

WOMEN in LABOR HISTORY

Teacher Training

Free Workshop - 6 PDH Hours



March 11, 2017

9 am - 4 pm

**University of Illinois,
Urbana-Champaign**

School of Labor and
Employment Relations
504 East Armory Avenue
Room 35

You Must Register by March 4
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This project is supported by the Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities and the Champaign County AFL-CIO Central Labor Council and presented jointly by the Labor Education Program and the Research Cluster on Public History and Student Research, in partnership with the Illinois Labor History Society and the Urbana Free Library. This one-day workshop will explore more than 150 years of Illinois women's labor history. Each teacher will receive two free books, and other resources for the classroom. Lunch is provided.

Schedule

8:30 - 9 am Coffee and Registration

9 - 9:30 am Why Teach Labor History?

Stephanie Fortado, Labor Education Program, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
This half-hour presentation will explore the value of incorporating labor history into the classroom.

9:30 - 11:30 am Illinois Women in Labor History

Mike Matejka, Illinois Labor History Society, Vice President

This session will provide an overview of the remarkable contributions of women to the Illinois labor movement, nationally significant improvements to workplace health and safety, and building a more inclusive labor market for women and people of color. Featuring some of the key women and institutions, such as Lucy Parsons, the women of Hull House, the formation of the Coalition of Labor Union Women, Addie Wyatt, and many more stories, this session will provide a strong grounding on Illinois women's transformative roles in US Labor History.

11:30 am - 12:30 pm Lunch

12:30 - 2:00 pm The Life and Legacy of Mother Jones

Stephanie Fortado, Labor Education Program, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

This session will focus on one of the most remarkable figures in labor history, Mary Harris "Mother" Jones. An Irish Immigrant to the United States, Mother Jones, became involved in the labor movement late in life after significant personal tragedy. We will watch a short documentary about her life, and then explore ways to incorporate the story of this remarkable woman into the classroom.

2:00 - 3:30 pm Urbana Nurses Strike: Local Labor History

Anke Voss, Director of Archives & Special Collections, The Urbana Free Library

Local libraries are often untapped treasure troves of archival materials and resources for classroom instruction. Yet all too often these treasures remain unconnected to classroom learning. This session will help bridge that gap between archives and classrooms. Teachers will be invited to a hands-on exploration of one rich local primary source archives, on the history of the Illinois Nurses Association's in east-central Illinois, focusing on a 1970s nurses strike in Urbana, Illinois.

3:30 - 4 pm Women's Labor History in the Classroom

Kathryn Oberdeck, History Department, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign &

Stephanie Fortado, Labor Education Program, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

This final session will provide teachers an opportunity to consider how to bring the content and materials shared throughout the day into their classrooms. The session will include time for group collaboration and sharing of best-practices, to ensure that the content delivered has practical means of enhancing classroom learning.

Questions? Email seawell2@illinois.edu or call 217-300-1701