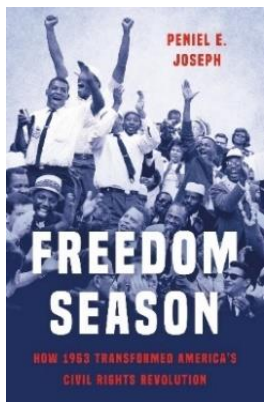




2025 Events



Thurs, **May 15**, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Freedom Season:

How 1963 Transformed America's Civil Rights Revolution

Book Talk: Author **Peniel E. Joseph** describes how the turbulent year 1963 forever altered the Civil Rights Movement & the future of America. **Douglas Brinkley**, historian, Rice University (moderator).

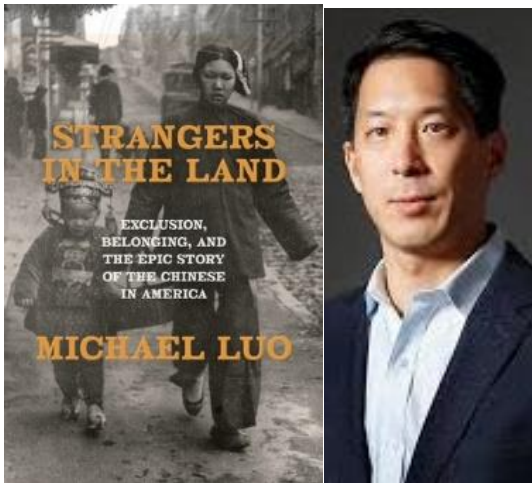
\$35. NY Historical Society. 170 Central Park West @ 77 St, NYC. (212) 873-3400. www.nyhistory.org



Wed, **May 21**, 7 - 8:30 pm

Outclassed: How the Left Lost the Working Class and How to Win Them Back

Lecture: **Joan C. Williams**, award-winning scholar of social inequality, author of *White Working Class*, Distinguished Professor of Law and Hastings Foundation Chair (emerita) at University of California College of the Law, San Francisco. **Free. Brooklyn Public Central Library**, Dweck Center, 10 Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn, NY 11238. (718) 230.2100. www.bklynlibrary.org

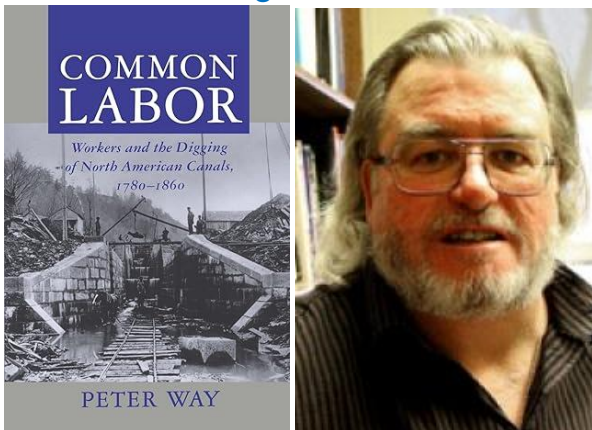


Wed, **May 21**, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Strangers in the Land: Exclusion, Belonging, and the Epic Story of the Chinese in America

Lecture: **Michael Luo** details the complex history of Chinese Americans, from their codified exclusion -- to their place in our modern conception of a diverse democracy. **Radhika Jones** (moderator). **\$35. NY Historical Society**, 170 Central Park West @ 77 St, NYC. (212) 873-3400. www.nyhistory.org

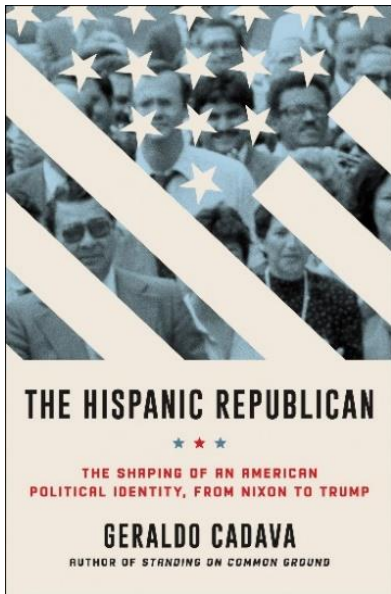
Completion of the **Erie Canal** in 1825 was a monumental achievement, linking the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean. It transformed NYC into a hub of international trade, drove the rise of industrial cities like Rochester & accelerated the westward expansion of the U.S. The **Erie Canal** turns 200-years-old this year, with dozens of events state-wide celebrating its bicentennial – and the prodigious effort of the workers who dug it.



