BRIDGES CENTER THRIVES, AS THE NATION DIVES

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR – MICHAEL MCCANN

THE PAST YEAR IN many ways has been a productive one for us in the Bridges Center, but the fall 2016 national election brought terrible implications for workers, the labor community, the nation, and the world. Because I strongly believe that we must remain positive and seize opportunities for advancing change as well as resistance to the Trump administration, I will try to stick to reporting positive developments in our activity.

One of our very successful experiments this year involved hiring a part-time Graduate Assistant to expand staff capacity in a variety of ways we have discussed for years. We were fortunate to hire Filiz Kahraman, a Political Science student involved in graduate student union politics, the Labor Studies Student Association, and a long history of progressive activism; her doctoral dissertation researched the growing jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights on labor issues and their variable effects for workers “on the ground.” Filiz began the challenging work of fortifying and regularizing ongoing Center connections with our many award winning graduate students, undergraduates, and faculty researchers. She also organized the first regular workshare colloquia series, which brought together graduate and faculty researchers for discussion, often including interested people in the broader community. I was very happy to present my own work on A. Philip Randolph and his vision of “radical rights” advocacy in one such workshop. Filiz also provided additional staff support freeing up Andrew Hedden, who this year was promoted to the position of Associate Director, for a variety of administrative activities. We will continue this staff position this coming year, with Jiwoon Yulee, who is a doctoral candidate in Gender, Women and Sexuality Studies completing a dissertation on struggles by South Korean janitorial workers.

One of the most successful and important events that we sponsored was as institutional host for the Labor and Working Class History Association’s annual meeting in Seattle, on June 22-25, 2017. The meetings attracted over 400 scholars in a three day program of keynote events, thematic panels, and side events, like the Seattle Labor History Bus Tour led by Andrew Hedden on Sunday morning. On Saturday evening, the Labor Archives of Washington took center stage for its annual event: “Past Forward: The Legacy of Left Coast Militant Unionism and Lessons for Today’s Struggles.” Labor Archivists Conor Casey, Robin Walker, and Catherine Powell each talked about the role of archivists in documenting the histories of working people and union activity on the west coast over the last century. A fantastic panel of Terri Mast, Rich Austin, Jr., and Dean McGrath concluded the event with stirring talks that linked the past of the ILWU and the current struggles in the Trump era. It was an enormously successful event that won rave reviews from all, especially for the leadership by LAWCHA President and Bridges Chair Jim Gregory, and planning skills of Andrew Hedden.

We also sponsored or participated in a variety of other events related to precarious work, health care, human rights abuse cover-ups, remembering the Everett Massacre, a racial justice teach-in, Worker Memorial Day, fundraising for the Frank Jenkins Memorial Fellowship, and much more. Along with more such activities in the next year, we are starting on planning two big forthcoming events. One is an all-day conference for labor studies at the University of Washington on Saturdays after noon.

ANNUAL AWARDS CELEBRATION & LABOR STUDIES FUNDRAISER

Saturday, November 11, 2017 • Husky Union Building (HUB), University of Washington, Seattle, WA. • 5:00pm – 8:00pm

PLEASE JOIN US for the Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies annual awards banquet as we honor student and faculty achievements and raise funds for labor studies at the University of Washington.

Reserve your ticket today! Tickets are free, but due to annual high attendance we ask that you please RSVP in advance by contacting the Bridges Center at (206) 543-7946 or by visiting tinyurl.com/hbcls2017.

A map of campus, with the HUB indicated, is available at uw.edu/maps/?HUB. Parking is free at the University of Washington on Saturdays after noon.

Support Labor Studies! To raise funds for labor studies at the University of Washington, we are offering the chance to sponsor the banquet at two levels:

$500 — Table Sponsor: Reserves a table seating 8.

$1000 — Event Sponsor: Reserves a table seating 8; and special recognition at the event.

To sponsor the event, turn to the back page of this newsletter, or visit tinyurl.com/hbcls2017sponsor.

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LABOR ARCHIVES – MAKING HISTORY WORK FOR YOU

CONOR CASEY, LABOR ARCHIVIST, DIRECTOR & CRYSTAL ROGERS, ASSISTANT LABOR ARCHIVIST

SINCE OUR FOUNDING IN 2010, the Labor Archives of Washington has been sustained by donations from dozens of unions and hundreds of individuals. State funding beginning in 2015 allowed us to expand our programs and services. The funds allow for LAW staff support, supplies, and a full-time assistant archivist to help process collections, stage exhibits, and conduct a regional labor records roundups.

