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APPOINTMENTS

- 2000-present Professor of History, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL
- 2014-present Research Associate, Society, Work and Development Institute (SWOP), University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2011 Visiting Scholar (summer), Institute for the Study of Societal Issues, University of California, Berkeley, CA
- 2009 Visiting Research Fellow, Centre for Sociological Research, University of Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2007 Associate Director, Culture & Society in Africa Program, Associated Colleges of the Midwest (ACM) & Visiting Professor of History, University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
- 1998-2000 Visiting Assistant Professor, Boise State University, Boise, ID
- 1998 Lecturer, Western Maryland (now McDaniel) College, Westminster, MD
- 1997 Visiting Assistant Professor, Washington College, Chestertown, MD
- 1996 Instructor, Georgetown University, Washington, DC

EDUCATION

- 1997 Ph.D. in History, with distinction, Georgetown University, Washington, DC
- 1991 B.A. in History, Columbia University, New York City, NY

BOOKS

[Ben Fletcher: The Life and Times of a Black Wobbly](#), editor. Revised and expanded 2nd ed., with Foreword by Robin D.G. Kelley. Oakland: PM Press, 2021 (1st ed. Chicago: Charles H. Kerr, 2006).

[Dockworker Power: Race and Activism in Durban and the San Francisco Bay Area](#). Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2018.

Wobblies of the World: A Global History of the IWW, co-edited with David Struthers and Kenyon Zimmer. London: Pluto Press, 2017. French edition: *Solidarité Forever: Histoire globale du syndicat Industrial Workers of the World*. Marseille: Éditions Hors d'atteinte, forthcoming in 2021.

Wobblies on the Waterfront: Interracial Unionism in Progressive-Era Philadelphia. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2007. French edition: *"Black & White Together": Le syndicat IWW interracial du port de Philadelphie (montée et déclin – 1913-22)*. Paris: Les Nuits Rouges, forthcoming in 2021.

SCHOLARLY ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS

“Die Stolpersteine und das Projekt zum Gedenken an die Chicago race riots von 1919” (“Stumbling Blocks of US History: *Stolpersteine* and Chicago remembrance culture”), co-authored with Sara F. Hall and Franklin N. Cosey-Gay, translated by Adina Stern, in *Stumbling Stones: A Review*. Berlin: Metropol Verlag, 2021, pp. 266-286.

“[Industrial Workers of the World](#),” in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of American History*. Oxford University Press, 2014—. Article published online, November 19, 2020.

“Nightmare on 35th Street: Commemorating the Chicago 1919 Race Riots at the Vortex of Violence,” co-authored with Franklin N. Cosey-Gay (lead), Myles Francis, Sydney Lawrence, and Antoinette Raggs, *Portable Gray* 3:2 (2020): 244-256.

“Dockworkers or ‘Docked Workers?’” Point/Counterpoint with Alex Lichtenstein, *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas* 17:1 (2020): 129-136.

“Strange bedfellows but not for long: The Industrial Workers of the World and the Communist International,” in *The Internationalisation of the Labour Question, Ideological Antagonism, Workers’ Movements and the ILO since 1919*, ed. by Stefano Bellucci and Holger Weiss. London: Palgrave, 2020, pp. 259-277.

“Os estivadores de Durban, a ação direta e o internacionalismo no mundo do trabalho” (“Durban dockers, Direct Action, and Labor Internationalism”), “*Don’t Fuck My Job*,” *As Lutas Dos Estivadores Uma Perspetiva Global (The Dockers’ Struggles: A Global Perspective)*, ed. by Raquel Varela and translated by António Seimões do Paço. Lisbon: Edições Humus, 2019, pp. 305-319.

“Keir Hardie, Eugene Debs, and the Transatlantic Connection,” in *Keir Hardie and the 21st Century Socialist Revival*, ed. by Pauline Bryan. Edinburgh: Luath Press, 2019, pp. 165-180.

“Durban Dockers, Labour Internationalism, and Pan-Africanism,” in *Choke Points: Logistics Workers and Solidarity Movements Disrupting the Global Capitalist Supply Chain*, ed. by Jake Alimahomed-Wilson and Immanuel Ness. London: Pluto Press, 2018, pp. 50-64.

“Hooks Down! Anti-Apartheid Activism and Solidarity Among Maritime Unions in Australia and the United States,” co-authored with Peter Limb, *Labor History* 58:3 (2017): 303-326.

“Trade, services, transport,” co-authored with Jennifer Hart, in *Handbook: The Global History of Work*, ed. by Karin Hofmeester and Marcel van der Linden. Munich: Walter de Gruyter Publishers, 2017.

[“Dockworkers in America,”](#) in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of American History*. Oxford University Press, 2014—. Article published online, August 22, 2017.

“An Injury To One Is An Injury To All: San Francisco longshore workers and the fight against apartheid,” *Journal of Civil and Human Rights* 1:2 (2015): 158-181.

“No Justice, No Ships Get Loaded: Political Boycotts on the Durban and San Francisco Bay Waterfronts,” *International Review of Social History* 58:2 (2013): 185-217.

“The Tip of the Spear: How Longshore Workers in the San Francisco Bay Area Survived the Container Revolution,” *Employee Responsibilities and Rights Journal* 25:3 (2013): 201-216.

“The Ships Must Sail on Time: the histories of longshore workers and why their unions still matter,” *International Labor and Working-Class History* 83 (2013): 210-225.

“Searching for Detroit,” part of a roundtable on *Searching for Sugarman*, in *Safundi: The Journal of South African and American Studies* 14:4 (2013): 476-481.

“No jobs on the waterfront: the end of the industrial city,” part of a symposium on *The Wire*, in *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas* 10:1 (2013): 11-20.

“Crossing the Color Lines, Crossing the Continents: Comparing the Racial Politics of the IWW in South Africa and the United States, 1905-1925” co-authored with Lucien van der Walt, *Safundi: The Journal of South African and American Studies* 12:1 (2011): 69-96.

“A Tale of Two Towns: Globalization and Rural American Deindustrialization,” *Working USA: The Journal of Labor and Society* 12:4 (2009): 539-562.

“International Film, US Cities: Teaching Urban America Using International Movies,” special issue on “Teaching the City,” *Transformations: The Journal of Inclusive Scholarship and Pedagogy* 19:1 (2008): 166-176.

“Philadelphia’s Lords of the Docks: Interracial Unionism Wobbly-Style,” *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era* 6:3 (2007): 310-338.

“Quakertown Blues: Philadelphia’s Longshoremen and the Decline of the IWW,” *Left History* 8:2 (2003): 39-72.

CURRENT PROJECTS

[Chicago Race Riot of 1919 Commemoration Project](#) (CRR19): Founder and Co-Director of a public art project to commemorate those killed, thus far with support of Organic Oneness, Firebird Community Arts, Greater Bronzeville Community Action Council, Chicago Center for Youth Violence Prevention, Chicago Teachers Union (CTU), Newberry Library, and more. Publicly launched on centennial, July 27, 2019.

“Can’t Play in Peoria: Paul Robeson’s canceled concert, civil rights unionism, and the 2nd Red Scare,” co-authored with Ricky Newcomb, revising for *Journal of African American History*.

“The Real Longshore Philosopher,” *Herb Mills: Family Man, Longshoreman, Student Movement Leader, Labor Leader, Strategist, Actor, Scholar, A Tribute*, ed. by Mike Miller. Forthcoming in 2021.

“Out with the Old (Left) and in with the New: When San Francisco’s longshore union hosted the Trips Festival in 1966.”

“Comparing Black Migration: Experiences of Durban and San Francisco Dockworkers.”

“Race-baiting, Red-baiting, Automation: How US Pacific shipping corporations upended the global economy to crush a labor union,” in *Capitalism and the American Century: Toward a Global History of Postwar America*, ed. by B. Alex Beasley and Jessica Levy.

“Industrial Workers of the World,” *Encyclopedia of the American Left*, ed. by Paul Buhle, revised ed. for Verso.

“Durban dockers struck on this day in 1972. Why they did and how they contributed to the Durban Strikes of 1973.” *New Frame*.

“A Tale of Two Chicagoans: Richard J. Daley, Eugene Williams, and the Chicago Race Riot of 1919.”

“Prisoner No. 9,653: Eugene Debs on capitalism, incarceration, and solidarity,” Keynote presentation, “While There is a Soul in Prison, I Am Not Free: The History of Solidarity in Social and Economic Justice,” conference hosted by Eugene Debs Foundation and Indiana State University (virtual), Terre Haute, IN, April 2021.

“Historical Memory, Racial Violence, and Public Art: Chicago-Style,” Organization of American History (virtual), Chicago, IL, April 2021.

“Dockworker Power: Race and Activism in Durban and the San Francisco Bay Area,” International Congress of Maritime History, Porto, Portugal, July 2022.

Novel: editor of Herb Mills (deceased), *Presente!* Proposal submitted by Hard Ball Press

Long Format Non-Fiction Essay: “A German POW in Postwar Chicago.”

AWARDS, GRANTS & WORKSHOPS

“Chicago Race Riot of 1919 Commemoration Project,” in partnership with Organic Oneness and Firebird Community Arts, major grant from Niantic, Inc. 2021.

“Chicago Race Riot of 1919 Commemoration Project,” in partnership with Organic Oneness, Multiplier Grant, Illinois Humanities, 2020-21.

Professional Achievement/Merit Pay Award, WIU, 2021, 2018, 2017, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2011, and 2010.

Excellence in Research/Scholarship, College of Arts & Sciences, Western Illinois University, 2020.

[Philip Taft Labor History Book Award](#) for *Dockworker Power: Race and Activism in Durban and the San Francisco Bay Area*. Co-sponsored by Industrial and Labor Relations School, Cornell University and Labor and Working-Class History Association, 2019.

[Russo & Linkon Award](#) for Published Essay for Academic or General Audiences for “Durban Dockers, Labour Internationalism, and Pan-Africanism,” in *Choke Points: Logistics Workers and Solidarity Movements Disrupting the Global Capitalist Supply Chain*. Sponsored by Working-Class Studies Association, 2019.

“Chicago Race Riot of 1919 Commemoration Project,” [Forgotten Illinois Action Grant](#), Illinois Humanities, 2018-19.

“Best Black History Books of 2018,” [Black Perspectives](#), African American Intellectual History Society.

Faculty Summer Stipend, WIU Foundation, 2019, 2010, and 2001.

Howard D. and Marjorie I. Brooks Fund for Progressive Thought, University of Illinois Press, 2018.

[Germany Residency in American History](#), Organization of American Historians and University of Tübingen, 2018.

Curriculum Enhancement for Puerto Rico, US Department of Education Title VI Grant, WIU, 2017

President’s Excellence in Diversity Award (for Teaching), WIU, 2014.

Faculty Study Abroad Fellowship (to South Africa), WIU, 2012-14.

“Working on Globalisation: Work and Transport in Global History after 1945,” Work and the Human Life Cycle in Global History, International Research Centre, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, 2013.

“Change and the Heartland Curriculum Writing Retreat: Making the Connection between the Heartland of USA and European Union,” Environmental Change Institute and European Union Center, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2012.