Thurs, **May 22**, noon – 1 pm

“Who Else Would Dig, and Delve, and Drudge”: Common Labor on the Erie Canal (Then and Now)

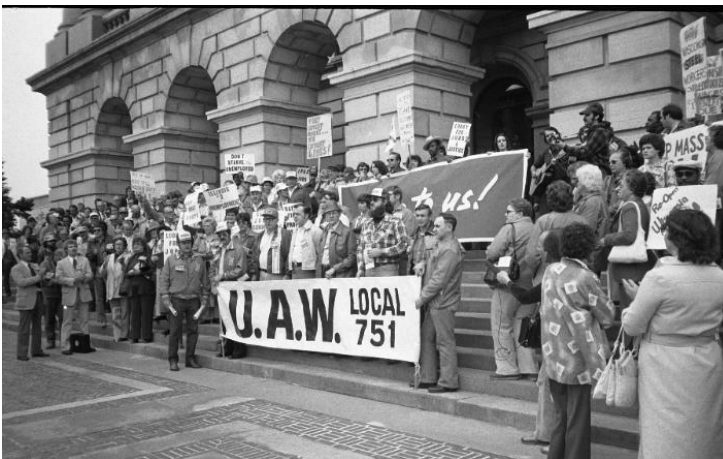
Lecture (in-person & virtual): Historian **Peter Way** (UWindsor, Canada) challenges conventional views of the part these workers played in the early Republic & the culture they created. *Common Labor* traces a dark picture of powerlessness, depravity, & rage in the lives of America's canal diggers. **\$15 donation requested. Erie Canal Museum**, 318 Erie Blvd, East Syracuse, NY 13202. (315) 471-0593. <https://eriecanalmuseum.org/events/#smtx-click>



Mon, **May 23**, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

The Hispanic Republican: The Shaping of an American Political Identity, from Nixon to Trump

Book Talk: Author **Geraldo Cadava** explains the history and development of the Hispanic Republican voting base & the significant role they play in American politics. **David M. Rubinstein** (moderator). **\$35. NY Historical Society**. 170 Central Park West @ 77 St, NYC. 212-873-3400. www.nyhistory.org



Wed, **May 28**, 7 pm

The Last Pullman Car

Zoom film screening/Q&A: In 1981, Pullman workers found themselves in a fight not only for their jobs but the future of the American rail car industry. The **NY Labor History Association** will present a free online screening of Kartemquin Films' **The Last Pullman Car** (1983), a still-timely documentary about Illinois steelworkers whose company gradually stopped building rail passenger cars. Q & A following the screening with **Gordon Quinn**, co-founder of Kartemquin Films & this film's co-director & writer & **Pat Aufderheide**, University Prof., School of Communication, American University & the author of *Kartemquin Films: Documentaries on the Frontlines of Democracy* (2024).

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88273539268?pwd=97ingdpyiM419zVgvjxGBFH2DKGykl.1>



Unveiling: 2025 phase of the Silk Walk Project, following the Museum's annual meeting. Engraved bricks honoring UFT stalwart George Altomare and 19th century labor leader John Commerford will be added to front walkway of the **American Labor Museum/Botto House National Landmark**, 83 Norwood St, Haledon, NJ 07508. (973) 595-7953. labormuseum@gmail.com



Wed, **June 4**, 6 - 7:30 pm

Local History Walking Tour: Hosted by **Dan Cody**. Rochester's logo, a blue lilac combined with a water wheel, is telling of the city's industrial history. Flour & Flower City -- evoke two major industries that fueled the city's early development. Myriad other local industries & inventions put Rochester on the map. **Free. Meet:** north side of the **Rundel Memorial Building** 115 South Ave, Rochester, NY 14604, to explore Rochester's industrial history on this 1.2-mile walking tour. [In case of inclement weather, tour may be canceled.]

