be published by the UW Press next year. This fall she will be in South Korea, conducting research for her next book on the history of slavery and domestic servant labor in Korea. Hwasook benefited from a graduate research grant from the Bridges

Center in 1995 and she is looking forward to being involved in the activities of the Center in coming years.



Angelina Snodgrass Godoy received her PhD in Sociology from UC Berkeley in 2001, and joined the UW's Jackson School of International Studies faculty in 2002.

Her recent research has examined issues of violence, social control, human rights, and democracy, particularly in Latin America. Her book, *Popular Injustice: Violence, Community, and Law in Latin America* (Stanford University Press, 2006), focuses on the spread of highly punitive forms of social control (known locally as *mano dura*) in post-authoritarian Latin America, and on the use of vigilante "justice". At present, she is conducting research on free trade agreements and their effects on health and human rights. Godoy teaches courses in human rights, social theory, and special topics relating to violence, democracy, and the law. Students who participate in Godoy's study abroad course are part of the UW's Guatemala Project, a youth empowerment project connected to the Movimiento de Trabajadores Campesinos, MTC, a Guatemalan NGO. Students meet

with women leaders from SITRACIMA and SITRACHOI, the only two existing unions in the entire maquiladora industry (apparel sweatshops), and are currently developing a campaign to help a group of women workers there who have been illegally fired.



Jake Rosenfeld joined the UW's Dept. of Sociology in the fall of 2007 from Princeton University, where he recently completed a dissertation analyzing

various political effects of the decline of labor unions since the Reagan administration. His main interests include work and occupations, stratification, political sociology, and criminology. A recent investigation into the changing effects of work stoppages on wages was published in *Social Forces*; another article on the relationship between mid-level managerial pay and union decline appeared in *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility*. This fall, Rosenfeld will teach a course that takes a comparative look at labor unions in the advanced democracies, with a special focus on U.S. exceptionalism. The Bridges Center will soon be sponsoring a presentation of his new work on labor union participation and voter turnout.

NEW BRIDGES CENTER VISITING COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Rich Austin was born in Berkeley, CA to activist parents and first worked on the waterfront in 1956. Rich registered as a longshoreman in San Francisco in 1967,

where he served on numerous committees and held various offices at Local 10, until transferring north to Everett Local 32 in 1976. In 1988 he became a member of the ILWU Coast Labor Relations Committee and later served as an ILWU International Vice-President. Rich retired from the waterfront in 2003, but will never retire from the ILWU. In 2006 he was elected President of the ILWU Pacific Coast Pensioners Association. Rich serves on the Skagit County Democratic Central Committee, the Labor and Progressive Caucuses of the Washington State Democratic Central Committee, the WSDCC Affirmative Action Committee, and is on the Executive Board of the Washington State Alliance for Retired Americans. Rich and his wife, Mona, live in

north Puget Sound. He is the proud father of Anita and Rich, Jr., loving grandfather to Avery, Cole, Joe, and step-grandfather to Annie and Katie. His son-in-law Grant, daughter-in-law Gretchen, and Mona's children and grandchildren round out their happy family. He lists his priorities as family first and union second, and remains committed to the struggle for social and economic justice and peace.



Washington State Sen. Jeanne Kohl-Welles, D-Seattle, has represented the 36th Legislative District in the Washington State Senate since 1995.

She also served for three years in the state House of Representatives, where she was elected majority whip. Today Kohl-Welles serves as chair of the Senate Labor, Commerce, Research & Development Committee, where she has championed legislation protecting workers, reforming the

state's unemployment insurance system and promoting Washington's burgeoning wine and beer industries. She is also a member of the Senate Health & Long-Term Care, Rules, and Ways & Means committees. Kohl-Welles earned her BA and MA in education at California State University, Northridge, and her MA and PhD in sociology of education from UCLA. Prior to her election to the Legislature, she served as assistant dean/coordinator of women's programs at the University of California, Irvine, and educational equity specialist for the U.S. Department of Education, assisting school districts in implementing Title IX. In addition, she taught sociology and women's studies at California State University Long Beach & Fullerton. She has been teaching courses on gender and education and women at the University of Washington for the past 21 years. She's an expert witness in lawsuits on sexual harassment and misconduct in schools and mail-order bride abuses.

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November 16, 2007

Visiting speaker **Cesar Rodriguez-Garavito** (Universidad de los Andes, Law)

November 19, 2007

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November 27, 2007

Visiting speaker **Robert Fishman** (University of Notre Dame, Sociology)

December 4, 2007

Professor **Jake Rosenfeld** (Sociology) will speak about his recent work on unions

January 29, 2008

Visiting speaker **Peter Cole** (Western Illinois University, History) will discuss his new book *Wobblies on the Waterfront: Interracial Unionism in Progressive-Era Philadelphia*

February 5, 2008

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