A BANNER YEAR AT THE BRIDGES CENTER

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR – MICHAEL MCCANN

The past year has been extraordinarily busy, exciting, and productive for the labor movement and for the Bridges Center. In my first message as Center Director, a year ago, I outlined two goals – first, to continue building on the theme of “Working Democracy Continues...Because Radical Inequality Persists;” and second, to secure permanent financial support for the Labor Archives of Washington and our devoted labor archivist, Conor Casey. I am very happy to report great progress on both fronts.

I address the Labor Archives of Washington (LAW) first. We thought we were extraordinarily blessed when, in November of 2014, Dean Robert Stacey in the College of Arts and Sciences committed $50,000 a year to the archivist’s salary, adding to the many hundreds of thousands of dollars generously donated by the labor community. Moreover, Dean Stacey committed the College to covering the full salary if and when donated funds were exhausted. With the additional development of the Friends of the Labor Archive, the future of LAW seemed secure, a cause for great excitement.

But this was a mere preamble to an ever bigger development. This July, we learned that the state had included in the UW budget $200,000 for LAW, thanks to the tireless and creative efforts of Jeff Johnson’s team at the Washington State Labor Council AFL-CIO, the governor, and many supportive legislators. This permanent annual funding will not only retain Conor Casey, whose position has been upgraded and who now is under review for promotion, but also that of a second archivist and a technical assistant. The result is that LAW is not only secure for the future, but its capacity for documenting the history of the labor movement in the Pacific Northwest has greatly expanded. Again, this is all very exciting.

At the same time, these developments free up the great deal of time, money, and energy expended by the Bridges Center in recent years to build LAW. We are working to expand staff support to help out Andrew Hedden, whose fabulous work as Program Coordinator has been essential to all the other developments. We are also very happy to be in the process of moving the Bridges Center into a new, more spacious, and pleasant (windows!) two-office suite on the Mezzanine level of Smith Hall (Rooms 266-268). Immediately adjacent to the Law, Societies, & Justice program and Center for Human Rights, we will be joining a “social justice cluster” in that space. For all of these happy developments, we cannot thank those unions, individuals, and university administrators who have made it all possible.

While the preceding events unfolded, the Bridges Center remained busy developing its educational and outreach mission regarding the many rousing struggles by the labor movement to challenge growing economic and political inequality. Last year, we hosted dozens of talks, events, and conferences, including an all-day conference and large exhibit on Carlos Bulosan, and forums on “Militarized Policing and Public Protest: From WTO Protests to Ferguson” and “Worker Cooperatives: Democracy at Work.”

This past April, we held the first Labor Archives Annual Event, which kicked-off an ambitious new research endeavor: The SeaTac-Seattle Minimum Wage Campaign History Project. This web archive will feature hundreds of pictures and videos, extensive links to media coverage, and a cutting edge timeline and national map showing the

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ANNUAL AWARDS CELEBRATION & LABOR STUDIES FUNDRAISER

Saturday, November 14, 2015 • 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 programs 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 hbcls@u.washington.edu.

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

Support Labor Studies! To raise funds for the Bridges Center and the Labor Archives, 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 in the dinner program.

For a sponsorship form, turn to the back page of this newsletter. For more information, contact the Bridges Center at (206) 543-7946, or e-mail hbcls@uw.edu. All donations are tax-deductible.
LABOR ARCHIVES’ FORTHCOMING MARCH CONTINUES!

REPORT FROM THE LABOR ARCHIVES – CONOR CASEY

OCTOBER 1, 2015 MARKS THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY of the Labor Archives of Washington and my fifth year as labor archivist. It has been quite a year for me both professionally and personally, but our work to collect, preserve, and make accessible the stories of the working people who built the Pacific Northwest is only beginning.

We are Growing! This year, the Labor Archives was incredibly fortunate. Through the efforts of Michael McCann, LAW received a one-time budget contribution of $50,000 from UW’s College of Arts and Sciences. Another welcome development came in July, when LAW learned that, thanks to generous efforts by the Washington State Labor Council AFL-CIO, we now enjoy funding from the state legislature for the next two years.

This new funding supports my position of Labor Archivist, a curatorial assistant, supplies—and most importantly—allows LAW to hire a full-time Survey Archivist. The Survey Archivist will work directly with the labor community in the Pacific Northwest to document collections still in organizational offices and personal residences. This additional staff will allow LAW to reach broader, more diverse audiences and create new exhibits and curriculum.

