



# 2026 Events



Mon, **May 18**, 2:15 – 3:15 pm

## **Towards a Black Working Class History of the Long 1980s** **Fourteenth Annual Robert Fitch Memorial Lecture**

**Lecture:** by Rutgers Assoc. Prof. of History **Donna Murch**. The fate of the late 20<sup>th</sup> century Black working class, the importance of the public sector to Black workers, consequences of interracial class stratification, and how the framing of the underclass hid the consequences of economic restructuring by blaming its victims. **Free!** **LaGuardia Community College**, 31-10 Thomson Av, Long Island City, NY 11101, Room E-500. Also on zoom: [tinyurl.com/Murch2026](https://tinyurl.com/Murch2026) **Info:** [kamiller@lagcc.cuny.edu](mailto:kamiller@lagcc.cuny.edu)



Wed, **May 20**, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

## **Newcomers: The Story of Anthony and Grietje and the Founding of New York**

**Lecture:** **Alan Mikhail** chronicles a poor immigrant couple, Anthony and Grietje in Dutch New Amsterdam. Banished to the wilds of Brooklyn following a series of brawls and court appearances, Anthony returned to Manhattan to become one of the richest men in 17<sup>th</sup> century New York. **Russell Shorto**, moderator. **\$35. New-York Historical Society**. 170 Central Park West @ 77 St, NYC. 212-873-3400. [www.nyhistory.org](http://www.nyhistory.org)



Wed & Thurs, **May 20 & 21**, 6 – 9 pm

## **The Transit Operas**

**Concert:** Experience a series of operas inspired by and performed in the New York Transit Museum.

**Free! New York Transit Museum.** 99 Schermerhorn St, Brooklyn, NY 11201.

<https://www.nytransitmuseum.org/programs>

Thurs, **May 21**, 7 – 8 pm

## **Underground Railroad Walk and Talk**

**Lecture/Walking Tour:** Background on the underground railroad in Historic Palmyra. Walk to places that may have been stations on the underground railroad. **\$10.**

**Alling Coverlet Museum** 122 William St, Palmyra, NY, 14522. (315) 597-6981.

[Under Ground Railroad Walk and Talk — Historic Palmyra Museums](#)



Fri, **May 22**, 10 am – 5 pm

## **Opening Day!**

**Exhibitions:** on the lives of Mohawk and Abenaki indigenous people; life in a logging camp; trail makers on the Northville-Placid, and more. **\$22; \$19** Srs, Veterans; **\$13** (5-17); **Free** (4 & Under).

**Adirondack Museum:** 9097 State Route 30, Blue Mountain Lake, NY 12812. 518-352-7311.

[info@theadkx.org](mailto:info@theadkx.org) [Adirondack Experience - Museum on Blue Mountain Lake - Official Site](#)



Sat, **May 23**, 10 am - 5 pm

## **Waterwheel Celebration Day**

Celebrate the 100th anniversary of our Hanford Mill waterwheel! The Hanfords installed the waterwheel in 1926 and it still generates power for the mill today. Watch the wheel come to life and power an interconnected system that was at the heart of a truly innovative milling business.

**Hanford Mills Museum.** 51 County Highway 12, East Meredith, NY 13757. Tours at 10:30, 12 noon, 1:30, & 3. **Admission: \$9; \$7** Srs, Educators; **\$4.50** Active-Duty Military, Veterans, 1<sup>st</sup> Responders; Under 12 **Free.** (607) 278-5744. <https://www.hanfordmills.org/>

Wed, **May 27**, 6 - 8 pm

## **Celebrate New York Labor History Association's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**



**Panel Discussion:** labor historian **Melvyn Dubofsky**, sociologist **Ruth Milkman**, and NY Times reporter **Steven Greenhouse** review major developments during the last half century in American labor -- and implications for the future. 50th anniversary reflections on what NYLHA has been able to do to advance an understanding of labor history as a bridge between the past and the present. Socializing and light refreshments at 6 pm, program starts at 6:30. Co-sponsored by Cornell ILR's Worker Institute and the Lois Gray Labor Innovation Initiative. **Free!** **Cornell Conference Center**, 12<sup>th</sup> floor, 570 Lexington Av @51 St, NYC, or via Zoom **RSVP:** [50ANNIV@newyorklaborhistory.org](mailto:50ANNIV@newyorklaborhistory.org) Please give your full name and whether you will attend in-person or via Zoom.