Faculty Mentoring Grant (with Dr. Peter Alexander, University of Johannesburg, South Africa), College of Arts & Sciences, WIU, 2008-2010.

Group Study Exchange program to Thailand, Rotary International, 2008.

Op-Ed Writing Workshop for Labor Historians, Center for the Study of Work, Labor and Democracy at the University of California at Santa Barbara, 2008.

University Research Council Grant, WIU, 2004-2005.

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, The Civil Rights Movement: History & Consequences, Du Bois Institute, Harvard University, 2000.

University Fellowship and Scholarships, Georgetown University, 1992-1996.

TEACHING

Undergraduate: Introduction to US History (face-to-face and online); African American History (face-to-face and virtual); Seminar on Public History (virtual); Urban America (face-to-face and virtual); America in Transition: 1877-1914; History of the Civil Rights Movement; Technology, Culture, and Society; Seminar on US Social Movements & Transnational History; Historical Research Methods; Capstone Research Seminar; Honors Seminar on the Global Anti-Apartheid Movement; US Labor History; History of US Social Movements; Group Diversity

Graduate: Comparative US-South African History; U.S. Political Economy of the 1970s; Social Movements in the San Francisco Bay Area, and; Globalization & US Labor

GRADUATE STUDENTS ADVISED

Outside reader, Michael Billeaux, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2021

Outside reader (International Mention), Brendan J. von Briesen, "Service-Sector Guilds and the Challenge of Liberalization: The organization of maritime-cargo handling in Barcelona, c. 1760-1840," Ph.D., University of Barcelona, Spain, 2017

Adviser, Joseph Heiberger, "The Fighting Irish: Chicago Irish Rise within the American System," M.A., WIU, 2016

Adviser, Lindsay Hiltunen, "Cultural Memory and the Power of Place: One Hundred Years of Remembering the Italian Hall Tragedy and the 1913-1914 Michigan Copper Strike," M.A., WIU, 2014

Reader, Nathan Doyle, "LBJ and the Media in Vietnam, 1964: A Policy Ignored," M.A., WIU, 2013

Reader, Michael Lowe, "Antiwar Protests at UW-Madison and SIU-Carbondale: Institutional Changes at Two Very Different Midwestern Universities," M.A., WIU, 2012

Reader, Leevia Barnett, "Civil Rights from Macomb to Peoria to Nashville: Reverend Cordy Tindell (C.T.) Vivian and the Communities that Cultivated His Growth as a Prominent Civil Rights Activist," M.A., WIU, 2011

Adviser, Daniel McIntosh, "Adventures in Nation Building: the CIA's Role in Coups during the 1950s," M.A., WIU, 2004

COMMENTARIES, OPINION ESSAYS & BLOG POSTS

“MLK’s radical vision was rooted in a long history of Black unionism,” [Washington Post](#), April 4, 2021.

“Black-led, antiracist unionism: Ben Fletcher and the IWW,” [Global Labour Column](#), Global Labour University, No. 369, February 2021.

“New Books: The Life and Times of a Black Wobbly,” [New Frame](#), January 13, 2021.

“The Great Black Radical You’ve Never Heard Of,” [In These Times](#), December 1, 2020. Reposted online at *History News Network*.

“Public Art: one way to address Chicago’s history of racism,” co-authored with Franklin Cosey-Gay, [Chicago Tribune](#), June 16, 2020.

“The Most Radical Union in the U.S. is Shutting Down the Ports on Juneteenth,” [In These Times](#), June 16, 2020.

“The transnational activism of dockworkers,” [Global Labour Column](#), Global Labour University, No. 332, February 2020. Reposted online at *The Bullet* (Canada).

“Chicago’s Monuments to White Supremacy Must Fall,” [The North Star](#), October 22, 2019.

“Beyond Labor Day: 3 Ways Unions Have Helped American Workers,” [TIME](#), August 30, 2019. Reposted online at *History News Network*.

“Africa’s first UNESCO city of literature gets a new literary festival,” [Africa Is A Country](#), July 18, 2019.

“Dockworkers Show Us How Unions Can Be a Powerful Force Against Racism,” [In These Times](#), May 23, 2019. Reposted online and in print at *San Francisco Bay View: National Black Newspaper*.

“Dockworker Power,” [Port Towns & Urban Cultures](#), May 9, 2019.

“Fighting apartheid on the Durban docks,” [New Frame](#), April 4, 2019.

“Martin Luther King, Jr., union man,” [The Conversation](#), January 18, 2019. Reposted online at Associated Press, *California Labor Federation*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Houston Chronicle*, *International Business Times*, *In These Times*, *Salon*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Business Insider*, and more.

“Europe and the Sea (Europe und das Meer): A review of an exhibit at the German Historical Museum,” [Global Maritime History](#), October 8, 2018.

“Harry Bridges,” Labor Song of the Month, [Higgins Labor Center](#), University of Notre Dame, September 3, 2018. Reposted online at *Labor History Online*.

“A tribute to Ron Dellums, radical,” [Africa Is A Country](#), August 6, 2018. Reposted online at *History News Network*, *Portside*, *Stansbury Forum*, and *Z Magazine*.

“Black Lives Mattered in this long-forgotten interracial union,” *Fifth Estate*, #401 (July 2018)

“How a German art project can be a model to commemorate the Chicago Race Riot of 1919,” *Chicago Union Teacher*, June 2018

“Don’t Like War? Then Don’t Work! Remembering When Dockworkers Shut Down the Ports on May Day,” *In These Times*, April 26, 2018. Reposted online at *Jacobin* and *Salon*.

“The Other Revolutionaries,” co-authored with Lucien van der Walt, *Review of African Political Economy*, March 29, 2018.

“Tanzania, Black Power, and the Uncertain Future of Pan-Africanism, 1964–1974,” *Africa Is A Country*, March 9, 2018.

“Please don’t forget about the (dock)workers,” *Global Maritime History*, March 8, 2018.

“Strike!!! Strike!!! Strike!!! On this day in 1941 Dutch workers Said No to the Nazi Persecution of Dutch Jews,” *History News Network*, February 25, 2018.

“A German Art Project Reveals How America Could Confront Its Racist History,” *Washington Post*, February 6, 2018. Reposted at *History News Network*.

“A Truly Global Union: The IWW,” co-authored with David Struthers and Kenyon Zimmer, *Pluto Press*, December 4, 2017.

“Middle class is disappearing at WIU, too,” *Peoria Journal-Star*, November 10, 2017.

“The Wobblies: A Radical World History,” *Pluto Press*, November 7, 2017. Reposted online at *Stansbury Forum*.

“Wobblies—A new history of a radical union that profoundly impacted Southern African politics,” co-authored with Lucien van der Walt, *Africa Is A Country*, October 21, 2017.

“These Dockworkers Just Showed the Labor Movement How to Shut Down Fascists,” *In These Times*, August 29, 2017. Reposted online at *Counterpunch*, *Portside*, *Salon*, and *Z Magazine*.

“Think *Dunkirk* Is Epic? Check Out the Soviet War Memorial in Berlin’s Treptower Park,” *History News Network*, August 13, 2017. Revised as “Check out the Soviet War Memorial in Berlin’s Treptower Park. It’s epic!” May 21, 2018, *Fotostrasse*.

“She Battled the Capitalists Tooth and Nail,” *Jacobin*, August 10, 2017. Reposted online at *Portside*.

“Peter Waterman, an Internationalist to the End,” *Review of African Political Economy*, July 10, 2017.

“Want to Stop Trump? Take a Page From These Dockworkers, and Stop Work,” *In These Times*, January 23, 2017. Reposted online at *Anarcho-Syndicalist Review* and *Portside*.

“Remember the Massacre at Wounded Knee,” [Jacobin](#), December 29, 2016.

“Here’s What to Tell People Who Love to Remind Blacks that the Democratic Party Was Proslavery in the 19th Century,” [History News Network](#), December 27, 2016.

“Outselling the Beatles in 1966: LA’s forgotten musical genius,” [Boom: A Journal of California](#), December 22, 2016.

“Where Has All the Loving Gone? A Review of the New Film, *Loving*,” [Black Perspectives](#), November 27, 2016. Reposted online at *Mixed Race Studies* and *Ordinary Philosophy*.

“The Secret Struggle Against Apartheid,” [Jacobin](#), September 29, 2016. Reposted online at *Black Agenda Report*, *History News Network*, *Portside*, *Stansbury Forum*, and *Tribune Magazine (UK)*.

“Paul Robeson, Black Dockworkers, and Labor-Left Pan-Africanism,” [Black Perspectives](#), July 26, 2016. Reposted online at *LaborOnline* and *Ordinary Philosophy*.

“Should Hillary Move Left?” [History News Network](#), July 24, 2016.

“What If *The Wire*’s Omar Little Was More like Woody Guthrie’s Pretty Boy Floyd?” [Counterpunch](#), July 14, 2016.

“Fellow Workers: Read this book!” Review of Anatole Dolgoff, *Left of the Left: My Memories of Sam Dolgoff* (AK Press, 2016), [Stansbury Forum](#), July 4, 2016. Reposted online at *LaborOnline* and in print at *Anarcho-Syndicalist Review* and *Industrial Worker*.

“The Law That Changed the American Workplace,” [TIME](#), June 24, 2016.

“MLK was assassinated on this day—while fighting for unions,” [In These Times](#), April 4, 2016. Reposted online at *History News Network*.

“Martin Luther King, Jr. wanted workers to be in unions and You Should, too!” [WIUM](#) (NPR), 91.3 FM, Macomb, IL, January 18, 2016.

“A New Documentary Explores the Anti-Apartheid Activists in South Africa You Never Learned About,” [In These Times](#), January 13, 2016.

“St. Francis Square: Union-Built, Integrated, Affordable Housing in San Francisco,” [JSTOR Daily](#), January 2, 2016. Reposted online at *History News Network*, *Places Journal*, *Popular Resistance*, and *Portside* and in print by ILWU Local 23.

“Who Built the Golden Gate? New Book Tells Bridge Workers’ Stories,” [In These Times](#), December 9, 2015. Reposted online at *BeyondChron*.

“Hooks Down! Anti-Apartheid Activism and Solidarity among Maritime Unions in the United States and Australia,” co-author Peter Limb, [Review of African Political Economy](#), December 3, 2015.

“When America Was Overcome with Anti-Japanese Xenophobia during WWII, One Union Fought Back,” [In These Times](#), November 23, 2015. Reposted online at *History News Network*, *Portside*, *Grand Prairie Union News*, and Transport Workers Solidarity Committee and in print by ILWU Local 23.

“George Houser, US ally of Southern African liberation struggles, is no more,” [Africa Is A Country](#), September 30, 2015. Reposted online at *History News Network*.

“In the bike lane,” *The Macopolitan*, September 2015.

“Lessons that can be learnt from dockworkers who helped bring apartheid to its knees,” [The Conversation](#) (Africa, Australia, and US editions), August 18, 2015. Reposted online at *All Africa* and *History News Network*.

“Dylann Roof and the South African Flag,” [We’re History](#), August 17, 2015.