Crystal Rogers joined the Labor Archives’ team as Assistant Labor Archivist in September 2016. This has allowed LAW to create more travelling and on-site exhibits, which have increased from an average of one a year to four in the last year. Conor Casey continues to direct and manage LAW, serving as principal selector and outreach coordinator while delegating critical support activities and social media related publicity activities to Rogers. This has allowed Casey to expand collecting, outreach, and instruction activities as well as writing articles highlighting collections in various professional and labor publications.

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR CONTINUED FROM FRONT

JOINING local activists and scholars, coordinated by the Bridges Center and the Washington Alliance for Resistance. Tentatively titled “Working America: Mobilizing for Change in the Trump Era,” it is planned for March 3, 2017, in the Walker Ames room on the UW campus. Planning is also beginning for a series of events commemorating the Seattle General Strike of 1919. Please stay tuned for notices of developments on both endeavors.

Finally, in my fourth and final year as Director of the Bridges Labor Center, I am happy to welcome back Jim Gregory, who will replace George Lovell as the Bridges Chair. George moved on to a position as Divisional Dean of the Social Sciences. It will be great to have a labor activist among the decanal managers on campus. And it will be great to work with Jim, who will be very involved in planning for the conference next March and much else. We all have a great deal of work to do in this trying political moment, and I appreciate Jim’s contributions along with those by our staff, associated faculty, students, and friends in the labor community.

UNTITLED [MOTHER AND TWO CHILDREN], 1936.

PERRY, GEORGE (ca. 1926-1981)

UNTITLED (PAINTING), 2015.

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Iris Wagner, Law, Sociology and Justice: Following her work with long-term laborers in her travels around the country, Iris has dedicated her studies and work towards labor justice. While at UW, Iris has worked for the Human Rights Defense Center on campaigns and cases that address unjust labor practices within pris ons and detention centers. Partly motivated by her work at immigration detention centers, Iris has advocated on behalf of those subject to exploitative labor conditions. The Center’s work is a direct link to her studies, she has committed herself to pursuing the legal and economic systems that perpetuate injustice.

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Andrew Canini, Anthropology: As a gradu ate student at UW, Andrew Canini’s research focuses on the working conditions and terms of employment of newly resettled refugees. As a former refugee resettlement case manager in Seattle, Andrew witnessed firsthand the exploitive conditions experienced by newly resettled refugees. She subsequently spent a year working for Teamsters Local 117, learning how to connect refugee immigrant communities to the local labor movement. As an anthropolo gist, she uses community-based participatory action to work alongside refugee workers’ efforts to unison while addressing the gaps in academic literature regarding refugee settle ment. In the U.S. as a member of a academy employees union UW-A112, she also serves as a bargaining committee member and a delegate to the ILWU, King. County Labor Council.

SILMIE DOMINGO & GENE VIERNES SCHOLARSHIP IN LABOR STUDIES

This scholarship honors Domingo and Viernes, two Seattle leaders who fought for union democracy alongside Filipino canny workers and organized in solidarity with the workers in the Ferdinand Marcos dictatorship. The scholarship is given to graduate students studying and working in labor studies.

Jamie Wong, Occupational Health and Safety: A child of migrant workers and a first genera tion student, Jamie’s work in labor connecting workers’ rights through health and safety. As a nursing as sistant, Jamie has attended a unionization drive and also co-coordinated a facilitated workshop on organizing workers in employers in Taiwan, China and Hong Kong. She has co-organized a New American Center for striking port workers, facilitating a meeting between the Hong Kong Dockers Union and East African port workers in Seattle to share struggles and management structures. She also uses her skills as a nurse to help the people in her community by participating in community media trainings, holding conversations about workplace health and safety, and discussing strategies to support incarcerated individuals.

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Kriya Velasco, Education: A queer Asian American and Brown, Kriya is a liberal arts educator and researcher specializing in the intersection of history, education, and identity. Through the Center for Experiential Learning and Diversity’s Pipeline Program, which focuses on concepts such as subaltern narratives, race, imperialism, the Philippine-American war, the labor history of Seattle, intersectionality and the structure of schooling. Previously, Kriya worked with the Filipino Workers Center, a grassroots organization in Los Angeles working with Filipino healthcare workers to demand safe working conditions and fair wages. With funding from the scholarship, Kriya will transition into the Ph.D. program in Multicultural Education and continue the legacy of Filipino-American activism.