Also on the fundraising front, LAW recently received over $7,000 for archival supplies from the UW Libraries Allen Endowment Fund, and another $5,000 from the Friends of the UW Libraries to process the Harold J. Gibson papers, a key historical leader of the International Association of Machinists, District Lodge 752.

Online Labor History The Labor Archives’ continue to provide access to history through our ever-growing on-line digital portal. Latest items include materials related to Filipino American writer Carlos Bulosan and oral histories of ILIUW and ILA dockworkers by scholar Howard Kimeldorf. Forthcoming additions include Langston and Tongear oral histories by historian Ronald Magden; new interviews collected by ILIUW Local 19 member Shaun Maloney; and an online exhibit about the art of printmaker and activist Richard V. Corell. LAW is also collaborating with the Bridges Center on a major venture called the Seafarers Minimum Wage History Project, which should go live late this fall.

Our Community Makes Us Strong Since 2010, LAW has hosted a small army of volunteers and student employees—94 to date. To honor the individual who has contributed the most in a given year, we bestow the annual Berner-Winn Award, named after two UW archivists who helped form the core of the Labor Archives. For 2015, we honor UW Libraries Digital Projects Specialist Kristin Kinsey, whose steadfast work to help digitize and highlight LAW collections has resulted in thousands of materials being added on-line.

Our work is made possible by our generous community. For example, in 2015 we completed a project for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 46. The union donated over $30,000 to fund project archivists to process and digitize their records. The union preserved their history in time for their centennial and received electronic, searchable versions of records that will be of great use to their officers, members, and retirees as well as researchers.

Consultation and Collection New collections arrive daily. The latest include the records of Working Washington; the Seattle chapters of the A. Philip Randolph Institute and the Asian Pacific Labor Alliance; and the KDP (Union of Democratic Filipinos), an organization that played a strong role in ending the Ferdinand Marcos dictatorship in the Philippines. Other highlights include the papers of Frank Krasnowsky, a United Steelworkers' organizer and Socialists Workers Party member; legendary ILIUW Local 23 leader Phil Lelli; labor historian Ottilee Markholt; and radical labor activist Lonnie Nelson.

Thank you for your continued support. I welcome you to contact me for research help, to donate a collection, or to speak with your organization about a potential archives project!

Contact Conor Casey at 206-685-3976 or e-mail cmcasey@uw.edu

VISIT THE LABOR ARCHIVES ON-LINE!

Visit the Labor Archives website to learn more about our region’s labor history, browse over 250 collections of photos, documents and ephemera, or to make a donation of your own.

www.laborarchives.org
This year, the Bridges Center will provide over $80,000 in scholarships, grants, and prizes to support students and faculty pursuing the study of labor.

Martin and Anne Jugum Scholarship in Labor Studies

This undergraduate scholarship honors former ILWU Local 19 leader Martin “Jug” Jugum and his wife Anne. It is given annually to students with a strong commitment to labor and organizing.

Ari Hermida, Mathematics: As an in-class public school tutor, Ari witnessed the strike deliberations of the Seattle Education Association over the 2014-2015 school year, which inspired her to learn more about the labor movement. As a student at UW, Ari has worked as a research assistant studying the Industrial Workers of the World’s use of strike deliberations in class public school structures in cooperatives.

Emilee Wood, Sociology: This past school year, Emilee served as a co-chair for UW’s chapter of United Students Against Sweatshops where she participated in several campaigns to improve working conditions in Bangladesh garment factories. During the summer, Emilee has participated in the SeaTac/Seattle Minimum Wage History Project to collect and archive information regarding the history of the SeaTac $15 minimum wage victories in those two cities. This upcoming school year, she will be serving as a USAS representative on the board of the Workers Rights Consortium, an independent monitoring agency that conducts factory inspections. Following from her interest in the study of labor and social movements, she also plans to pursue a minor in Labor Studies.

Gundlach Scholarship in Labor Studies

The Gundlach Scholarship honors ILWU secretary and labor activist Jean Gundlach, her brother and former UW Professor Ralph Gundlach – a victim of communist witch-hunt in the 1950s and his siblings Wilford and Betty.