“After the Confederate Flags Come Down, Everything Named After Nathan Bedford Forrest Should Be Next,” [In These Times](#), July 5, 2015. Reposted online at *History News Network*.

“Happy Independence Day! Pass the tortillas, por favor!” [Belt Magazine](#), July 2, 2015.

“Dylan Roof’s Rhodesian, South African Flags Symbolized White Supremacy. So Does The Confederate Flag,” [In These Times](#), June 24, 2015. Reposted online at *History News Network*.

“This Small Town Shows Why The Trans-Pacific Partnership Could Be A Disaster For American Workers,” [In These Times](#), June 5, 2015. Reposted online at *Bill Moyers*, *Daily Kos*, *Truthout*, and *History News Network* and in print in *The Labor Paper* (Peoria, IL). Published in *The Age of Inequality* (Chicago: In These Times, 2017).

“On May Day, Longshore Workers Stop Work to Protest Police Brutality,” [In These Times](#), April 30, 2015. Reposted at *History News Network*.

“From Sharpeville to San Francisco and back again,” [Mail & Guardian](#) (Johannesburg, South Africa), March 21, 2015. Reposted online at *History News Network*.

“Why Jesus ‘Chuy’ Garcia Should Look to Anton Cermak’s Chicago Mayoral Campaign for Inspiration,” [In These Times](#), March 18, 2015. Reposted online at *History News Network*, *Stansbury Forum*, and *Portside*.

“Obama Takes A Page From FDR’s Playbook,” [TIME](#), February 23, 2015.

“Australia and U.S. Labor: Transnational influences and historical comparisons,” co-authored with Shelton Stromquist, [LABOR online](#), January 30, 2015.

“In the Bike Lane,” *The Macopolitan*, December 2014.

“An Injury To One Is An Injury To All” poster, co-created by Justin “Blanco” Mugits, [Celebrate People’s History](#).

“The Right’s Working-Class Philosopher (Eric Hoffer),” [Jacobin](#), September 2, 2014. Reposted online at [LABOR online](#), [People’s World](#), and Shaping San Francisco’s Digital Archive.

“Bay Area Longshore Workers Led the Local Fight Against Apartheid,” [BeyondChron](#), December 11, 2013.

“Don’t Weaken Fair Labor Standards,” [Miami Herald](#), November 14, 2013.

“‘An Irresistible Force’: Longshore unions and the fight for freedom and justice in Palestine,” [Briarpatch](#), November/December 2013.

“Happy (100th) Birthday, Local 8!” co-authored by Tukufu Zuberi, [Huffington Post](#), May 28, 2013.

“Composting,” Green Lifestyles, [McDonough County Voice](#), March 2, 2013.

“Leo Robinson: leader of the ILWU anti-apartheid struggle,” [ILWU Dispatcher](#), January 2013.

“Behind the Longshoremen’s Strike Threat,” [The Progressive](#), December 29, 2012.

“Brandworkers Fanning the Flames, Wobbly-style,” [LABOR online](#), November 24, 2012.

“San Francisco’s LaborFest Looks to Occupy The Past, Present and Future,” [In These Times](#), July 5, 2012.

“Bike Commuting in Macomb,” Green Lifestyles, [McDonough County Voice](#), July 2, 2012.

“Bay Area’s History of General Strikes,” [San Francisco Chronicle](#), November 2, 2011.

“Oakland’s Second General Strike: OWS and Unions Join Hands,” [Counterpunch](#), November 2, 2011.

“Which Side Are You On? Or, Why the Occupy Wall Street Movement Matters,” WIU, [Western Courier](#), Macomb, IL, October 21, 2011.

“Join labor’s march in Chicago on April 9th if you believe in democracy!” WIUM, National Public Radio affiliate, Macomb, IL, April 8, 2011.

“The Economic Component of Human Rights,” [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), December 11, 2008.

“The New Green Frontier,” [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#), October 5, 2008.

“Don’t let companies intimidate employees who want unions,” [Peoria Journal-Star](#), August 31, 2008.

“Longshore Union Strikes Against War,” [Seattle Post-Intelligencer](#), April 30, 2008. Reposted online at and [Z Magazine](#).

“I.W.W. Local 8” poster, co-created by Marc Nelson, [Celebrate People’s History](#) series, 2007.

“Ben Fletcher, Local 8, and Me,” *Industrial Worker*, November 2007.

“Philadelphia’s Lords of the Docks: Black and White Longshoremen Unite and Fight!” New York Labor History News Service, September 2004.

“Storm Rising: Why the West Coast Labor Battle Should Not Be Overlooked,” WIUM, National Public Radio affiliate, October 4, 2002.

“Distance between workplaces, homes hurts Boise,” *Idaho Statesman*, March 26, 2000.

“Economic equality key to King,” *Idaho Statesman*, January 16, 2000.

“Idahoans should celebrate King’s day with pride,” *Idaho Statesman*, January 18, 1999.

“This Land is Your Land: The Life and Legacy of Woody Guthrie,” museum exhibit brochure, Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES), 1999.

“Wobblies on the Waterfront: The Longshoremen of Philadelphia,” *The Hamsepipe*, newsletter of the Marine Workers Historical Association, 1998.

ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES

“William D. Haywood” and “Ella Reeve ‘Mother’ Bloor,” Comintern Project, Biographical Archive of the Labour Movement, translated into Italian for [*L’Internazionale Comunista nel centenario della sua nascita Dizionario Biografico \(1919-1923\)*](#) (Genoa, Italy, 2019).

“Malcolm McLean,” *The Sea in World History: Exploration, Travel, and Trade* (Goleta, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2017).

“Tefere Gebre” (2016), “William Chester” (2015), “Leo Robinson” (2015), “C.T. Vivian” (2008), “Ben Fletcher” (2007), and “Local 8” (2007) [*Black Past: Remembered and Reclaimed*](#).

“Bay Area Longshore Workers Fought Against Apartheid,” [*Shaping San Francisco*](#) (2015).

“Local 8: Philadelphia’s Interracial Longshore Union,” [*IWW History Project*](#), University of Washington (2015).

“Ben Fletcher” and “Longshoremen and Longshoremen’s Unions,” *The Oxford Encyclopedia of American Business, Labor, and Economic History*, ed. by Melvyn Dubofsky (New York: Oxford University Press, 2013).

“Industrial Workers of the World,” [*The Encyclopedia of Greater Philadelphia*](#) (2012).

“Benjamin Harrison Fletcher,” “Elizabeth Gurley Flynn,” “William D. Haywood,” “Joe Hill,” and “Marine Transport Workers Industrial Union,” *Encyclopedia of U.S. Labor and Working-Class History*, ed. by Eric Arnesen (New York: Routledge, 2007).

“AFL/AFL-CIO” and “Industrial Workers of the World,” *Encyclopedia of the Great Black Migration*, ed. by Steven Reich (Greenwood, CT: Greenwood, 2006).

“Pullman Strike,” *Historical Dictionary of the Gilded Age* (Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, 2003).

“Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers” and “American Federation of Labor,” *The Tariff in U.S. History, 1600s-2000: An Encyclopedia* (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2003).

“Cities,” *Encyclopedia of American Social Change* (Osprey, FL: Beacham, 2001).

“Civil Rights in Idaho,” *Civil Rights in the United States* (New York: Macmillan, 2000).

“Office of Manpower Production, Minority Branch,” “Trade Union Unity League,” “War Production Board, Negro Manpower and Training,” “War Manpower Commission, Negro Manpower Service,” *Organizing Black America: An Encyclopedia of African American Associations* (New York: Garland Publishing, 2000).

“Andrew Furuseth,” *American National Biography* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999).

REVIEWS OF BOOKS, MUSEUMS & WEBSITES

“To Understand Capitalism, We Have to Understand Shipping and Oil,” Laleh Khalili, *Sinews of War and Trade: Shipping and Capitalism in the Arabian Peninsula* (Verso, 2020), [Jacobin](#), January 11, 2021.

Paul Buhle, Steve Max, and Dave Nance, *Eugene Debs: A Graphic Biography*. Art by Noah Van Sciver (Verso, 2019), *American Historical Review* (2020).

Tobias Higbie, *Labor’s Mind: A History of Working-Class Intellectual Life* (University of Illinois Press, 2019), Roundtable for [Society for US Intellectual History](#), October 15, 2019.

Ralph Callebert, *On Durban’s Docks: Zulu Workers, Rural Households, Global Labor* (University of Rochester Press, 2017), *Journal of African History* (2019).

Nicholas Grant, *Winning our freedoms together: African Americans and apartheid, 1945–1960* (University of North Carolina Press, 2017), *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries* (2018).

Seth Markle, *A Motorcycle on Hell Run: Tanzania, Black Power, and the Uncertain Future of Pan-Africanism, 1964–1974* (Michigan State University Press, 2017),” [Black Perspectives](#).

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Donna J. Rilling, *Making Houses, Crafting Capitalism: Builders in Philadelphia, 1790-1850* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2001), *International Labor and Working Class History* (2003).

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SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES, SEMINARS & UNIVERSITIES

“Black Workers on the Waterfront: Comparing Migrant Experiences to Durban and the San Francisco Bay Area,” African American Intellectual History Society conference (virtual), 2021.

“Black-Led Antracisist Unionism: The Legacy of Ben Fletcher and IWW,” with Kafui Attoh, [CUNY School of Labor & Urban Studies](#) and *New Labor Forum*, co-sponsored by Brandworkers, New York City IWW, and New York Labor History Association, New York, NY (virtual), 2021.

“The 1919 Chicago race riots commemoration project,” with Franklin N. Cosey-Gay (lead), American Public Health Association, San Francisco, CA (virtual), 2020.

“Dockworker Power: Race and Activism in Durban and the San Francisco Bay Area,” co-sponsored by [Evanston \(IL\) Public Library](#) & Northwestern University’s Center for International and Area Studies, Program in African Studies, and Chabraja Center for Historical Studies (virtual), 2020. Reposted on [Status](#), Issue 7.2.

“Dockworker Power: Race and Activism in Durban and the San Francisco Bay Area,” Department of History, Washington University, St. Louis, MO (virtual), 2020.

“Forging Global Solidarity: Dockworkers and Black Internationalism,” School of Labor & Urban Studies, City University of New York, New York, NY, 2020.

“Interpreting Liberation Strategies,” in Prof. Grace Davie, “Interpreting the Global Anti-Apartheid Movement,” HIST 799, Queens College, City University of New York, New York, NY, 2020.

“Dockworker Power: Race and Activism in Durban and the San Francisco Bay Area,” co-sponsored by Center for Global Work & Employment and Department of History, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, 2020.

Guest lecture, “Syndicalism, Race, and the ‘Wobblies’ in the Progressive Era,” in Prof. Ruth Milkman, Sociology 84511, “Sociology of Labor and Labor Movements,” City University of New York, New York, NY, 2020.

“Not Playing Peoria: Paul Robeson’s canceled concert and civil rights unionism in the early Cold War,” African American Intellectual History Society, Austin, TX, 2020.

“(Dock)workers Matter: The Struggles for Racial Equality in South Africa and the United States,” Co-sponsored by Departments of American Studies and History, Notre Dame University, South Bend, IN, 2020.

