

*Presented by the Labor School Alumni Committee  
Labor School and Labor @Wayne*

## ***“The Future of Workers”***

***Thursday, November 14 –Saturday, November 16,2024  
Hollywood Hotel at Greektown, Detroit, MI***

### **WISE Conference Agenda**

***Thursday, Nov 14***

***Opening General Session and Reception***

5:00pm

Registration opens –6<sup>th</sup> Floor Ballroom  
WISE Kickoff Reception  
Hors d'oeuvres and cocktails \*\*\*Cash Bar Only\*\*\*

6:00pm-

WISE Program Opens  
**Welcome**, Mark Gaffney, WSU Board of Governors

**Acknowledgement and Appreciation of Sponsors-**

- Jeff Reynolds, Labor School Alumni and Sponsor
- Byron Osbern, Labor School Alumni, IBEW Local 58
- Ed McNeil, Labor Educator, AFSCME Retirees Local 255

**Future of WISE?** Gayle Hamilton, Associate Director, Labor School

***Mosaic Youth Choir***

**Community Partners and Labor Educators**

- Andrea Hunter, Detroit-Downriver APRI, President
- Michael Joseph, CBTU-Detroit, President
- Sean Egan, Deputy Director, State of Michigan, Labor (LEO)

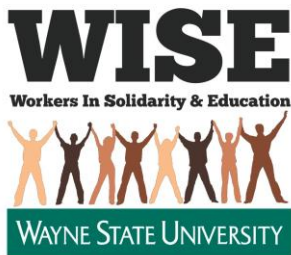
**Introduction of Keynote Speaker**

-Lisa Wilkes, Chair, UAW Region 1 Women’s Council

***Keynote Address-***

***Director LaShawn English, UAW Region 1***

**Closing Remarks-**Conference and classroom logistics, and sponsor opportunities.



# Wayne State University WISE Conference

## "The Future of Workers"

**Friday, Nov 15**

7:30am Registration opens.

Breakfast served from 7:30am-8:30am

Ballroom

8:30-8:35 Morning welcome

General Session II- 8:45-9:45 Ballroom

### ***Millennials in Manufacturing: Voice and Vision For Future***

Panelists:

- Samantha Bridges, UAW 900 / Ford
- Danielle Gordon, UAW 140 / Stellantis
- Lynda Jackson, UAW Local 7 / Stellantis
- Tahj Lewis, UAW Local 7 / Stellantis
- Chris Viola, UAW Local 22 / GM

Moderator: Gary Grant, UAW Local 7 / Stellantis

9:45-10:00 Review agenda, classroom assignments, introduce instructors-

10:00-10:15a BREAK

10:15-12:00 Concurrent classes

12:00-1:00p Lunch Ballroom

1:00pm-2:30p Concurrent classes (1.5) Classrooms

2:30—2:45p BREAK

2:45-4:30p Concurrent classes (1.75) Classrooms

4:30pm Adjourn for the day.



7:30am Registration opens  
Breakfast served from 7:30am-8:30am

8:30am General Session III—Ballroom

***Workers Want Unions, So What's the Problem?  
Obstacles, Challenges and Opportunities in Union Organizing***

Panelist: Maryum Cooper, Organizing & Field Services, AFSCME  
Jordan Easley, Organizing Director, UFCW  
Robert French, Organizing Dept., UAW International

9:45—10:00am BREAK

10:00-12:00 Concurrent classes (2.00)

12:00—1:00pm LUNCH Ballroom

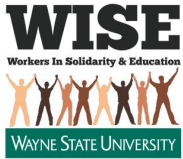
1:00-1:15p BREAK

1:15-2:45p Concurrent classes (1.5) Classrooms

2:45-3:00p BREAK

3:00-4:30 Classes (1.5) Classrooms

4:30p Adjourn



## **Classroom Assignments**

### **1-Room A- What Do Unions Do**

Alicia Dennis, United Way SE MI, and Michael Joseph, CBTU-Detroit, UAW retired

### **2- Room B- Contract Language and Negotiations**

Ed Mc Neil, retired, AFSCME, and Noah Cope, USW

### **3- Room C- Getting Elected and Staying Connected**

Andrea Hunter, DD-APRI, AFSCME, and Stacey Hawkins, DD-APRI, UAW

### **4-Room D- Planting Seeds: Developing New Leaders**

Donna Jackson, AFT, and Cleo Wynn, UAW

### **5- Room E- WISE Women Lead**

Lois Lofton-Doniver, retired AFT, Lisa Wilkes, UAW

### **8-Room F Discipline and Discharge Grievances**

Dennis Albers, retired, WSU, and Junetta Wynn, AFT

## **Important Wayne State University WISE Conference Information**

### **Location**

Hollywood Casino Hotel – 6<sup>th</sup> floor

1200 St Antoine

Detroit, MI 48226

313-223-2999

## **Parking**

Free parking is available in the Hotel's self-parking structure.

### **Conference Registration/Check-In is available at the registration table on :**

- Thursday afternoon, Nov 14, beginning at 5:00pm
- Friday/Saturday morning, beginning at 7:30am
- You will be provided with a WSU lanyard and nametag that you must wear while attending conference events including classes, general sessions, and meals.

### **Conference Fee Due Upon Conference Check-in**

Upon registration, you must pay any outstanding balance due at the time of check-in. This includes your meal payment fee (\$80) and conference tuition fee (\$520) in order to be admitted to the conference classes and events. You may pay with credit/debit card.

### **Meals, Food and Drinks**

**A \$80 meal fee MUST BE PAID by all attendees for Friday and Saturday.** This fee includes:

- Two (2) breakfasts and lunches provided on Friday and Saturday.
- The Labor School will host the Thursday evening "Opening Session/Reception" on Thursday, Nov 14, 2024. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided at the opening reception beginning at 5pm. A short program will follow.
- **A CASH ONLY** bar will be available for beverages/cocktails purchases during the reception/meeting beginning at 5:00pm. **PLEASE NOTE CASH ONLY!**

### **WSU Certificate of Completion**

Upon completion of your selected course, you will be provided with a "Certificate of Completion" issued by Wayne State University's Labor Studies Center. Completion of your labor course will count as a course completed in the Labor School leadership certificate program.

### **Hotel Guests-Hollywood Casino Hotel at Greektown** Check-in

begins at 4:00pm daily.

Check-out time is 12:00 noon.

### **Labor@Wayne and Conference Administrative Staff and Contact Information**

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