Michael Reagan, History: A doctoral candidate in History, Michael is a long time labor activist and organizer. He currently volunteers with the Seattle Solidarity Network where he assists in workplace and tenant campaigns. Michael is also a writer for the War Times/Tiempos de Guerra Project, a website that covers labor and organizing. Michael’s dissertation, titled Capital City: New York in Fiscal Crisis, researches the struggles of unions and workers played in New York City’s famous 1975 crisis. Michael is in his final year of dissertation research for the project, which will be the first full-length study of the crisis.

Martha H. Duggan fellowship in Caring Labor

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Stephanie Cruz, Anthropology: As a former medical education (CME) center technician, Stephanie handled and cared for dead bodies and medical cadavers. Now a graduate student, Stephanie returns to her previous field of work, this time as an anthropologist. In her dissertation research, she explores the relationship between caring practices, behavior, and terminology in “cadaveric spaces,” asking how medical techniques construct their sense of self, work, and the bodies they prepare. Since coming to the UW, Stephanie has also worked as a registered nurse on a project exploring best practices to enhance health care for children and another exploring societal implications of nanotechnology.

LERA and Samuel B. Bassett Scholarships in Labor Relations

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Garret Strain, Public Policy and government: The son of a union teacher and construction worker, Garret joined United Students Against Sweatshops as a UW undergraduate. He was a student leader with USAS’s campaign against Sodexo and worked as a campaign coordinator regarding labor and organizing. Michael’s dissertation, titled Capital City: New York in Fiscal Crisis, researches the struggles of unions and workers played in New York City’s famous 1975 crisis. Michael is in his final year of dissertation research for the project, which will be the first full-length study of the crisis.

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Silme Domingo & Gene Viernes Scholarship in Labor Studies

This scholarship honors Silme Domingo and Gene Viernes, two Seattle labor leaders who fought for union democracy alongside Filipino cannery workers and organized in solidarity with the Filipinos to the Fordland Marcus dictatorship. The prize goes to students entering the University of Washington this year.

Maria Blancas, Medical Anthropology and Global Health: A daughter of migrant seasonal farmwork- ers, Maria currently serves as the Outreach Coordinator for the Moses Lake Community Health Center as part of the Promotores de Salud Program. As part of the program, she helps facilitate access to care for the communities while addressing health disparities. Maria is an advocate for the underserved and migrant seasonal farmworkers. In the future, Maria hopes to continue improving the status of farmworkers and ensuring that there are pathways through which farmworkers and their families are able to obtain better health outcomes.

Derek Dixon, Social Work: Derek’s interest in Filipino migrant workers’ struggle began as an undergraduate student when he was introduced to Carlos Bulosan’s work in an Asian American literature course. He found in many narratives of experiences among Flores laborers and the struggles of his own great-grandfather. As a student, Derek was actively involved in AnakBayan Seattle, a community-based advocacy and struggle for democratic mass organization of Filipino youth, where he organized fundraising and community events. He now serves as the community organizer at API Chaya, an agency which seeks to support survivors of domestic/sexual violence and human trafficking. This fall, Derek hopes to expand his knowledge of labor studies in the global context of human trafficking and violence against women at the UW School of Social Work.

Best Paper Prize

Every year, the Bridges Center gives an award to the finest labor studies essays written by UW students.

UNDERGRADUATE

Joe Stormer, Comparative History of Ideas: The Other Struggle: The Sexual Division of Labor in Argentina’s Movement of Empresas Recuperadas In 2001, workers in Argentina responded to economic crisis and widespread unemployment by occupying and reopening over two hundred shuttered workplaces called empre- sas recuperadas, or reclaimed businesses. Stormer’s paper details how, within the struggle to reopen the occupied workplaces, women fought to be equal participants in the movement. Domestic obligations, traditionally gendered workplace roles, and men’s fear of losing their breadwinner status disproportionately threatened women’s equal participation on the shop floors and in the movement. The one-worker-one-vote principle of cooperativism, meanwhile, determined whether an empresa recuperada would become a place of either liberation or continued male domination.

GRADUATE

Daniel Caims, School of Law: New Formalities for Casual Labor: Addressing Unintended Consequences of China’s Labor Contract Law

In this paper, Caims examines the interaction of the labor market and labor legislation after China’s Labor Contract Law came into force in 2008, expanding legal protection for workers by mandating labor contracts be written and delivered to all workers. Employers sought methods of “creative compliance” and, in the first five years following the law’s enactment, third-party “dispatch workers” grew from a negligible share of China’s labor force into a pervasive phenomenon.