“Racial Violence, Historical Memory: Chicago’s 1919 Race Riot,” Notre Dame University, South Bend, IN, 2020.

“Chicago’s Red Summer—100 Years Later: The History, Legacy, and Impact of the 1919 Race Riots,” Illinois State Bar Association Standing Committee on Racial and Ethnic Minorities and the Law, co-sponsored by the ISBA Criminal Justice Section, ISBA Human Rights Section, and ISBA Standing Committee on Law Related Education for the Public, Rosemont, IL, 2019.

Dockworker Power, [Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies](#), University of Washington, Seattle, 2019.

“Against Apartheid/For Civil Rights: Dockworkers and Antiracism,” Co-Sponsored by Division of Social and Historical Studies and Labor Solidarity Project, [University of Washington-Tacoma](#), 2019.

Dockworker Power, co-sponsored by the Department of History & Political Science and College of Arts & Science, St. Martin’s University, Lacey, WA, 2019.

Dockworker Power, Harry Van Arsdale Jr. Center for Labor Studies, SUNY Empire State College, New York City, NY, 2019.

“Dockers and Anti-Fascism,” Southern African Historical Society, Rhodes University, Makhanda, South Africa, 2019.

“*Dockworker Power*: Author meets critics,” Southern African Historical Society, Rhodes University, Makhanda, South Africa, 2019.

Keynote address, “Dock(work)er Solidarity: Historically and in an era of Rising Globalization and Technology,” Global Studies Association of North America, Chicago, IL, 2019.

“*Dockworker Power*: Author meets critics,” Labor and Working-Class History Association, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, 2019.

Dockworker Power, [IISH Seminar](#), International Institute of Social History, Amsterdam, Netherlands, 2019.

Dockworker Power, Collaborative Research Group Seminar, African Studies Centre, University of Leiden, Netherlands, 2019.

“Solidarity: Dockworkers and International Activism,” [Institute of Contemporary History](#), New University of Lisbon (NOVA), Portugal, 2019.

Dockworker Power, Work Organisation and Employment Relations Research Centre (WOERRC), Sheffield University Management School, England, 2019.

Dockworker Power, co-sponsored by American Studies and [Evolution of Struggle: Legacies of Apartheid Network](#), University of East Anglia, Norwich, England, 2019.

Dockworker Power, Centre on Labour and Global Production, Queen Mary University of London, England, 2019.

“Out with the Old (Left) and in with the New: When San Francisco’s longshore union hosted the Trips Festival in 1966,” Organization of American Historians, Philadelphia, PA, 2019.

Dockworker Power, co-sponsored by American Cultures Center, History Department, Ethnic Studies Library, Office of Undergraduate Research & Scholarships, Institute for Research on Labor & Employment, Center for Labor Research & Education, and Geography Department, [University of California, Berkeley](#), 2019.

Dockworker Power, co-sponsored by Departments of History, and Race & Resistance Studies, Labor Archives and Research Center, [San Francisco State University](#), Berkeley, CA, 2019.

“SF Bay Area dockworkers and their relation to Freire’s *Pedagogy of the Oppressed*,” in Introduction to Justice, Community, and Leadership, [St. Mary’s College](#), Moraga, CA, 2019.

Dockworker Power, sponsored by Department of Justice, Community and Leadership, St. Mary's College, Moraga, CA, 2019.

"Stumbling Blocks of US History: *Stolpersteine* and Chicago remembrance culture," co-authored with Sara Hall, "Stones of contention—provocation or mainstream ritual? The role of the *Stolpersteine* project in contemporary remembrance conflicts," Centre for Contemporary History Potsdam and Coordination Office *Stolpersteine* Berlin, Berlin, Germany, 2019.

"Forging Global Solidarity: Dockworkers and Black Internationalism," *Our Daily Work/Our Daily Lives*, co-sponsored by African Studies Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, 2019.

Dockworker Power, sponsored by Department of History, [University of California-Irvine](https://www.uci.edu/), Irvine, CA, 2019.

Dockworker Power, co-sponsored by Departments of Global Studies, History, Labor Studies, and Program on Global Studies, University of California-Riverside, Riverside, CA, 2019.

Dockworker Power, co-sponsored by Department of History, Luskin Center for History and Policy and Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, [UCLA](https://www.ucla.edu/), Los Angeles, CA, 2019.

"Challenging Amnesia: Modeling A German Art Project To Remember the Chicago Race Riot of 1919," Society of US Intellectual History, Chicago, IL, 2018.

"Maritime unions and the global struggle against apartheid in the long 1960s," University of Augsburg, Germany, 2018.

"Dockworkers, global solidarity, and the struggle against apartheid since the 1960s," University of Bielefeld, Germany, 2018.

"The Split between the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) and Red International of Labor Unions (RILU)," European Social Science History Conference, Belfast, Northern Ireland, 2018.

"Striking a blow against apartheid: How union dockworkers in San Francisco supported the struggle," Keynote: Anti-Apartheid Activism and the Labor Movement, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, 2017.

"Building Working Class Institutions: Comparing Black Migrant Experiences on the Durban and San Francisco Docks," African Studies Association, Chicago, IL, 2017.

"Arriving on the Waterfront: Comparing Black Migration from Rural KwaZulu to Durban and the US South to the San Francisco Bay Area," European Conference on African Studies, Basel, Switzerland, 2017.

"Black Dockworkers by the Bay: Working Class Intellectuals and the Struggle Against Apartheid," African American Intellectual History Society, Nashville, TN, 2017

"Durban Dockworkers and the Struggle Against Apartheid," Baraza, African Studies Program, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, 2016

“New Perspectives on American Socialism” (roundtable), Organization of American Historians, Providence, RI, 2016

“Containing The Box: How Dockworkers in the San Francisco Bay Area and Durban Responded to the Challenges of Containerization,” European Social Science History Conference, Valencia, Spain, 2016

“Decasualisation on the waterfront: explaining the divergence of Durban and San Francisco dockers,” Department of Sociology and Society, Work and Development Institute (SWOP), University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, 2016

“Against Apartheid, For Civil Rights: Dockworkers and the History of Social Movements in Durban and San Francisco,” Labour Studies Seminar, Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa, 2016

“A History of Dockers, Social Movements, and Transnational Solidarity in Durban and San Francisco,” Centre for Civil Society, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa, 2016

“Dockers and Transnational Solidarity: Case studies from Durban and San Francisco,” European Labour History Network, Turin, Italy, 2015

“Transnational Solidarity: Political Boycotts on the Durban & San Francisco Bay Waterfronts,” co-sponsored by Departments of American Culture & Literature and History, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey, 2015

“On the Waterfront in Durban and San Francisco: Longshoremen and Social Movement Unionism, 1934-1994,” Our Daily Work/Our Daily Lives, co-sponsored by African Studies Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, 2015

“Hooks Down! Anti-Apartheid Activism and Solidarity among Maritime Unions in Australia and the United States,” co-authored with Peter Limb, Australian-US Comparative and Transnational Labour History Conference, University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia, 2015

“On the Durban Waterfront: Dockworker militancy in the struggle against apartheid,” African Studies Association, Indianapolis, IN, 2014

“Working Containers or Getting Worked by Them: how longshore workers in the San Francisco Bay Area and Durban responded to the challenges of containerization,” at “Working on Globalisation: Work and Transport in Global History after 1945,” Work and the Human Life Cycle in Global History, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, 2013

“Anti-Apartheid Activism on the San Francisco Waterfront: Writing Labor into the Modern World’s Greatest Transnational Struggle,” Center for Transnational American Studies, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark, 2013

“Hooks Down! Political Boycotts on the Durban and San Francisco Bay Waterfronts,” Southern African Historical Society, Gaborone, Botswana, 2013

“From the hook to the box: How longshore unions in the San Francisco Bay Area and Durban survived the container,” Newberry Library Seminar in Labor History, Chicago, IL, 2013

“What 21st century activists can learn from an interracial, multiethnic union of early 20th century Philadelphia dockworkers,” panel on “Philly Workers Rising Up,” National Lawyers Guild, Philadelphia, PA, 2011

“No Justice, No Ships Get Loaded: Political Strikes on the Durban and San Francisco Bay Waterfronts,” Race, Radicalism, and Repression on the Pacific Coast and Beyond Conference, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, 2011

“Dockers matter/Dock matters: labour and race relations in Durban and the San Francisco Bay Area, 1960s and 1970s,” History Seminar, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, 2010

“On and Off the Waterfront: dockers, labor unions, and race relations in Durban and Oakland during the 1960s and 1970s,” Northeastern Workshop on Southern Africa, Burlington, VT, 2010

“*The Wire* on the Waterfront: Race, Unions, and the Downfall of Baltimore’s Working Class,” American Studies Association, Washington, DC, 2009

“The Buffalo Are Strong: First Thoughts on Dock Workers in Durban and Oakland, 1929-2009,” Invited Seminar Paper, Centre for Sociological Research, University of Johannesburg, 2009

“A Tale of Two Towns: Globalization and Rural Deindustrialization in the United States,” Newberry Library Rural History Seminar, Chicago, IL, 2009

“Service Learning, FYE and US History: student research and the republication of Reinhold Pabel’s *Enemies Are Human*,” WIU Annual Faculty Research Symposium, Macomb, IL, 2008

“Workers of the Waterfront Unite! Philadelphia’s Long-Forgotten Wobblies,” Keynote address, Pennsylvania Historical Association, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA, 2008

“Neither Color, Nor Nationality: the IWW organizes across the color line in South Africa and the United States,” co-author with Lucien van der Walt, Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Birmingham, AL, 2008

“Crossing the Colour Lines, Crossing the Continents: the racial politics of the transnational IWW in South Africa and the US, 1905-1925,” co-authored by Lucien van der Walt, Labour Crossings: World, Work and History, Johannesburg, South Africa, 2008

“Runaway: The Experiences of Two Rural US Communities with Globalization,” Pacific Northwest Labor History /Labor and Working Class History Association, Vancouver, Canada, 2008

“Tanzania within a Cosmopolitan Point of View: Colonial and Postcolonial History in M.G. Vassanji’s *Book of Secrets*,” co-authored by Heather Brady, African Literature Association, Macomb, IL, 2008

“Race, Class, and Power in Early 20th Century America: The IWW on the Philadelphia Waterfront,” South African and Contemporary History Seminar, University of Western Cape, South Africa, 2007

“Interracial Unionism in the US in the era of Segregation,” Sociology Seminar Series, University of Johannesburg, South Africa, 2007

Panelist, Roundtable on Peter Linebaugh and Marcus Rediker’s *The Many Headed-Hydra: Sailors, Slaves, Commoners and the Hidden History of the Revolutionary Atlantic*, Social Science History Association, Baltimore, MD, 2003

Panelist, “Learning Our Past, Securing Our Future: Using Technology to Impact High School History Teaching,” American Historical Association, Chicago, IL, 2003

“From the Emerald City to Quakertown: Longshoremen, Ideology, and the Fall of the IWW,” Pacific Northwest Labor History Association, Tacoma, WA, 2000

“The Struggle for Interracial Unionism: The Rise and Fall of the IWW in Philadelphia, 1913-1927,” Idaho State History Conference, Boise, ID, 2000

