



WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY



Labor@Wayne



New Initiatives, Revitalized Labor Programs:



Meeting the Needs of Today's Labor Community

Who We Are

For over 60 years, Wayne State University has been a resource to workers, labor, and the employment and labor relations community. Now known as Labor@Wayne, we are dedicated to providing union and community programs designed to promote and support effective labor relations and union representation.

What We Do

Located in the Reuther Library at Wayne State University, an archive built by the United Auto Workers, Labor@Wayne delves into the past of the labor movement, explores the present moment in its complexity, and works to prepare the next generation of scholars and workers for the future.

Labor@Wayne is here to design and conduct training to grow the next generation of leaders in labor and employment relations through a diverse set of training options and to engage scholars and the community in discussions on labor, worker issues, and the future of work.

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Meet the New Director

Elizabeth Faue

Background

The daughter of union parents and a third-generation union member, Elizabeth Faue is the new Director of Labor@Wayne, with thirty years of experience in professional and academic leadership, including as Professor of History and Department Chair.

Faue is an internationally known labor historian, teacher, and author. Valuing the sharing of workers' stories, she specializes in labor and working-class studies, women's and gender history, and politics in social movements. Her most recent book was a history of the labor movement, *Rethinking the American Labor Movement* (2017). She is currently researching occupational health and safety movement and teacher and nurse activism in the United States.

Energized Vision

With the labor movement and workers at a critical point in our history, Labor@Wayne is positioned to assist in developing the next generation of leaders in labor and labor relations and in helping organizations build capacity.

One of the Director's main priorities is to re-invigorate and strengthen the labor education programs that Wayne State University has been instrumental in providing to the labor and employment relations community. Labor education programs will take many different forms, from undergraduate and graduate programs to building conferences and offering organizations diverse customized training opportunities.

We also are committed to revitalizing public education in labor issues, re-establishing the public presence of the Douglas A. Fraser Center for Workplace Issues and bringing back the Irving Bluestone Lecture on Workplace Issues, the Dave Miller Memorial Lectures, and the Labor Leaders' Forum to support work and labor research and networking opportunities for labor unions and their members.

Partnership Building

Labor@Wayne invites you to contact Director Elizabeth Faue to discuss your thoughts on the future of labor education and how Labor@Wayne can assist your organization with training and professional development.



Building on Over 60 Years of Labor Education to Inspire Next Generation Leadership



Strengthen Academic and Research Programs



Growing Conference and Events to Build Educational and Networking Opportunities

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About Labor@Wayne and Upcoming Programs



Earn A Bachelor or Masters' Degree in Employment and Labor Relations

Labor@Wayne, through the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, offers both undergraduate (BA-ELR) and graduate (MA-ELR) degree programs in employment and labor relations. Courses are offered on campus and online, that include Labor Studies, Labor History, Economics, Collective Bargaining, and Labor Law. Course options are being expanded and the graduate program will be fully online in 2024. Email our Academic Advisor, Gayle McCreedy, for more information at ab3697@wayne.edu.



Douglas A. Fraser Center for Workplace Issues

Labor@Wayne houses the Douglas A. Fraser Center for Workplace Issues, a program that fosters and recognizes faculty and student research through annual awards and public lectures. Fraser was not only the former President of the UAW (1977-1983) but was also a devoted faculty member of the WSU labor programs. His dedication to workers and the labor movement is being continued with the upcoming Fraser events.

The Center for Labor Studies

The Center for Labor Studies sponsors a range of conference workshops and events designed to bring labor, business, government, and community leaders together. The Labor Leaders on Labor Forum to honor nationally and internationally recognized leaders in the cause of advancing workers' rights and the economic conditions of working families will resume in the Spring of 2024, in addition to a variety of interactive public programs throughout the year.

The Labor School Certificate Program 2023-2024

The Labor School offers a certificate program that provides union workers an introduction to labor history and economics, labor law and applied skill courses. Contact the Labor School directly for course schedule at 313-577-2191 or email laborschool@wayne.edu.

NEW

North American Labor History Conference 2024

The North American Labor History Conference is an internationally recognized conference exploring the past, present, and future of the labor movement in the United States and the world. In October 2024 we are bringing back the NALHC as a three-day conference, hosted by the Department of History, Labor@Wayne, and the Reuther Archives at Wayne State University.

NEW

Labor Spring

On April 19 & 20th, 2023, Labor@Wayne participated with a host of national labor and academic programs with a labor teach-in on campus. The teach-in brought a diverse group of organizers, labor representatives, academics and students to discuss organizing, recent campaigns and legal rights in the workplace. Look for an expanded program in April 2024.

NEW

Joint Programming with the Walter P. Reuther Library

Wayne State is proud to house the largest labor archive in North America. Built through a generous gift from the United Auto Workers (UAW) in 1975. In our renewed partnership, plan on attending joint activities to be held at this jewel on campus.



Upcoming Events

September 2023: Fraser Center & Labor@Wayne Open House at the Walter P. Reuther Library

December 2023: Labor and Faculty Research Seminar

January 2024: Douglas A. Fraser Center for Workplace Issues Workshop

February 2024: Labor Leaders on Labor Award Forum

March 2024

- Irving Bluestone Lecture Series with Joseph A. McCartin, Georgetown University and Kalmanovitz Initiative for Labor and the Working Poor
- William Jones, University of Minnesota, Essential Workers: Public Employment and the Dignity of Labor

April 2024

- Margot Canaday, Princeton University, author of "Queer Career: Sexuality and Work in Modern America"
- Labor Spring Teach-In: Worker Justice Event
- Dave Miller Labor Lecture with Steve Babson

October 2024: North American Labor History Conference

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