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Drawing on an organizational sociology and newsroom ethnographic data gathered in Kigali, Rwanda, Ruth’s paper shows how narratives constructed from elements of the hegemonic history function as myths that impact journalism culture on both ideological and practical levels.

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Jose’s dissertation research investigates how Puerto Rican and Chicano politicians and activists joined historically to create a Latino voting bloc. In particular, Jose addresses how these historic efforts to unionize workers contributed to shaping the efforts of Latinos to gain voting rights. At the same time, he explores the structural factors related to the disproportionate underrepresentation of the Voting Rights Act in 1965 which continue to thwart the Latino vote, including race and colonization.

P. Joshua Griffig, Anthropology: Whither the “Mixed Economy”?: Labor, Care, and Survivance in Northwest Iñupiaq Alaska

Kivalina, an Iñupiaq community made up of 460 people on a barrier island on the Northwest coast of Alaska, is the focus of P. Joshua’s research into how climate change displacement and contemporary indigenous politics. 85 miles above the Arctic Circle, Kivalina will be rendered uninhabitable by 2021 according to 2021 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. As a mixed race, queer, Asian American ethnographer, Joshua will explore the dynamic labor practices and collective desires of Kivalina and thrive in the community.

Daki Hiroamori, Sociology: Sexual Orientation, Transgender Status, and Incarceration in Japan: Understanding the Social Institutions Shaping the Experience of Transgender Persons

By conducting the first representative survey in Japan to use a standardized approach to stratiﬁcation from one’s LGBTT status, Daki’s project explores the alignment of LGBTT as an axis of analysis within labor studies. It will also compare patterns of institutional discrimination based on sexual orientation and transgender status in non-Western and Western countries.

Yiyan Tian, Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies in Social Medicine: The Bridges Center receives funding from the Washington State legislature to support research by UW faculty and graduate students on labor-related issues to inform policy-making.

Michele Cadigan, Sociology: Becoming a Marijuana Expert: Vulnerability in Contacted Work

Since the legalization of marijuana in Washington State, cannabis retailers have focused on legitimating cannabis by promoting its potential benefits to consumers. One group at the forefront of such efforts are retail workers, who often see their role in legitimizing cannabis to be of more importance than their own working conditions and pay. Michele’s research explores what the potential cannabis labor market looks like in terms of hours worked, average pay and benefits, and how it relates to the various arguments that cannabis retailers make for the legitimization of their products.

Bianca Fogner, Family Medicine

Effects of Increasing Minimum Wage on Expanding Health Insurance Coverage on Job Creation and Care Workers

Low-skilled healthcare workers are more likely to experience poverty, lack health insurance, and use government assistance when compared to higher-skilled healthcare workers. Bridging the gap between low-skilled healthcare workers and minimum wage and health coverage efforts, Bianca’s study looks at how the increase in minimum wage might vary in access to affordable health insurance has influenced health and home-care aides. In doing so, she hopes to in form policy debates on minimum wage increases as well as the Affordable Health Care Act.

Diana Pearce, Social Work


Washington State has been one of the country’s leaders in raising the minimum wage with Seattle among the leading cities. Using the Self-Sufﬁciency Standard, Diana will reﬁne the analysis of the minimum wage impact by modeling the unemployment effects both at Seattle’s city- level and Washington State- level. The study will consider the diverse impacts the minimum wage has had on various affected demographics.
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MARTHA H. DUGGAN FELLOWSHIP IN CARING LABOR

This award is given in memory of Martha H. Duggan, whose caring labor made possible the life work of her husband and key Bridges Center founding supporter, Robert Duggan. It is given to graduate students studying or providing caring labor.

Jamie Wieg, Occupational Health: A child of migrant workers and a first-generation student, Jamie’s work in labor has taken on a unionization drive and also facilitated working conditions, organizing, and management structures. She also uses her skills as a nurse to help the people in her community by participating in community media trainings, holding conversations about workplace health and safety, and discussing strategies to support incarcerated individuals.

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WELCOMING NEW STAFF

WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME two new students to our staff in the coming year. Both are committed activists and educators who will be enormous assets to the Bridges Center’s mission of promoting and supporting the study of labor and working people at the University of Washington.