“Quakertown Blues: The Rise and Fall of Interracial Unionism,” University of Houston Workshop for Young Scholars on the Black Urban Experience, Houston, TX, 1998

“The Waterfront of Brotherly Love,” North American Labor History Conference, Detroit, MI, 1997

“Wobblies on the Waterfront: Race, Ethnicity, and the IWW in Philadelphia,” Southern Labor Studies, Williamsburg, VA, 1997

“Wobblies Take the Docks,” Pennsylvania State University Labor History Seminar, University Park, PA, 1997

“On the Philadelphia Waterfront: Race, Ethnicity & Syndicalism,” Social Science History Association, New Orleans, LA, 1997

“Another Philadelphia Story: Race & Class along the Philadelphia Waterfront,” Pennsylvania History Association, Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA, 1996

“Another Philadelphia Story: Race & Class along the Philadelphia Waterfront,” Race, Ethnicity, and Power in Maritime America, Mystic, CT, 1995

CHAIRS & COMMENTS AT SCHOLARLY CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

Comment: “Wobblies of the World,” European Social Science History Conference, Belfast, Northern Ireland, 2018

Comment: “Creative Dissent: Radical Pedagogies in Twentieth Century Grassroots Movements,” American Studies Association, Chicago, IL, 2017

Comment, James R. Barrett, "Blue-Collar Cosmopolitans: Toward a History of Working-Class Sophistication in the Industrial Era," Newberry Library Seminar on Labor History, Chicago, IL, 2016

Comment, "Labour and Port Infrastructure in the Global South in Historical Perspective," European Social Science History Conference, Valencia, Spain, 2016

Comment, "This Dastardly Act': San Francisco's 1916 Preparedness Day Bombing," Newberry Library Seminar in Labor History, Chicago, IL, 2015

Comment, "Labor, Radicalism, and the State," Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL, 2013

Chair, "Obstacles to regionalism," Southern African Historical Society, Gaborone, Botswana, 2013

Chair, "Transnational experiences in Southern African colonial and post-colonial history," Southern African Historical Society, Gaborone, Botswana, 2013

Comment, "Global Radicalism and the 'One Big Union': Transnational Histories of the Industrial Workers of the World," American Historical Association, Chicago, IL, 2012

Comment, Margaret Garb, "'Nothing but Union Men': A Black and White Workers Alliance in Industrializing Chicago," Newberry Library Labor History Seminar, Chicago, IL, 2011

Comment, "Race, Labor, and Urban Politics," Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL, 2010

Chair, "Problematising Class History," "Comprehending Class" conference, Centre for Sociological Research, University of Johannesburg, Johannesburg, South Africa, 2009

Chair, "Probing the Boundaries of the State, Economy, and Development," Southern Africa Historical Society, Pretoria, South Africa, 2009

Chair, "IWW in the Progressive Era," Labor and Working Class History Association, Chicago, IL, 2009

Chair, "Race, Labor and the City: Crises Old and New," Labor and Working Class History Association, Chicago, IL, 2009

Comment, James R. Barrett, "Rethinking the Popular Front," Newberry Library Labor History Seminar, Chicago, IL, 2009

Chair, Roundtable for Colleen O'Neill's *Working the Navajo Way*, Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL, 2007

Chair, "Labor in a Globalizing Era," Blackburn College Labor Studies Symposium, Carlinville, IL, 2005

Comment, "Labor History," Mid-America History Conference, Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield, MO, 2004

Comment, “New Perspectives on Labor and Working Class History in the American Midwest,” Great Lakes Labor History Seminar, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, 2004

Comment, “Working Class Internationalism and Anti-War Activism, 1914-1929,” North American Labor History Conference, Detroit, MI, 2003

Chair, Roundtable on Marcus Rediker and Peter Linebaugh’s *The Many Headed-Hydra: Sailors, Slaves, Commoners and the Hidden History of the Revolutionary Atlantic*, Social Science History Association, Baltimore, MD, 2003

Chair, “Brothers & Sisters: Class Solidarity, Racial Division, and Gender,” North American Labor History Conference, Detroit, MI, 2002

Comment, “Class, Violence, and Politics: Racial Unity, Racial Conflict,” North American Labor History Conference, Detroit, MI, 1999

Chair, “Biography as History,” Western Conference of Asian Studies Association, Boise, ID, 1999

PRESENTATIONS TO GENERAL AUDIENCES

“A Tribute to Ben Fletcher,” with Ahmed White, [Firestorm Books](#), Asheville, NC (virtual), 2021.

“Ben Fletcher and Multiracial Union Organizing in Philadelphia,” [Philly Socialists](#) and Making World Bookstore, Philadelphia, PA (virtual), 2021.

“[Anti-Racist Unionism: Ben Fletcher & the IWW](#),” with Luisa Martinez and organizers from Growing Seeds union, co-sponsored by Portland Democratic Socialists of America, Red Caucus, and Libertarian Socialist Caucus, Portland, OR (virtual), 2021.

“Ben Fletcher: The Life and Times of a Black Wobbly,” with Warren McGregor, [The Commune](#) Bookstore and PM Press, Johannesburg, South Africa, (virtual), 2021.

“Ben Fletcher: The Life and Times of a Black Wobbly,” [Mohawk Valley \(NY\) Freedom School](#), co-sponsored by Greater New York IWW branch, (virtual), 2021.

“Ben Fletcher: The Life and Times of a Black Wobbly,” Washington Education Association (WEA)-Riverside Representatives’ Council, (virtual), 2021.

“Ben Fletcher: The Life and Times of a Black Wobbly,” Derry (Northern Ireland) Radical Bookfair (virtual), 2021.

“Keir Hardie and Eugene Debs in the USA,” [Keir Hardie Society](#) (virtual), 2021.

“[The Life and Times of a Black Wobbly: Ben Fletcher](#),” joined by Royce Adams and Kim Kelly, co-sponsored by Philadelphia IWW and Wooden Shoe Books, Philadelphia, PA (virtual), 2021.

“The Life and Times of a Black Wobbly: Ben Fletcher,” [Claudia Jones School for Political Education](#), co-sponsored by DC IWW and Sankofa Books, Washington, DC (virtual), 2020.

“Organizing around the Intersections of Race and Class: The Industrial Workers of the World and Dockworkers,” [Labor History Reading Group](#), East Side Freedom Library, St. Paul, MN (virtual), 2020.

“The Chicago Race Riot of 1919,” Back of the Yards College Preparatory High School and Englewood STEM High School Chicago, IL (virtual), 2020.

The Wobblies (1979), [Labor History Film Screening & Discussion](#), East Side Freedom Library, St. Paul, MN (virtual), 2020.

“[Anti-Racist Activism on the Waterfront](#),” with Zack Pattin, Labor Solidarity Project, University of Washington, Tacoma (virtual), 2020.

Historic Bike Tour of Chicago 1919, sponsored by Streets Calling Bike Club, Chicago, IL, 2020.

“Flint Sit-Down: the strike heard round the world,” Oakland (CA) Symphony (Virtual), 2020.

“*Dockworker Power*,” Caucus of Rank-and-File Educators, Chicago Teachers Union, Chicago, IL, 2020.

Historic Bike Tour of Chicago 1919, Sponsored by Caucus of Rank-and-File Educators, Chicago Teachers Union, Chicago, IL, 2020.

[2nd Annual Historic Bike Tour](#), Chicago Race Riot of 1919 Commemoration Project, Co-Sponsored by Organic Oneness, Greater Bronzeville Community Action Council, Ald. Pat Dowell (3rd Ward), Ald. Sophia King (4th Ward), Blackstone Bikes, Major Taylor Club Chicago, Caucus of Rank-and-File Educators, Chicago Teachers Union, Chicago, Bright Star Community Outreach, Illinois Institute of Technology Office of Community Affairs, Chicago Center for Youth Violence Prevention, Chicago, IL, 2020.

“On the Waterfront of Brotherly Love,” DuPage County Social Studies Conference, Aurora, IL, 2020.

“The Chicago Race Riot of 1919,” Northside Friends Meeting, Chicago, IL, 2020.

“Immigrant Worker Rights,” Western Illinois DREAMers’ Workshops in Monmouth, IL and Beardstown, IL, 2020.

“The Chicago Race Riot of 1919,” [McDonough County Historical Society](#), Macomb, IL, 2020.

“Dockworker Strikes in Durban, San Francisco Bay Area, and Beyond,” [Howard Zinn Book Fair](#), San Francisco, CA, 2019.

“*Dockworker Power*,” [California Historical Society](#), San Francisco, CA, 2019.

“SF: Industrial Organizing Against the Apartheid State,” Tech Workers Coalition, San Francisco, CA, 2019.

“Waterfront Battles for Rights and Justice,” San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park, San Francisco, CA, 2019.

“Forging Global Solidarity: Dockworkers, Race, and Internationalism,” [East Bay and San Francisco Labor Organizing Committees](#), Democratic Socialists of America, Oakland, CA, 2019.

“The Chicago Race Riot of 1919,” Double Parlor, Chicago, IL, 2019.

“The Chicago Race Riot of 1919,” Back of the Yards College Preparatory High School, Chicago, IL, 2019.

“Union dockworkers and global struggles for racial equality,” Annual Awards Brunch, A. Philip Randolph Institute, Seattle, WA, 2019.

“Transnational Solidarity: How union dockworkers supported global struggles for justice,” [Local 19](#) Education Committee, International Longshore & Warehouse Union, Seattle, WA, 2019.

“Forging Global Solidarity: Dockworkers and Black Internationalism,” co-sponsored by Local 23, International Longshore & Warehouse Union and Tacoma Democratic Socialists of America, Fife, WA, 2019.

“The Chicago Race Riot of 1919,” 83rd Annual Illinois State Convention, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Oak Lawn, IL, 2019.

“Union Issues,” 83rd Annual Illinois State Convention, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Oak Lawn, IL, 2019.

[Dockworker Power](#), co-sponsored by Africa Is A Country, IWW-NYC, New York Labor History Association, and Harry Van Arsdale Jr. Center for Labor Studies, SUNY Empire State College, New York City, NY, 2019

“*Dockworker Power*,” [New Brookwood Labor College](#), St. Paul, MN, 2019.

“Conversation with Labor Historian and Activist Scholar, Peter Cole,” African American & African Studies, University of Minnesota, and [East Side Freedom Library](#), St. Paul, MN, 2019.

“The Chicago Race Riot of 1919,” Museum Studies, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL, 2019

“The Chicago Race Riot of 1919,” Learning Is Forever (LIFE), Macomb, IL, 2019

“The Chicago Race Riot of 1919,” First-Year Seminar, DePaul University, Chicago, IL 2019

“We will not forget the Chicago Race Riot of 1919,” Launch of Chicago Race Riot of 1919 Commemoration Project co-sponsored by CRR19, Ald. Pat Dowell (3rd Ward), Ald. Sophie King

(4th Ward), Greater Bronzeville Community Action Council, Illinois Institute of Technology's Community Affairs, Good Kids Mad City, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL, 2019

"Bike tour of the 1919 Chicago Race Riot," co-leader on behalf of CRR19 and co-sponsored by Go Bronzeville, and Slow Roll Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2019

"Chicago 1919: labor and race," co-leader with Julia Berkowitz of Illinois Labor History Society, for American Association of University Professors, Chicago, IL, 2019

"The 1919 Chicago Race Riot," One Summer Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2019

Dockworker Power, Durban Literary Festival, Ike's Books, Durban, South Africa, 2019

Dockworker Power, *New Frame* seminar, Johannesburg, South Africa, 2019

"The 1919 Chicago Race Riot & Public Memory," Columbia College of Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2019

"The Chicago Race Riot of 1919: What happened, why it mattered, and how to commemorate it," [Ethical Humanist Society](#), Chicago, IL, 2019.