Tu, **June 2**, 6 – 8 pm

## **American Labor Studies Center Fundraiser**

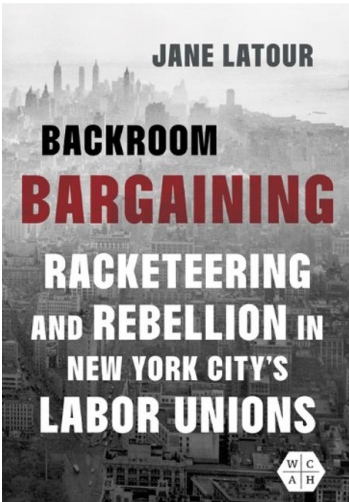
**Annual Recognition Dinner:** honoring American Federation of Teachers Pres. **Randi Weingarten**. Music by Skippy & the Pistons. **\$100. Gideon Putnam Hotel**, 24 Gideon Putnam Rd, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. <https://web.cvent.com/event/39c606c0-afcf-4a94-9238-ef2cfdcc2a98/summary>  
Deadline for tickets: May 22. **Info:** Jennifer.Eddy@nysut.org

Tu, **June 2**, 6 pm

## **The Many Faces of Newark:**

## **Revelations from 15 Years of the Newark Archives Project**

**Illustrated Lecture:** by Gail Malmgreen, Director, Newark Archives Project. Sponsors: Newark History Society, NJPAC, and the Newark Public Library. **Free!** **Newark Public Library**, James Brown African American Room, 2nd floor, 5 Washington St., Newark. [RSVP](#) for in-person; [RSVP](#) for virtual.



Thurs, **June 4**, 7:30 – 9 pm

## **Backroom Bargaining: Racketeering and Rebellion in New York City's Labor Unions**

**Book Party:** celebrating **Jane LaTour**'s posthumous tribute to union dissidents. CUNY Prof. Joshua B. Freeman will comment on the book and provide an overview of corruption in the labor movement. **Free!** **Houghton Hall**, 22 E30 St, NYC. **Book party discount price: \$20.** Cash or check only.  
**RSVP:** [latourbookparty@gmail.com](mailto:latourbookparty@gmail.com)



Thurs & Fri, **June 4 & 5**

## **“Movements Grow in Desperate Times. We are being born.”**

### **Tony Mazzocchi Centennial Conference**

**Labor Conference:** Where are we today and what can we learn from Tony Mazzocchi’s activism?

**Rose Ann DeMoro, Les Leopold, Kristina Mazzocchi, Adolph Reed.** **Day one:** speakers who worked with Tony Mazzocchi or were inspired by him. **Day two:** an interactive, worker-centered, action-centered day of strategizing, learning from the lessons of day one -- and applying them to the present. **\$75/\$50/\$25.** **Rutgers University Labor Education Center:** 50 Labor Center Way, New Brunswick, NJ 08901. [The Tony Mazzocchi Archive will be housed there.] <https://tinyurl.com/nhayj49n>



Sun, **June 7**, 3 – 6 pm

## **Thomas Paine Day in New Rochelle**

**Celebration:** 250th anniversary of *Common Sense* and the American Revolution. A day to recognize and celebrate Paine’s contributions to the formation of American democracy. **Free!**

**Thomas Paine Memorial Building**, 983 North Avenue, New Rochelle, NY 10804.

<https://www.thomaspainecottage.org/paineday2025.html>



**NYLHA** was founded in 1976 by trade unionists, academics, students, archivists, educators, labor editors, attorneys, & retirees, mostly from New York State. **NYLHA** encourages the study of workers & their organizations and serves as a bridge between past and present labor unionists & academics.

# New York Labor History Association

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**Join the NY Labor History Association:** <https://newyorklaborhistory.org/join/>

Annual Individual Membership: **\$20**

Annual Contributing Membership: **\$50**

## CALL FOR ENTRIES

### The Debra E. Bernhardt Labor Journalism Prize

The New York Labor History Association's Bernhardt Prize awards \$1,000 to an article that exemplifies great writing for a general audience and furthers the understanding of the history of working people. The prize and the forum honor the vision of the late Debra E. Bernhardt, who worked in so many different realms to share the hidden histories of working people.

Catching up after a year without an award, the current contest will accept entries published September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2026.   **DEADLINE FOR ENTRY – August 31, 2026**

**GUIDELINES** – We welcome articles that put current issues like work, housing, organizing, health, or education in a historical context AND also articles about historical events. The work must be published in print or online between September 1, 2024 and August 31, 2026. The prize is given to insightful work that contributes to the understanding of labor history; shows creativity; demonstrates excellence in writing; can reach a broad audience; and adheres to the highest journalistic standards of accuracy. Previous winners are listed below.

**TO ENTER** – Visit [LaborArts.org/Bernhardt](https://LaborArts.org/Bernhardt)