Graduate Research Grants

This award is given to outstanding students from diverse disciplines studying work and labor.

Erin Adam, Political Science

Labor, LGBTQ and Immigration Rights

Coalitions

In the years before 2010, the LGBTQ and immigrant rights movements were struggling to advance their different agendas in the wake of substantial legal losses in Washington State and Arizona. Erin’s research will explore how both movements in Washington and Arizona were able to form a coalition and exploit labor’s movement. She also hopes to examine how top-down, rights-based advocacy conducted by both movements have contributed to the further marginalization of broader, labor-organized economic justice issues.

Michael Aguirre, History

The Wages of Labor Go To Mexico’s: Liberalism in the Desert Borderlands, 1962-1979

Factory farming in California’s Imperial Valley and maquiladora manufac- turing in Mexico’s Mexicali Valley have deep historical connections. Examining these connections, Michael’s dissertation project seeks to investigate how liberal economic liberalism developed uniquely within the borderlands of Mexico and the U.S. Michael’s research will take him through the archives of the United Farm Workers and powerful grow- ers and politicians, as well as the Mexican Foreign Ministry and the Secretariat of the Economy in Mexico City.

Meredith Bauer, English

Labor and the State in Zimbabwe

Historians have noted an overall trend in southern Africa where labor groups and activists are positioned in opposition to the state and the parties in power. Meredith’s

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Megan Brown, Geography
Mobile Minimum Wage Policies and Labor Union Campaigns in the U.S.
The Fight for $15 has emerged as a new rallying cry for pro-worker advocates in the U.S. Stymied at the federal level for years, labor unions and other labor organizations have now begun to engage in efforts to increase minimum wage rates in local political jurisdictions. Through the study of three campaigns for a $15 minimum wage, Megan’s research explores the spatial strategies employed by labor unions and how campaigns and wage-related policies vary by location.

Christopher Goodson, Drama
The Employment of Undocumented Immigrants in Experimental Performance
A peculiar form of performance has emerged in the last decade that attempts to mediate one of the most pressing political realities of our time: the presence of more than ten million undocumented laborers in the United States. Through their study, Goodson will investigate the aesthetics and political circumstances of experimental performance practices that employ undocumented immigrants as performers.

Steven Karczski, Sociology
Worker Ownership in the United States
Addressing the lack of literature on worker ownership in the United States, Steven’s research project will explore how worker-owned firms compare to conventional firms in the provision of wages, benefits, and workplace safety, as well as how they compare regarding internal discrimination and inequality.

Roneva Keel, History
Mobilizing Empire: Race, Sugar, and U.S. Colonialism in the Philippines and Hawai‘i
From 1906 to 1946, over 125,000 Filipinos traveled to Hawaii to work in the territory’s lucrative sugar industry. Hawaiian capital, meanwhile, flowed in the opposite direction transforming the Philippine economy. These transspacific migrations of labor and capital served as a central way the United States extended and maintained imperial power in the Pacific. Roneva’s research seeks to investigate how migrants are “made” in the context of U.S. expansion, and how these people are incorporated as subjects of the United States through their transnational movements.

Washington State Labor Research Grant
The Bridges Center receives funding from the Washington State Legislature to support research by UW faculty on labor-related issues in order to inform policy-making.

THE BRIDGES CENTER IS MOVING
The new Bridges Center main office in Smith Hall, Room 268 sits empty awaiting painting. The office will be adorned by two wood sculptures, pictured here, by artist Elias “Dutch” Schultz, a Seattle longshoreman and Abraham Lincoln Bridge veteran of the Spanish Civil War. Both pieces were generously donated to the Bridges Center by ILWU pensioner Jon Halgren. The untitled sculpture on the right depicts Halgren and fellow longshoremen Frank Corbett and Ray Nelson engaged in vigorous debate.

Heather Hill, Public Policy and Governance
Living at the Minimum: A Qualitative Study of Seattle Workers in Low-Wage Jobs
The City of Seattle is a pioneer in workplace regulations, having mandated paid sick leave in 2011 and a substantial increase in the city minimum wage in 2014. Heather’s research will analyze workers’ subjective experiences during the implementation of the minimum wage ordinance in hopes of accurately evaluating the policy’s effects on workers, employers, and the local economy.