"Chicago Race Riot of 1919," Percy Julian Middle School, Oak Park, IL, 2019

Dockworker Power, co-sponsored by WIU's Department of History and Expanding Cultural Diversity Project, New Copperfield's Book Service, Macomb, IL, 2019

"Using Public Art to Fight Racism: The Chicago Race Riot of 1919 Commemoration Project," Unitarian Universal Fellowship, Macomb, IL, 2019

"Dockworker Power in the Bay Area and South Africa," with Jack Heyman, co-sponsored by Freedom Archives and [Shaping SF](#), San Francisco, CA, 2019

Dockworker Power, International Longshore & Warehouse Union Local 10 Pensioners, San Francisco, CA, 2019

"Chicago Race Riot of 1919," DuPage Valley Social Studies Conference, Aurora, IL, 2019

"Modern South African History," DuPage Valley Social Studies Conference, Aurora, IL, 2019

"Chicago Race Riot of 1919," Black Chicago History Forum, George Cleveland Hall branch, Chicago Public Library, Chicago, IL, 2019

"The Red Summer of 1919, the Centennial," Black History Month, Western Illinois Correctional Center, Mt. Sterling, IL, 2019

"Doing Public History: Or how I stumbled upon a German art project, became inspired by it, and now lead an effort to commemorate the Chicago Race Riot of 1919 using a modified version of it," Department of History Faculty Colloquium, WIU, Macomb, IL, 2018

"Jewish Americans and social justice," Interfaith Alliance, Macomb, IL, 2018

“*Wobblies of the World*,” with Singeklub Leipzig, sponsored by Leipzig IWW, Leipzig, Germany, 2018

“The Internationalism of the IWW,” May Day, Historical Society of Forest Park, Forest Park, IL, 2018

Wobblies of the World: A Global History of the IWW, with contributors Marjorie Murphy and David Struthers, sponsored by Ireland IWW, Connolly Books, Dublin, Ireland, 2018

Wobblies of the World: A Global History of the IWW, with Mark Bergfeld (Queen Mary University of London) and contributor David Struthers, Housmans Bookshop, London, England, 2018

Wobblies of the World: A Global History of the IWW, Unitarian Universal Fellowship, Macomb, IL, 2018

Discussion of *When We Were Kings*, Black History Month, WIU, Macomb, IL, 2018

“Muhammad Ali: Pan-African Radical,” Black History Month presentations, Western Illinois Correctional Centers, Mt. Sterling and Clayton, IL, 2018

Wobblies of the World: A Global History of the IWW, College of Complexes, Meeting #3,461, Chicago, IL, 2018. View at: [youtube.com/watch?v=NaGFWrun844](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NaGFWrun844)

Wobblies of the World: A Global History of the IWW, with Fran Shor (Wayne State University), Source Books, Detroit, MI, 2017

Wobblies of the World: A Global History of the IWW, with contributors Bucky Halker, Tariq Khan, and David Struthers, co-sponsored by Illinois Labor History Society and *In These Times*, Chicago, IL, 2017

“IWW Local 8: Philadelphia’s Interracial Longshore Union,” 4th Annual Cleveland LaborFest, Cleveland, OH, 2017

Wobblies of the World: A Global History of the IWW, with Michelle Chen (City University of New York and *The Nation*). Co-sponsored by Cornell University’s Worker Institute, Brandworkers, New York City branch of the IWW, Tamiment Library & Robert Wagner Archives, and New York Labor History Association, New York City, NY, 2017

“History of South Africa,” Food & Culture Club, WIU, Macomb, IL, 2017

“The Chicago Race Riot of 1919,” Western Illinois Correctional Center, Mt. Sterling and Clayton, IL, 2017

“In search of the (white) working class,” Panel on “Election 2016,” WIU Department of History and Phi Alpha Theta, Macomb, IL, 2016

“Automation Is Here to Liberate Us,” Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Macomb, IL, 2016

“Dockworkers and struggles for social justice around the globe,” Expanding Cultural Diversity Project, WIU, Macomb, IL, 2016

“Wobblies on the Waterfront: The rise and fall of an interracial union,” IWW Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany 2016

“The Long Lasting Effects of Apartheid,” Political Economy of International Development (IS 3200), University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, 2016

“Ike, Elvis, and Lucy: Using Popular Culture to Understand the Postwar USA,” Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey, 2015

“Wobblies on the Waterfront: The rise and fall of Philadelphia's first interracial waterfront union,” in support of *Tides of Freedom* exhibit, Independence Seaport Museum, Philadelphia, PA, 2015

“There Is Power in a Union: a short history of industrial America and the labor movement,” 3-class sessions, Learning Is Forever (LIFE), Macomb, IL, 2015

“Marcus Garvey and his (continuing) importance to the African American Experience,” Western Illinois Correctional Center, Mt. Sterling and Clayton, IL, 2015

“The Box: How containers revolutionized the (San Francisco) waterfront....and the global economy,” Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Macomb, IL, 2014

Panelist, “Student Athletes, Unions and NCAA,” WIU, Macomb, IL, 2014

“Martin Luther King, Jr. and the March on Washington,” Western Illinois Correctional Center, Mt. Sterling and Clayton, IL, 2014

“Striking A Blow Against Apartheid: The Political Activism of San Francisco Longshore Workers,” WIU, Macomb, IL, 2013

“The ‘Hidden History’ of the March on Washington for Jobs & Freedom, on its 50th Anniversary,” Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Macomb, IL, 2013

“Striking Apartheid,” [Labor Day Association](#), Gibson County, Boonville, IN, 2013

“Fighting Apartheid: The Political Activism of San Francisco Longshore Workers,” 1st Annual Peeling the Lid Back From History Lecture, College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, IL, 2013

“The Hidden History of the IWW's Local 8: Organizing Insights from the Multiracial Union that Controlled the Philadelphia Docks,” hosted by Brandworkers, Industrial Workers of the World (NYC), Focus on the Food Chain, and Laundry Workers Center, New York City, NY 2012

“From the bottom up: Why candidates should be talking more about climate change, the new Jim Crow, and the Occupy movement,” 2012 Presidential Election: Three WIU Historians Provide a Perspective, Macomb, IL, 2012

“Hooks Down! How longshore workers in San Francisco battled apartheid in South Africa,” Laborfest, also sponsored by International Longshore & Warehouse Union Local 10 and Shaping SF, San Francisco, CA, 2012

Invited lecture, “No Justice, No Ships Get Unloaded: Striking apartheid in San Francisco & against Mugabe’s regime in Durban,” in “Nelson Mandela and the Anti-Apartheid Movement,” Prof. Prexy Nesbitt, Columbia College, Chicago, twice: Spring and Fall, 2012

“The Chickens Come Home to Roost: The Deep Roots of Today’s Economic Mess,” WIU Annual History Conference, Macomb, IL, 2012

“Striking a Blow Against Apartheid: how the San Francisco longshore union boycotted South African Cargo in 1984,” Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Macomb, IL, 2011

“Ben Fletcher and the Legacy of IWW MTWIU Local 8,” sponsored by the SF Bay area IWW, Niebyl-Proctor Marxist Library, Oakland, CA, 2011

“Ben Fletcher: the WWI era’s most important, if forgotten, African American Labor Leader,” SF LaborFest co-sponsored by International Longshore & Warehouse Union Local 10, Local 10 Hall, San Francisco, CA, 2011

“Ben Fletcher: Philly’s greatest (African American) labor leader,” sponsored by the IWW, Bindlestiff Books, Philadelphia, PA, 2011

“What’s the Word from Johannesburg? The Anti-Apartheid Movement in the United States.” WIU Annual History Conference, Macomb, IL, 2011

“Wisconsin: Why & What We Can Do About it,” WIU, Macomb, IL, 2011. View at: [youtube.com/watch?v=6WAKDv4cZI8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6WAKDv4cZI8)

“The (New) South Rises Again: Comparing the histories of Atlanta and Birmingham,” U.S. Department of Education Grant for High School History Teachers, WIU, Macomb, IL, 2010

“A musical journey: from the Americas to Africa and back again (with a nod to the UK),” Listening Party, Malpass Library, WIU, Macomb, IL, 2010

“The Labor Movement: the folks who brought you the weekend,” Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Macomb, IL, 2010

Panelist, *No Impact Man*, WIU, Macomb, IL, 2010

“Philadelphia: The City of Brotherly Love...and Hate,” Teaching American History, U.S. Department of Education Grant for High School History Teachers, Macomb, IL, 2009

“Safari Njema: Travels in Kenya & Tanzania,” Armchair Travelers for Learning Is Forever (LIFE), Macomb, IL, 2009

"Bread and Roses? How workers fought on May Day but got Labor Day," Unitarian Universality Fellowship, Macomb, IL, 2009

"The United States and South Africa: Two Histories More Common than You Think," WIU Annual History Conference, Macomb, IL, 2009

"New Orleans: The Most Unique and American of Cities," Teaching American History, U.S. Department of Education Grant for High School History Teachers, Macomb, IL, 2009

"Ben Fletcher: America's Foremost Black Labor Leader in the Progressive Era," Black History Month, WIU, Macomb, IL, 2009

"Teddy Roosevelt: America's First Conservation President," Davenport Community School District, Davenport, IA, 2009

Invited guest lecture, *Wobblies on the Waterfront*, Graduate seminar on U.S. labor history, Prof. Rosemary Feurer, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, 2008

"Radicalism and Race on the Philadelphia Waterfront," Albright College, Reading, PA, 2008

"Bombs and Banners: The Origins of Labor Day & Why It Still Matters," 1st Annual Labor Day speaker, Monmouth College, Monmouth, IL, 2008

Book talks, *Wobblies on the Waterfront*, LaborFest 2008, Modern Times Bookstore, San Francisco, CA and Transport Workers Solidarity Committee, Oakland, CA, 2008

"Lessons of Philadelphia's Wobblies for Today," Dissent in American Teach-In, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, 2008

Book talks, *Wobblies on the Waterfront*, Temple Book Club, Temple University Library and Bindlestiff Books/Studio 34, Philadelphia, PA, 2008

Panelist, "The noose as an American nightmare," MLK, Jr. Community Center, Rock Island, IL, 2008 and African American Studies Dept., WIU, Macomb, IL, 2007

"Suburbs & Climate Change," Focus the Nation, Global Warming Solutions: A National Teach-In, WIU, Macomb, IL, 2008

Book talk, *Wobblies on the Waterfront*, Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, 2008