Gema Soto-Marquez joins the Bridges Center as our undergraduate student assistant. Majoring in Political Science with a minor in the Comparative History of Ideas, Gema has dedicated her education to developing an intersectional analysis of social justice issues. She is the incoming co-chair of Movimiento Estudiantil Chicanx de Aztlán (MEChA) de UW, a national organization of Chicana/o students dedicated to grassroots movements for immigrants’ rights and indigenous sovereignty.

After graduating, Gema plans to pursue a law degree in order “to learn the inaccessible language of law so that I can not only make that knowledge accessible to the public, but also protect activists and communities that affected by unjust policies and capitalism.” In working at the Bridges Center she hopes to “reach students with a passion for social justice so that they feel supported in their efforts of promoting a fair society.”

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Jiwoon has taught undergraduate courses like Introduction to Women’s Studies and Gender and Globalization at UW. Her class examines social justice movements that have improved working conditions, as well as those that have faced difficulties to adapt to changes.

She received the Bridges Center’s Martha H. Duggan Fellowship in Caring Labor in 2016-2017 and the UW International Research Fellowship in 2014.
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**THE BRIDGES CENTER IS FUNDED primarily through the financial contributions of working people and their unions. The Harry Bridges Chair in Labor Studies was established in 1992 following a grassroots fundraising campaign, and since that time eight separate funds have been created by donors to advance the study of labor at the University of Washington. In 2013, two new endowments were created, bringing the total of Labor Studies endowments to ten and establishing critical new resources for students and scholars.**

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A longtime member of the Bridges Center’s Visiting Committee, Lila Smith first joined the Committee in 1997 at the invitation of ILWU leadership, who asked Smith to ensure that workers and their knowledge were valued and respected by the university. In the two decades since, Smith has served in this capacity in many ways—advising Center projects, hosting student interns, participating in conferences, and speaking in classes. Most recently, in creating the Endowment for Working Women’s Archives, Smith mostly grew up in the Seattle area. After graduating from Ballard High School, she attended community college and the University of Washington but never finished a degree, feeling out of place as a young working-class woman in a middle-class institution. In the 1980s she began working in the Washington State ferry system where, as a rank and file member of the marine division of the ILWU, the Inlandboatmen’s Union of the Pacific (IBU), she entered the labor movement. Advocating for women in what was then a mostly male trade, Smith fought for equal pay and became increasingly involved in her union, elected as a steward and serving on the union’s executive board. Her activities extended into her community as well, acting as president of the Puget Sound Coalition of Labor Union Women and chair of the 32nd District Democrats.

In 1997, after three years of careful organizing, Smith led the successful resolution to change the name of the International Longshoremen’s and Warehousemen’s Union in order to reflect that both women and men worked the waterfront. That same year, Smith was hired by the ILWU to work as an ITF inspector, monitoring the conditions of workers on vessels docked in Washington State ports. At the time, she was the only woman in the world to serve full-time in such a position. For the next twenty years, Smith did her best to uphold the ILWU’s global reputation as an advocate for workers everywhere, inspecting ships to confirm fair pay and working conditions for crews from countries throughout the world. Retired as of January 1, 2017, Smith is grateful for the opportunities she has had and the positions she has been in allowing her to act as an advocate. She has taken time in retirement to travel, visit family, and care for friends. And she has continued her advocacy. In creating the Endowment for Working Women’s Archives, Smith has ensured future generations will be educated about the struggles that have transformed workplaces for women, ensuring achievements are remembered and not taken for granted. In honoring Smith with this year’s Distinguished Supporter Award, the Bridges Center strives to honor and remember Lila’s achievements in a similar way.

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**WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME two new students to our staff in the coming year. Both are committed activists and educators who will be enormous assets to the Bridges Center’s mission of promoting and supporting the study of labor and working people at the University of Washington.**

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**Gema Soto-Marquez joins the Bridges Center as our undergraduate student assistant. Majoring in Political Science with a minor in the Comparative History of Ideas, Gema has dedicated her education to developing an intersectional analysis of social justice issues. She is the incoming co-chair of Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (MEChA) at UW, a national organization of Chicano students dedicated to grassroots movements for immigrants’ rights and indigenous sovereignty.**

After graduating, Gema plans to pursue a law degree in order “to learn the inescapable language of law so that I can only make that knowledge accessible to the public, but also protect activists and communities that affected by unjust policies and capitalism.” In working at the Bridges Center she hopes to “reach students with a passion for social justice so that they feel supported in their efforts of promoting a fair society.”

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