Amy Hagopian, Global Health/Public Health
The Relationship Between Health Status and Working Conditions of U.W. Custodial Employees
After being hit hard with budget cuts of approximately 90% from state sources, the University of Washington responded by reducing investments in many areas, including custodial staff and routine maintenance. What were the consequences of these cuts for the health and well-being of custodians? Through her research, Amy will study the relationship between custodial health, job satisfaction and working conditions.

Michael McCann, Political Science
The Sea-Tac Seattle Minimum Wage History Project
McCann’s digital humanities project will document the historic campaigns that in 2013-14 succeeded in mandating a $15 minimum wage at Sea-Tac and then in the city of Seattle. The project will construct a highly visible and accessible web-based archive to help understand how the campaign for the new minimum wage developed and prevailed through the efforts of many organizations and individuals, as well as explain the likely and actual impacts of minimum wage policy over time.

DISTINGUISHED SUPPORTER AWARD
EACH YEAR THE BRIDGES CENTER HONORS a significant community supporter with the Robert Duggan Distinguished Supporter of Labor Studies Award. The award allows us to recognize those individuals who have contributed to the success of the Bridges Center since its beginning.

Michele Drayton
In 1992, Michele Drayton answered the call to help create a Harry Bridges Chair in Labor Studies at the University of Washington, becoming one of the many initial donors to give money to the effort. Since then, she has remained an active participant in Bridges Center activities, attending many annual banquets and conferences. This year, Drayton continued her support, honoring her parents through the creation of the Art and Lynn Mink Endowment for Labor Studies.

Michele’s commitment to labor movement and education stems from her upbringing and the values passed on by Art and Lynn. Michele spent her childhood in the streets, as parents and as they partook in movements for labor rights and social justice. One of her earliest memories is taking part in a Los Angeles peace parade.

Later, after her family moved to Seattle in 1951, she spent countless hours roaming the headquarters of ILWU Local 37 and the Central District’s Washington Hall while her parents attended meetings. In 1972, Michele earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Education from the University of Washington. She then proceeded to teach in Guam for five years, earning a Master’s Degree in Reading Education from the University of Southern California. After returning to the Seattle area, she worked as a reading specialist at Snohomish Junior High. A single mother, she would often work shifts as a casual longshore clerk during the summer and on school breaks to make ends meet. Finally, in 1983, she registered as a full time clerk in ILWU Local 37, becoming one of the very first women to ever do so.

With the ILWU, Michele was an active union member, serving on her local’s Executive Board for fourteen years and its Labor Relations Committee for seven. Since retiring in 2007, she has remained active through the ILWU Seattle Pensioners Club, acting as recording secretary and representing the Club on the Board of the coastwide Pacific Coast Pensioners Association. She has also developed a passion for volunteering, fundraising for West Seattle YMCA’s Partners in Youth scholarship program.

Michele passed her family’s legacy onto her two daughters, Debra and Catherine, the latter of whom has worked for multiple labor unions. It is her hope that the Art and Lynn Mink Endowment will also further that legacy, helping to educate students in labor history, which she feels is neglected in public schools, and training young students to become active in labor and social justice movements.

ANNOUNCING THE ART AND LYNN MINK ENDOWMENT FOR LABOR STUDIES
The Bridges Center is proud to announce the creation of the Art and Lynn Mink Endowment for Labor Studies, a new fund that will support the Labor Archives and labor studies generally at the University of Washington. Long-time Bridges Center supporters Michele Drayton and husband Ian Kennedy created the new fund in honor of Michele’s late parents, Art and Lynn, who dedicated their lives to working for social justice through their labor, anti-war, and community activism. The Bridges Center thanks Michele and Ian for this generous gift, which will allow the Center to continue its mission of supporting labor studies among students, faculty, and the community.