Invited lecture, "Blacks, The Left, and the Left Coast," History of Blacks in the West, Prof. Quintard Taylor, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, 2008

Book talk, *Wobblies on the Waterfront*, Tamiment Library & Wagner Archives, New York University, New York, NY, 2008

"Organizing Wobbly Unions, Past & Present," Bluestockings Bookstore, New York, NY, 2008

“International Brownbag: Tanzania,” presented with Heather Brady, Monmouth College, Monmouth, IL, 2007

“Environmental Issues in Tanzania: Reflections of a Short-time Expat,” Environmental Sustainability Brownbag, WIU, Macomb, IL, 2007

Book talk, *Wobblies on the Waterfront*, New Copperfield’s Books, Macomb, IL, 2007

“A History of American Urban Development,” 2 invited lectures, African Urban Development, University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, 2007

“Finding Nowhere, U.S.A.: Utopian Novels of the Gilded Age,” WIU Annual History Conference, Macomb, IL, 2006

Panelist, “Political Corruption and Reform,” Campus Dialogues, University Theme Committee, WIU, Macomb, IL, 2006

“*Fast Food Nation*, fast food architecture,” Campus Dialogues, University Theme Committee, WIU, Macomb, IL, 2006

Panelist, “Don’t Forget the War in Iraq,” WIU, Macomb, IL, 2005

Panelist, “*The Corporation: Profits at Any Cost?*” Business Ethics Day, WIU, Macomb, IL, 2005

Panelist, “Hurricane Katrina: the Environment, Poverty and Race Politics in 21st Century America,” WIU, Macomb, IL, 2005

“*Fast Food Nation* from the perspective of a historian,” First Year Experience summer reading, WIU, Macomb, IL, 2005

“Local 8, the IWW’s interracial experiment,” IWW Centenary Conference, Chicago, IL, 2005

“The White City: Using Chicago’s Legendary Fair to Explore Gilded Age America,” WIU Annual History Conference, Macomb, IL, 2005

“We don’t torture people in America,” Amnesty International Local 296 annual fundraiser, WIU, Macomb, IL, 2005

“Raise More Hell and Less Corn! The rise and fall of the Populists and why we should care,” U.S. Department of Education Institute for High School History Teachers, Macomb, IL, 2005

“Crisis in Gilded Age Illinois: Pullman, Debs, and Altgeld in the Pullman boycott of 1894,” Teaching American History, U.S. Department of Education Grant for High School History Teachers, Macomb, IL, 2004

“U.S. Complicity in Worldwide Hunger,” Oxfam Hunger Banquet, WIU, Macomb, IL, 2004

“Seeing Red: From Haymarket to HUAC,” WIU Annual History Conference, Macomb, IL, 2004

“Roots: The Conservation Movement in Early 20th Century America,” Department of Biology Biweekly Seminar, WIU, Macomb, IL, 2004

Amnesty International, “The Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Social Justice,” “Now is the Time...Social Justice,” University Theme, WIU, Macomb, IL, 2004

“Labor History: Now is the Time, Social Justice,” University Theme, WIU, Macomb, IL, 2003

“The Other Appalachia,” Business Ethics Day, WIU, Macomb, IL, 2003

“Labor Rights as Human Rights, International Human Rights Day,” event sponsored by Amnesty International Local 296, Macomb, IL, 2003

Gallery Talk & Walk of Kenneth Holder’s *Lewis and Clark Trail Project*, University Art Gallery, WIU, Macomb, IL, 2003

“War in Iraq and Aftermath: forum on the war and post-Saddam Iraq,” WIU, Macomb, IL, 2003

“Building a Society of Fear: The Bush Administration’s Assault on Privacy and Other Civil Liberties,” Western Civil Liberties Union panel discussion, WIU, Macomb, IL, 2003

“Using Movies to Teach About Important Issues: *Matewan* and the Issues of Race, Labor, and Violence,” Teaching American History, U.S. Department of Education Grant for High School History Teachers, Macomb, IL, 2003

“Acid Rock & the Age of Aquarius: Using Popular Culture to Understand the 1960s,” Teaching American History, U.S. Department of Education Grant for High School History Teachers, Macomb, IL, 2003

“Promoting the Public Good and Preserving Private Welfare: Toward an Understanding of the Progressive Movement, 1900-1920,” Teaching American History, U.S. Department of Education Grant for High School History Teachers, Macomb, IL, 2002

“Ike, Elvis, and the Beaver: Using Popular Culture to Understand the 1950s Teaching American History, U.S. Department of Education Grant for High School History Teachers, Macomb, IL, 2002

“Terrorism in Gilded Age America,” WIU Annual History Conference, Macomb, IL, 2001

“United We Stand’: Interracial Unionism on the Philadelphia Waterfront,” University Research/Grants Seminar Series, WIU, Macomb, IL, 2001

“Solidarity Forever: The History of the Industrial Workers of the World,” WIU Annual History Conference, Macomb, IL, 2001

Introduction to *Freedom Song*, Associated Students of History, WIU, Macomb, IL, 2001

Introduction to *Fat Man and Little Boy*, Associated Students of History, WIU, Macomb, IL, 2000

“History of the Farm Workers Movement,” speech sponsored by Idaho Progressive Student Alliance, in conjunction with premier of film “Voices from the Field,” Boise, ID, 2000

“The Final Days of Martin Luther King, Jr.,” in conjunction with exhibit, “The Struggle for Civil Rights at Home and Beyond,” Idaho Black History Museum, Boise, ID, 2000

“The Struggle for Interracial Unionism,” for Phi Alpha Theta, Boise State University, ID, 1999

“I Have Many Dreams: King on Race, War, and Poverty,” Martin Luther King, Jr./Human Rights Annual Celebration, Boise State University, Boise, ID, 1999

“The Conspiracy to Repress Working People,” speech and discussion of film *Matewan*, Boise State University Sociology Club, Boise, ID, 1998

UNIVERSITY SERVICE (WIU)

Faculty Council, College of Arts & Sciences, 2019-21 (chair, 2020-21)

Curriculum Committee, College of Arts & Sciences, 2019-21

Department Personnel Committee, 2020-21, 2006-19 (chair, 2020-21, 2016-17, 2008-09)

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (department), 2016-21 (chair, 2017-18)

President’s Faculty Roundtable, 2018-19

College of Arts & Sciences Faculty Representative, Search Committee for Provost, 2017-18

Scholarship & Recruitment Committee (department), 2020-21, 2016-18, 2013-14

Academic Integrity Committee (department), 2016-17 (chair)

Search Committees (department): Chair, 2017 (chair), 2011-12 (chair) and 2008-09; Latin America; U.S. History, post-1945; U.S. West/Illinois; U.S. Diplomatic/Military; Minority Dissertation Fellowship

Graduate Committee (department), 2011-15

Chair’s Advisory Committee (department), 2014-15

Library Committee (department), 2010-11 (chair), 2008-09, 2002-06 (chair), 2001-02

College of Arts & Sciences Faculty Representative, Search Committee for President, 2010

College Personnel Committee, 2008-09

Expanding Cultural Diversity Project, 2013-18

University Sustainability Committee, 2008-14; Transportation Subcommittee, 2008-13 (chair)

WIU Affirmative Action Administrative Internship Committee, 2009-12

First Year Experience Committee (university); Chair of Peer Mentor Subcommittee, 2005-06; FYE Dean's Council, 2004-06; Presenter, FYE Faculty Training, 2005; Subcommittee on Faculty Training/Workshop, 2005; Chair, Subcommittee on Co-Curricular Events, 2004-05; FYE Faculty Pilot Committee, Honors College, 2004-05

House of Delegates, University Professionals of Illinois, 2003-21; Co-Chair, Education and Social Committee, University Professionals of Illinois, 2009-11; Department Representative, UPI, 2000-6

Faculty mentor, 2009-10, 2008-09, 2006-07, 2005-06, 2003-04

Faculty Advisor to Veggie Club, Campus Greens, Cycling Club, Flatlander Rock Climbers

Co-organizer, Chicago Race Riot of 1919 Centennial, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL, July 27, 2019

Co-organizer, Claire Hartfield, *A Few Red Drops: The Chicago Race Riot of 1919*, Western Illinois Museum, Macomb, IL, 2019

Co-organizer, *Starving the Beast*, Expanding Cultural Diversity Project, WIU, 2017

Organizer, Dr. Martha Biondi, "The Black Revolution on Campus," WIU, 2014

Organizer, Prexy Nesbitt, "Footsoldiering for peace: from Martin Luther King, Jr. to Nelson Mandela and Samora Machel," WIU, 2012

Organizer, screening of *COINTELPRO 101* with co-producer Claude Marks, Freedom Archives (San Francisco), WIU, Macomb, IL 2011

Co-Organizer, centennial exhibit of 1908 Springfield Race Riot (Lincoln Museum and Archives) and guest lecture by Dr. Sundiata Cha-Jua (University of Illinois), WIU, 2008

Co-Organizer, Western Illinois African Film Festival, Monmouth College and WIU, October-November 2006

Co-Organizer, Eyes Wide Open: The Human Cost of War to Illinois, national sponsor: American Friends Service Committee, 2006

Organizer, *The Real Dirt on Farmer John*, in association with Campus Greens & Earth Day, 2006

Organizer of "Globalization, NAFTA and Maquiladoras: Jobs for the Poor or a Race to the Bottom?" presentation by Marco Negrete Jiménez, UNAM, 2005, WIU

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Co-Chair, Planning Committee for 2021 Conference (virtual), Labor and Working Class History Association, 2020-2021

Co-editor, Wildcat Series, Pluto Press (London, England), 2017-present

Co-Coordinator, Labor History Seminar, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, 2017-present

Member, Program Committee, Labor and Working Class History Association, 2019-20

Member, Herbert Gutman Dissertation Prize Committee, Labor and Working Class History Association, 2017-19

Manuscript reviewer, books: University of Illinois Press, 2021, 2013-14, 2011, 2010, 2008; University of Washington Press, 2021; University of California Press, 2020

Manuscript reviewer, articles: *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*, 2020, 2008; *South African Historical Journal*, 2019, 2017; *Critical Arts*, 2019; *Labor Studies Journal*, 2019; *International Review of Social History*, 2018; *International Labor & Working Class History*, 2017, 2014; *Journal of Contemporary History*, 2017; *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History*, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014; *Mobility in History*, 2016; *Capitalism, Nature, Socialism*, 2015; *Critical Historical Studies*, 2014; *Journal of American History*, 2012-13; *South African Review of Sociology*, 2010; *Labor History*, 2008

External reviewer: Fellowship, Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study, 2020; Rating Review, University of Johannesburg for National Research Foundation, South Africa, 2020; Promotion, The College of New Jersey, 2020; Promotion, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, 2017; Promotion, Purdue University Northwest, 2017; Promotion, Purdue University North Central, 2016; Promotion & Tenure, Roosevelt University, 2011

Member, Conseil scientifique/Scientific Committee, Réseaux et solidarités internationales face à la répression dans les ports et en mer - Troisième Journées Jules Durand/International networks and solidarity in the face of repression in ports and at sea, 3rd Jules Durand conference, Université du Havre, France, 2016

Museum consultant, "Tides of Freedom: African Presence on the Delaware River," Independence Seaport Museum, Philadelphia, PA, 2013

Program evaluator for Humanities Iowa, Quad Cities Area Labor-Management Council's series on history of labor relations in the Quad Cities, Iowa and Illinois, 2005-2006

Consultant, Harry Bridges Educational Project, 2001

Museum consultant and author of exhibit brochure, "The Struggle for Civil Rights at Home and Beyond," NEH-funded exhibit, Idaho Black History Museum, Boise, ID, 1999-2000

INTERVIEWS, PODCASTS & OTHER MEDIA APPEARANCES

“Interview with Peter Cole, Author of *Ben Fletcher: The Life and Times of a Black Wobbly*,” by Luisa, [Partisan](#), March 30, 2021.

