

PNLHA Conference Program
A Year in Labor Heritage — When Workers Rise
Seattle Labor Temple, 2800 First Avenue, Seattle
Sponsored by
Pacific Northwest Labor History Association,
Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies, UW-Seattle
Pacific Coast Maritime History Committee
SPEEA/IFPTE Local 2001, 1199NW, SEIU

Friday, June 12

Program Subject to Change

4.00 – 6.00

Conference Registration — Foyer SLT West

5.30 – 9.30

**PNLHA 2009 Awards Reception/Banquet —
Hall One, SLT**

- Presiding: Ross K. Rieder, PNLHA President
- Greetings: Verlene Jones, Union Cities/Community Organizer
 - MLKCLC
- Award: 2009 Labor History Person of the Year (posthumous)
- Recipient: R. Emmett Murray, author, journalist
- Award: 2009 Labor History Maker
- Recipient: (tbd)

David Kusnet

Author, Keynote Speaker

Love the Work, Hate the Job

Comments:

Verlene Jones, Union City/Community Organizer
MLKCLC
Stan Sorscher, Legislative Director
SPEEA, IFPTE Local 2001
Emily Von Bronkhorst, 1199NW SEIU

9.00 – 10.00

Conference Registration— Foyer SLT West

Saturday, June 13

8:00 – 10:00

3rd & final Registration — Foyer SLT West

9:00 – 10:30

Welcoming Plenary — Hall One, SLT

**Greetings, Ross K. Rieder, President, PNLHA
Jim Gregory, HBCLS Chair**

**Past and Future Directions:
Labor Studies, Labor Education**

- Marcus Widenor, Labor Education & Research Center,
University of Oregon, Eugene, Moderator
- Brenda Cochrane, Director of Labor Studies Program,
San Francisco State University
- James Gregory, Chair, Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies,
University of Washington
- Sarah Laslett, Labor Educator for Union and Community Women,
 - The Evergreen State College, Labor Education and Research Center,

10:30 – 10:50 20 min Refreshment Break

10:50 – 12:20 90 min **Concurrent Roundtables (pick 1 of 3)**

Roundtable 1: Remembering WTO/Seattle:

- James Gregory, HBCLS/UW-Seattle
- Jonathan Rosenblum, 1199NW SEIU
- Brian Charlton, CUPW BC Region former Education Director
- Tom McCarthy, Organizer, AFT Washington

Roundtable 2: Organizing

- Moderator: William Johnston, UFCW Retired
- Ligaya Domingo and Tracy Lai,
 - Asian-American Connections to Labor
 - Steven Bida,
 - The Company Town Archipelago

Roundtable 3: Personalities from our Past

- Greg Hall, University of Western Illinois:
 - Jay Fox and PNW Anarchism, 1890-1920
- Lucy Ostrander and Sidney Rittenberg:
 - Anna Louise Strong, video and discussion

12:20 – 1:30 **Lunch**

1:30 – 3:00 **Plenary - *When Workers Rise, Hall 1, SLT***

- **Take Back Your Time**
- **Labor and the Shorter Work Day and Work Week**
- **John DeGraaf, Director, Take Back Your Time Foundation, documentary film maker**
- **Solidarity Stories: An Oral History of ILWU**
- **Harvey Schwartz, Author, Reading**

3:00 – 3:20 **Refreshment Break**

3:20 – 4.45 **Concurrent Roundtables (pick 1 of 4)**

Roundtable #1

The Future of Women in the Labour Union Movement

Jennifer McKenna, BCGEU, NDP Activist
Gail Murphy, BCGEU, RHN

Roundtable #2

Saving the Records of our Past Hall 6

Moderator: Professor James Gregory, HBCLS Chair
UW-Seattle
Nicole Bouché, Pacific NW Curator, Special Collections
UW-Seattle
Ross Rieder, President, PNLHA

Roundtable 3: Unions and Democracy

- John Agnone, UW, Sociology
ILWU Local 19 and Local 23 and Democracy Project
- Benjamin J. Peterson, University of Illinois at Chicago
It's Not Easy Being Clean: Corruption and
the Roots of the SEIU, 1934-1942

Roundtable 4: Other Anniversaries of Note

Randy and Peder Nelson:

Swedish Immigrants and the
Labor Movement in the Western US
Laura Elia, Local 17, IFPTE 90th Anniversary Video

4.45 – 5.15

Plenary Wrap-up

5:30

PNLHA Annual General Meeting
Open time for your meal.

7.30 pm

**The Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition of 1909:
A Look at What Else Was Going On
In Narrative & Song
Seattle Labor Chorus,
Director, Janet Stecher**

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