Art Mink, Lynn’s husband for 68 years, was born in Idaho and served in World War II. After his military service, he was active in several unions across Boise, Seattle, and Los Angeles, before settling in Seattle for good in 1951 and going to work on the waterfront. For over thirty years, Art was an active member of the ILWU, first in Local 9, then Local 10 and Local 37, serving in many posts including Local 37’s Vice President during the contentious 1971 strike. After retiring, Art remained a stalwart member of the ILWU Seattle Pensioners Club. In 2011, one week before his death at age 91, Art was taking minutes for the planning committee of the Pacific Coast ILWU Pensioners Convention.
THE BRIDGES CENTER MAINTAINS A NETWORK of over sixty Faculty Associates from over twenty departments across the UW. They are spread across twenty departments on each of the three UW campuses in Bothell, Seattle, and Tacoma. We welcome four new affiliates this year.

Jon Agnone, an Affiliate Professor of Sociology at the UW, works full-time with the Melinda Gates Foundation as a data scientist supporting strategic planning and organizational effectiveness. Jon received his Ph.D. in Sociology from the UW in 2010, his dissertation focusing on the impact of union employment on racial wealth disparities. Having worked with the Bridges Center for over 5 years on the Union Democracy project centered on the ILWU (under Professors Margaret Levi and David Olson) and assisting the waterfront Workers History Project (under Professor Jim Gregory), Jon is looking forward to the opportunity to continue his engagement with the Bridges Center in a new capacity.

Phil Bereano, Professor Emeritus of Technical Communication with Adjunct Professor appointments in Women Studies and American Ethnic Studies, has been a member of the University of Washington faculty since 1975. Phil is a member of the National Board of the American Civil Liberties Union and chaired its Committee on Databases and Civil Liberties. He is also a founding member of various organizations and councils, such as the Council for Responsible Genomics and the Washington Action Council.

Polly Myers, a Full-Time Lecturer in Integrated Social Sciences, is a scholar of U.S. History, Business, Capitalism, and Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. Polly recently published her first book, Capitalist Family Values: Gender, Work and Corporate Culture at Boeing, which examines the relationship between gender, corporate culture, and changes in organizational structure at Boeing from 1930 to the present.

Connie So, a Senior Lecturer for the American Ethnic Studies Department, where she has taught since 1992, as well as the Supervisor of the Department’s Community Practicum and Internship. Connie is currently the Vice President of OCA (formerly the Organization of Chinese Americans) Greater Seattle. For her work educating young Asian Americans about their history, the Seattle chapter of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance honored her with a “Citizen of the Year” award in April 2015.

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Proliferation of minimum wage campaigns around the nation. This will be the definitive resource for research and learning — by scholars, students, journalists, and activists — about the path-breaking local minimum wage campaigns in 2013-14. Lawson and Hall will present to Congress and I am the co-directors, while a committed group of graduate and undergraduate students, most experienced in labor activism, have been conducting the interviews and collecting data. The project is funded by generous grants from the UW Simpson Center for the Humanities and the Bridges Center. We are hoping to roll out the initial phase of the website by early November, attended by a press conference and party. Stay tuned for further announcements!

Finally, I want to recognize the outstanding work by our student assistant, Joe Stormer. Joe was an activist in the SeaTac minimum wage campaign and has an invaluable contributor to the digital archival project. He also organized the extremely successful event on workers cooperatives noted above. Joe is leaving us to study workers cooperatives in Argentina for the next year. We will miss him greatly, but we wish him well. At the same time, we very much look forward to working with our new assistant Diana Betancourt, who will be taking over for Joe.

Upcoming Event

For more information, visit the Bridges Center website at http://depts.washington.edu/bridges/ or call us at 206-543-7946. Wednesday, October 28, 2015 7:00pm-9:00pm

Love and Solidarity: Reverend James Lawson and Nonviolence in the Search for Labor Rights

Ethnic Cultural Center Theatre, 1331 Brooklyn Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98105. Free. Screening followed by panel discussion and Q & A with the filmmaker.

On October 28th, the Bridges Center will be screening Michael Honey’s film Love and Solidarity at the UW’s Ethnic Cultural Center Theatre. The film tells the story of Reverend James Lawson, a veteran of the U.S. civil rights movement and a force for positive change. During his time in Nashville, Reverend James Lawson helped launch the Nashville sit-in campaign, which successfully desegregated the Woolworth’s lunch counter. Lawson and his peers inspired a new generation of student civil rights activities throughout the South. This film is part of a project launched by Michael Honey, former Harry Bridges Chair, to help share Reverend Lawson’s story of “how ordinary people can use nonviolence to make a more peaceful and just world.” The project examines the legacy of Reverend Lawson during the Civil Rights Movement and his ability to speak eloquently to the power of the movement’s ideals of nonviolence and economic justice and their continuing relevance for our times.

