Midwest Labor and Working-Class History Graduate Colloquium

University Capitol Center Boardroom 2390
University of Iowa
May 26, 2018

8:00 – 8:20 Coffee and breakfast

8:20 – 8:30 Opening Remarks by John Jepsen

8:30 – 9:30 **Panel #1: Community-Building and Healthcare as Labor**

*In Defense of Their Community: Black Women Physicians during the Great Migration in Evanston, IL.*
Aiden Bettine, University of Iowa, Department of History

*Calibrated Medicine, Calibrated Social Situations: Care as Communicative Labor*
Joseph Jakarsi, University of Iowa, Department of History

Comment from Dr. James Robinson

9:45 – 11:15 **Panel #2: Race, Class, and Gender in the Progressive Era**

"There is never to be any more Kiowa Indians arrested:" White Bear, Mass Incarceration, and Forced Labor at Fort Sill, 1868-1875
John Truden, University of Oklahoma, Department of History

*The Legacy of Coxey’s Army: Coxey’s Army post-1894, How the First National March on Washington Influenced Literature, Politics and Popular Thought*
Wesley R. Bishop, Purdue University, Department of History

Framing Gender in the Kansas City 1918 General Strike
Jeffery Stilley, University of Missouri – Columbia, Department of Sociology

Comment from Dr. John McKerley, ILHOP and University of Iowa, Department of History

11:30-12:25 Break; Lunch

12:25-12:30 Introduction of Keynote by Ashley Dorn

12:30 – 1:30 **Keynote Address: Mother Jones Lives: Adventures in Scholarly, Social Movement and Public History Revival of an Iconic Labor Activist***
Dr. Rosemary Feurer, Associate Professor of History at Northern Illinois University
1:45 – 3:15  **Panel #3: Midwestern Solidarity Struggles**

*The Fight for Industrial Unionism in Iowa*
Janet Weaver, University of Iowa, Department of History

*Trumbull Talk: White Vernacular and the Politics of Persecution in Postwar Chicago, 1954*
Erica Gilbert-Levin, Northwestern University, Department of History

*Solidarity Outlawed: A Case Study with Reflections on the Present*
Richard Hudelson, Professor Emeritus of University of Wisconsin – Superior, Department of Philosophy

Comment from Dr. Jacob Altman, EMU-AAUP

3:30 – 4:30  **Panel #4: Labor Intimidation and Extractive Industries**

*“Hard Had Cowboys”: Energy Workers and Strip Mining in the American West*
Ryan Tate, Rutgers University, Department of History

*Precarious Labor: Injury, Mendacity, and the Boom Bust Economy in the American Oil Field*
John Jepsen, University of Iowa, Department of History

Comment from Dr. Colin Gordon, Professor of History, University of Iowa

4:45 – 6:15  **Panel #5: Labor Organization and Activism in Iowa**

Moderator: Dr. Jennifer Sherer, University of Iowa Labor Center
Jesse Case, Teamsters Local 238
Rafael Morataya, Center for Worker Justice
Laura Szeck, COGS
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