“South Shore, Tulsa Students Link Up for History Exchange on 1919 Race Riot, 1921 Black Wall Street Massacre,” by Maxwell Evans, [Block Club Chicago](#), March 29, 2021.

“Ben Fletcher & the Legendary IWW Local 8 with Peter Cole,” [Laborwave Radio](#), March 1, 2021.

“Black-Led Antracisist Unionism: The Legacy of Ben Fletcher and IWW” with Kafui Atttoh, [Reinventing Solidarity podcast](#), CUNY School of Labor & Urban Studies and *New Labor Forum*, February 27, 2021.

“The Life and Times of a Black Wobbly: Ben Fletcher,” [Letters and Politics](#) with Mitch Jeserich, KPFA 94.1 FM (Berkeley, CA), February 18, 2021.

“Life and Times of a Black Wobbly,” Chris Garlock’s [Your Rights At Work](#)/Union City Radio, WPFW 89.3 FM (Washington, DC), February 18, 2021.

“Ben Fletcher” with Luisa Martinez, “[Old Mole Variety Hour](#),” KBOO 90.7 FM (Portland, OR), February 15, 2021.

“Ben Fletcher: The Life and Times of a Black Wobbly,” Boiling Point Radio, Cincinnati Interfaith Workers Center, 88.3 FM (Cincinnati, OH), February 11, 2021.

“[Fifth Estate Live](#)” with David Rovics, on Ben Fletcher and Chicago 1919, January 25, 2021.

“By Us, For Us,” [Hall Pass: The Podcast](#), January 18, 2021.

“The Organizer Ben Fletcher, with Peter Cole,” [Left Anchor](#), January 13, 2021.

“Ben Fletcher: The Life & Times of a Black Wobbly,” [Revolutionary Left Radio](#), January 12, 2021.

Marianna Bacallao, “Remembering the 1919 Chicago Race Riots through Art,” [WVIK](#) 90.3 FM (Quad Cities, IA/IL), December 17, 2020.

“Wobcast 7: Peter Cole,” [Organizing Work](#), December 10, 2020.

“Ben Fletcher: The Life & Times of a Black Wobbly,” David Whettstone’s Community Watch & Comment, WPFW 89.3 FM (Washington, DC), December 8, 2020.

“Group developing public art to commemorate 1919 race riots,” [Associated Press](#), December 6, 2020.

“Grantee Spotlight, Chicago Race Riot of 1919 Commemoration Project,” [Illinois Humanities](#), November 2020.

“Ben Fletcher and Building the IWW’s Anti-Racist, Class War Politics,” [It’s Going Down](#), November 6, 2020.

Duncan Guy, “Workers won’t be contained,” [Independent on Saturday](#) (Durban, South Africa), October 31, 2020.

James Porter, “Chicago Race Riot of 1919 bike tour highlights forgotten history, raises money for Blackstone,” [Streetsblog Chicago](#), October 17, 2020.

Thabiso Goba, “Read about the history of Durban harbour,” [Berea Mail](#) (Durban, South Africa), October 8, 2020.

“Dockworker Power: Racial Justice, Class Struggle & Proletarian Internationalism,” [Revolutionary Left Radio](#), August 9, 2020.

“Remembering 1919/Confronting 2020: Race Riots, Public Art & Chicago, Then and Now,” [Infinite Room](#), a podcast by Lookingglass Theatre Company (Chicago, IL), July 24, 2020.

“Dockworkers Continue the Fight for Racial and Economic Justice,” with Keith Shanklin and Rose Aguilar, [KALW](#) 91.7 FM (San Francisco, CA), July 2, 2020.

“Why America’s most radical unions shut down ports on Juneteenth,” [Labor History Today](#), June 28, 2020. Full interview on Meany Labor Archives, [Youtube](#).

Karina Piser, “Unions Are Taking a Stand for Black Lives,” [The Nation](#), June 24, 2020.

“Bay Area Dockworkers Continue Decades of Fighting Oppression on Juneteenth,” *The Bay* podcast, [KQED](#) 88.5 FM (San Francisco, CA), June 19, 2020. Reposted to KHSU (Arcata, CA).

“History of the IWW: Militant Unionism, Wobbly Internationalism, & Class War,” [Revolutionary Left Radio](#), March 19, 2020.

“Red Chicago,” [The Future of America’s Past](#), PBS, March 16, 2020.

Amanda Joyce Hall interview on *Dockworker Power*, African American Studies, [New Books Network](#), February 19, 2020.

“Left of Black with Peter Cole,” [John Hope Franklin Center](#) at Duke University, December 6, 2019.

“Your Call with Rose Aguilar” [KALW](#), 91.7 FM (San Francisco, CA), December 10, 2019.

Prexy Nesbitt, “An injury to one is an injury to all,” [Africa Is A Country](#), November 29, 2019.

Marin Scott, “Present and Past: How we commemorate the race riots of 1919,” [South Side Weekly](#), November 19, 2019.

Arvind Dilawar, “A New Way to Memorialize Racial Violence,” [The Nation](#), November 14, 2019.

Episode 42, “Peter Cole and Aaron Goings,” [The Docker Podcast](#), November 13, 2019.

Sarah Lazarre, “Chicago Teachers Are Carrying the Torch of Decades of Militant Worker Struggles,” [In These Times](#), October 29, 2019. Reposted online at Portside.

Elise Schimke, “If there was racial harmony and equality in the year 2019, maybe we wouldn’t need to talk about the race riots of 1919. An interview with historian Peter Cole,” [Another Chicago Magazine](#), October 24, 2019.

Elise Schimke, “Chicago riders see sites of riots a century later in Bronzeville and Bridgeport,” [Another Chicago Magazine](#), October 24, 2019.

Michelle Duster, “Charting the History of Racial Violence in Chicago,” [The North Star](#), October 22, 2019.

Arvind Dilawar, “Docking Stations,” [The Smart Set](#), October 6, 2019.

Lars Soold, “Anitrasistiska fackförbund har haft stor roll för mångkulturella och inkluderande samhällen,” 3.19 [Hamm Arbetaren](#) (“Antiracist unions have played a major role in multicultural and inclusive societies,” *Port Worker*), September 2019.

Peter Olney, “Beyond the Waterfront,” [Jacobin](#), September 8, 2019.

“Peter Cole’s Dockworker Power,” BAR Book Forum, [Black Agenda Report](#), July 31, 2019.

Jason Daley, “To Remember the Chicago Race Riot of 1919, Commemoration Project Looks to Public Art,” [Smithsonian](#), July 30, 2019.

Pat Nabong, “Commemorating Chicago’s Red Summer of 1919,” [Belt Magazine](#), July 30, 2019.

LaShawn Williams, “Illinois Institute of Technology Hosts Centennial Commemoration of 1919 Chicago Race Riots,” [Chicago Defender](#), July 29, 2019.

Madeline Fitzgerald, “Ensuring the Chicago Race Riot Is Not Forgotten, With Inspiration from Germany’s Holocaust Memorials,” [TIME](#), July 27, 2019.

Jonita Davis, “How Chicago Is Facing Its Violent History,” [Yes!](#) July 26, 2019.

Arionne Nettles, “Remembering Chicago’s 1919 Race Riots with Public Art,” [WBEZ](#) 91.3 FM (Chicago, IL), July 26, 2019.

“The History of Chicago’s 1919 Race Riots and A New Public Art Project,” Chicago Lighthouse, Chicagoland Radio Information Service (CRIS), Chicago, IL, July 25, 2019.

Patty Wetli, “It’s Been 100 Years: Is Chicago Finally Ready to Reckon with the City’s 1919 Riots,” [Block Club Chicago](#), July 23, 2019.

“Port Authority: Race, Labor, and Logistics on the Docks,” [Interchange](#), WFHB 91.3 FM (Bloomington, IN), July 16, 2019.

“Building Worker Power on the Docks: An interview with Peter Cole,” by Katy Fox-Hodess, [Jacobin](#), July 5, 2019. Reposted online at Samuel Dubois Cook Center on Social Equity at Duke University.

Interviewed about *Dockworker Power* on [America’s Workforce Radio](#) with Ed Ferenc, WERE 1490 AM (Cleveland, OH), July 3, 2019.

“Wayfair Workers Walk Out,” by Natalie Shure, [The Nation](#), June 27, 2019.

“Peter Cole on the Power of Dockworkers,” [Who Makes Cents? A History of Capitalism Podcast](#), May 7, 2019.

“Peter Cole’s *Dockworker Power*,” [The Page 99 Test](#), April 28, 2019.

Interview on *Dockworker Power*, “Arise! with Bill Fletcher, Jr.,” WPFW 89.3 FM (Washington, DC), April 11, 2019.

“Fighting Against Racism—And for a Better Paycheck—On the Docks,” by Shaun Richman, [In These Times](#), April 3, 2019. Reposted online at *Portside* and *Salon*.

Interview on *Dockworker Power* on “Sound Living,” KSER 90.7 FM (Everett, WA), March 22, 2019.

“The Power of Dockworker Unions,” by Rich Egger, [WIUM](#) 91.3 FM (Macomb, IL), March 22, 2019. Replayed on WCBU 89.9 FM (Peoria, IL).

“*Dockworker Power*: A New Book on Labor Activism in South Africa and the United States,” by Skyler Gordon, [Black Perspectives](#), March 20, 2019.

“On the Waterfront, Again: Peter Cole’s *Dockworker Power*,” by Jonah Raskin, [BeyondChron](#), March 19, 2019.

“Race, Labor, and Activism on the Waterfront,” with Alex Catsoulis, [48 Hills](#), March 15, 2019.

“The impact of ‘Dockworker Power’ went well beyond the Waterfront,” [East Bay Yesterday](#), KPFA 94.1 FM (Berkeley, CA), March 13, 2019.

“Power and Solidarity on the Docks,” [Against the Grain](#), KPFA 94.1 FM (Berkeley, CA), March 13, 2019.

“Peter Cole on Port Workers in the Bay Area & South Africa and the Struggle Against Racial Apartheid,” [It’s Going Down](#), March 12, 2019.

“WIU history professor examines dockworkers’ power in book,” [Associated Press](#), February 25, 2019.

“Building Solidarity on the Docks,” with Chuck Mertz, [This Is Hell](#), WNUR 89.3 FM (Chicago, IL), February 16, 2019. Reposted at [Antidote Zine](#).

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