STUDENT ACTIVISM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Students at the University of Washington are engaged in advocacy on a wide-range of labor issues. Two of the most active and established organizations are the UW chapters of the Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán (MEChA) and United Students Against Sweatshops.

MEChA de UW
This past year was a busy one for MEChA de UW, filled with activism and organizing. The chapter demonstrated in support of 43 student activists from the Ayotzinapa Rural Teachers’ College kidnapped by government and crime syndicate elements in Iguala, Guerrero, Mexico. UW MEChistas also marched in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement and held pickets boycotting Dinscott’s Berries due to labor rights violations on berry farms in Washington’s Skagit Valley. In the Spring, the group held their 19th Annual Adelante Con Educación (ACE) Conference bringing over 500 high school students from all over the state of Washington to the UW Seattle campus. The students were able to learn more about different movements currently organizing to change systems of oppression, as well as learn more about resources available for students, including undocumented student activists.

In April, the Bridges Center sponsored MEChA de UW’s trip to their annual national MEChA Conference held in Chicago, Illinois. The trip consisted of workshops and speakers to empower student activists and organizers. During their conference, National MEChA held a demonstration in solidarity with the $15 Now! movement in Chicago. Apart from the conference, MEChASTA Jessica Ramirez also organized a picket at a Costco located in Chicago, demanding that they stop selling Dinscott’s products. At the picket, MEChASTAS faced backlash from Costco employees but were able to deliver a letter to a supervisor, asking the company to cut off their supply of Dinscott’s Berries. In the end, they were able to put pressure on Costco and demonstrate on behalf of workers.

This coming year, UW MEChA is looking forward to another year of full organizing. The group plans to continue working alongside Skagit Valley farmworkers organization Familias Unidas Por La Justicia, and is also excited for the 20th anniversary of the ACE Conference.

UW United Students Against Sweatshops

The UW USAS chapter has a lively, with many former UW members (often the recipients of Bridges Center scholarships) going on to leadership roles in the national USAS organization and elsewhere in the labor movement. This past year, the UW chapter continued providing student solidarity to local labor struggles while also taking action as part of national USAS campaigns.

In the fall, MEChA held a demonstration in solidarity with the 43 disappeared students from the Ayotzinapa Rural Teachers’ College in Mexico.

UW USAS took part in “Reclaim UW,” a coalition of workers and students fighting budget cuts and high tuition. In April, high-profile actions by the coalition prompted the UW to increase student wages in line with the local Seattle $15 minimum wage ordinance.

Past Planned Giving to the Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies

Since 1992, planned giving has funded Labor Studies student scholarships, research, events, and more.

Leaving a Legacy with Planned Giving

Planned giving, administered by the University of Washington, provides creative and flexible ways to support the work of the Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies and the Labor Archives of Washington with ongoing donations and estate planning. It gives friends, family, and the labor community a way to permanently remember the donor or honoree.

Some options provide you with income. Many of them can reduce your taxes. The greatest benefit, however, lies in knowing you are leaving a legacy in preserving and educating about labor history.

Whether you are planning your will or making annual charitable donations, please consider giving a gift that supports the Labor Archives into the future.

For more information, please contact:
Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies Program Coordinator, Andrew Hedden at (206) 543-7946, or e-mail hbcls@uw.edu

There are many options
BEQUESTS. Some of our friends have designated gifts in their wills, including real estate or life insurance policies.

CHARITABLE TRUSTS. Labor and civil rights activist Alice McGrath established a “charitable remainder trust” in 2003 and received income from the trust until her death in 2009. The remainder was gifted to the Bridges Center.

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**HARRY BRIDGES CENTER FOR LABOR STUDIES**

**Annual Awards Celebration & Labor Studies Fundraiser**

**Saturday, November 14, 2015  5:00 – 8:00pm  South Ballroom, Husky Union Building  University of Washington, Seattle, WA**

**Support the Bridges Center and the Labor Archives!** To raise funds for labor programs at the UW, we are offering the chance to sponsor the banquet at two levels:

- **$500 – Table Sponsor:** Reserves a table seating 8.
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