Register: <https://calendar.libraryweb.org/event/14208868>

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Thurs, **June 5**, 5 pm

The Lockout of the 20,000

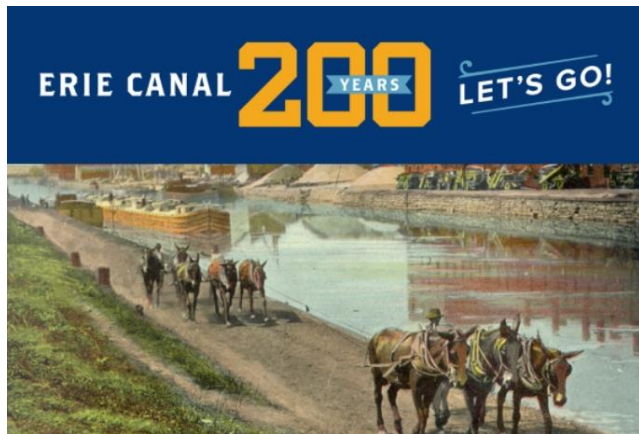
LITTLE FALLS' response to the 1886 closure of 50 Knitting Mills in New York's Mohawk Valley
New York Labor History Association's Spring Conference

Co-Sponsor: Little Falls Historical Society

In person & via Zoom: Locked out for 3 months by their employers, 20,000 brave NY mill workers supported each other & their union, the Knights of Labor -- to protect their right to organize. Little Falls' role in NY's economy, Knights of Labor history, survival strategies, & excerpts from an 1886 Knights of Labor minute book documenting the lockout. **Free. Little Falls Public Library**, 10 Waverly Place, Little Falls, NY, 13365. (929) 754-0774. NYLHAinfo@gmail.com newyorklaborhistory.org

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88299143915?pwd=FBcAiBewy-rOc2qe8nnNy81FT4Sg21M.1>

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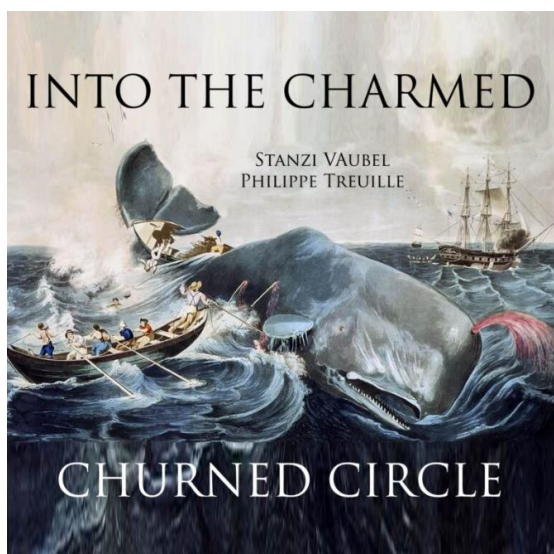


Fri, **June 6**, 7 - 8 pm

Pathway of Resistance:

The Erie Canal and the Underground Railroad

Book Talk: examines the experience of African Americans along the **Erie Canal** Corridor, with particular focus on the struggle for abolition. While parts of this story are grim, slavery, racism & resistance are critical to understanding our society today. Presentation by **Derrick Pratt**, Director, Education & Public Programming, Erie Canal Museum, Syracuse NY. \$5. **Great Swamp Conservancy**, 8375 N. Main St, Canastota, NY 13032. (315) 697-2950. greatswampconservancy@gmail.com



Sat, **June 14**, 7:30 – 10:30 pm

Into the Charmed Churned Circle

Immersive performance piece: multi-discipline, multi-generational performance composed by **Stanzi Vaubel & Philippe Treuille**. Draws inspiration from the architectural motifs of the Newhouse Center at Snug Harbor & Herman Melville's epic seafaring story *Moby Dick*. **\$30; \$20** Students, Srs. **Newhouse Center for Contemporary Art**, Main Hall Gallery, Bldg C, **Snug Harbor Cultural Center**, 1000 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island, NY 10301. (718) 425-3504.
<https://snug-harbor.org/event/indeterminacy-festival-into-the-armed-churned-circle/>



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Wed, **June 18**, 6 - 7:30 pm

Douglass, Anthony & Beyond: Activism and Social Justice in Rochester

Local History Walking Tour: Hosted by **Emily Morry**, tour focuses on Rochester's rich history of social justice activism: sites related to Rochester's most famous agitators, Frederick Douglass & Susan B. Anthony, plus other forms of local activism: the labor movement, anti-draft movement, Gay Rights movement. **Free**. Meet: north side of the **Rundel Memorial Building Building**, 115 South Av, Rochester, NY 14604, for this 1.1. mile tour. In case of inclement weather, tour may be canceled.
Register <https://calendar.libraryweb.org/event/14208893>



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