



2026 Events

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

Celebrate New York Labor History Association's 50th 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**, 12th floor, 570 Lexington Av @51 St, NYC, or via Zoom **RSVP:** 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

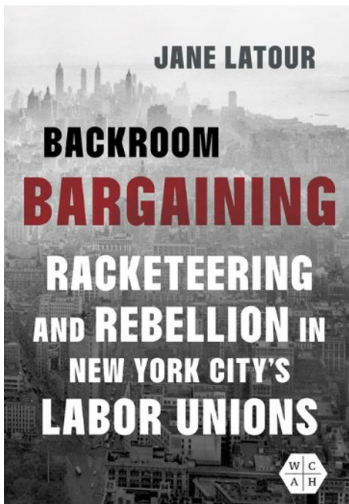
Annual Recognition Dinner: honoring American Federation of Teachers Pres. **Randi Weingarten**. Music by Skippy & the Pistons. **\$100.** **Gideon Putnam Hotel**, 24 Gideon Putnam Rd, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. <https://web.cvent.com/event/39c606c0-afcf-4a94-9238-ef2cfdcc2a98/summary> Deadline for tickets: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



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