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## Education

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- M.A./Ph.D. - University of Illinois at Chicago* 2011  
American History - Work, Race, Gender in the Urban World concentration  
Dissertation: “Beyond the Strike Kitchen: Housewives and Domestic Politics, 1935-1973”  
Dissertation Committee: Susan Levine (advisor), Leon Fink, John D’Emilio, Eileen Boris,  
and Kevin Schultz
- M.S. - University of Massachusetts at Amherst* 2000  
Labor Center
- B.A. - University of Massachusetts at Amherst* 1993  
Women’s Studies (focus on gender and work)
- Bennington College, Bennington, VT*  
Coursework in Political Science

## Current Position

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- Associate Professor &* 2018 – present  
*Ron and Lilia Peters LER Faculty Scholar* 2024 - 2026  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
School of Labor and Employment Relations – Labor Education Program
- Assistant Professor* 2011 – 2018  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
School of Labor and Employment Relations – Labor Education Program
- Co-Director, Regina V. Polk Women’s Labor Leadership Conference* 2011 – present  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
School of Labor and Employment Relations – Labor Education Program
- Affiliated Faculty* 2018 - present  
European Union Center  
Women and Gender in Global Perspectives Program  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

## Teaching Experience

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<i>Associate Professor of Labor Studies</i> University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois <u>Undergraduate Courses:</u> <i>Labor and Social Movements; US Labor and Working-Class History; Women Workers in the Global Economy; Gender, Race, and Work.</i> <u>Extension Teaching for Unions:</u> <i>Labor History, Communications, Leadership, Sexual Harassment Prevention, Steward Training, DEI Training for HR Managers, LGBTQ Labor History, HR Training for Union Staff.</i>	2018 – present
<i>Assistant Professor of Labor Studies</i> University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois	2011 - 2018
<i>Visiting Assistant Professor of Labor Studies</i> University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois	2010-2011
<i>Visiting Lecturer</i> Dominican University, River Forest, IL	2009
<i>Visiting Lecturer</i> University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois	2008 - 2009
<i>Teaching Assistant of History and Gender and Women’s Studies</i> University of Illinois at Chicago	2002-2004 2006-2007

## Publications

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### **Books:** (+equal contributor)

+Emily E. LB. Twarog and Stephanie Fortado, Lowell: Spindle City (Washington, DC: National Park Service, 2023).

Emily E. LB. Twarog, Politics of the Pantry: Housewives, Food, and Consumer Protest in 20<sup>th</sup> Century America (New York: Oxford University Press, 2017)

### **Articles:** (+equal contributor)

Emily E. LB. Twarog et al, “Is Labor Law Reform Enough? A Conversation about the ‘Clean Slate for Worker Power,’” *Labor Studies Journal* 48:4 (2023), 363-397.

Emily E. LB. Twarog, “Before #MeToo: The History of the 9to5 Job Survival Hotline,” *Labor: Studies in Working Class History* 19:1 (2022).

Emily E. LB. Twarog, “Ladies Who Lunched and the Battles They Caused,” *Reviews in American History* 48 (2020), 70-73.

Emily E. LB. Twarog, "The Ghosts of Elections Past, Present, and Future: Gender and Racism in Electoral Politics" *Labor Studies Journal*, 42(3) 251-54.

+Emily E. LB. Twarog, Jennifer Sherer, Brigid O'Farrell, and Cheryl Coney. "Labor Education and Leadership Development for Union Women: Assessing the Past, Building for the Future" *Labor Studies Journal* 41(1) 9-35.

### **Book Chapters: (\*invited)**

\*Emily E. LB. Twarog, "Food Activism," *Oxford Bibliographies in Environmental History* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming).

\*Emily E. LB. Twarog. "Working Class Housewives and Politics," *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of American History* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming).

\*Emily E. LB. Twarog. "'Hands Off, Pants On': Historicizing Contemporary Struggles Against Sexual Harassment in the Service Industry," in Joan Sangster and Jeremy Milloy (eds.) *Violence in the Workplace* (University of Toronto Press, 2020).

\* Emily E. LB. Twarog, "The Polk School: Intersections of Women's Labor Leadership Education and the Public Sphere" in Dennis Deslippe, Eric Fore-Slocum, and John McKerley (eds.), *Civic Labors: Scholars, Teachers, Activists, and Working-Class History* (Champaign: University of Illinois Press, 2016).

Emily E. LaBarbera Twarog. *Encyclopedia of U.S. Labor and Working-Class History*, Entry: Women's Auxiliaries. New York and London: Routledge, 2007.

### **Book Reviews:**

Emily E. LB. Twarog. Book Review. *Upsetting Food: Three Eras of Food Protest in the United States* in *Social Forces* (June 2024).

Emily E. LB. Twarog. Book Review. *Radical Housewives: Price Wars and Food Politics in Mid-Twentieth Century Canada* in *Labor: Studies in Working Class History* 18:4 (2021).

Emily E. LB. Twarog. Book Review. *Labor's Mind: A History of Working-Class Intellectual Life*, Tobias Higbie in *Labor Studies Journal* (45:2, 2020).

Emily E. LB. Twarog. Book Review. *The Communist and the Communist's Daughter: A Memoir* in *Labor: Studies of Working Class History* (2019) 16(3): 121-122.

Emily E. LB. Twarog. Book Review. *The Samuel Gompers Papers, Volumes 1-13* in *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas*, (2015) 12(3).

Emily E. LB. Twarog. Book Review. Respectable Citizens: Gender, Family, and Unemployment in Ontario's Great Depression, Lara Campbell and Breadwinning Daughters: Young Working Women in a Depression-Era City, 1929-1939, Katrina Sprigley in *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas*, Spring 2013.

Emily E. LaBarbera Twarog. Book Review. Intimate Labors: Cultures, Technologies, and the Politics of Care, Eileen Boris and Rhacel Salazar Parrenas in *Labor Studies Journal*, September 2012.

Emily E. LaBarbera Twarog. Book Review. We Are the Union: Democratic Unionism and Dissent at Boeing, Dana L. Cloud in *Working-Class Notes*, Spring 2012.

Emily E. LaBarbera Twarog. Book Review. Earning Power: Women and Work in Los Angeles 1880-1930, Wallis, Eileen V. in *Labor Studies Journal*, December 2011.

Emily E. LaBarbera Twarog. Book Review. Child of the Sit-Downs: The Revolutionary Life of Genora Dollinger, Carlton Jackson in *Labor Studies Journal*, December 2010.

### **Applied Research**

Emily E. LB. Twarog, "Nursing Under Pressure: Workplace Violence in the Illinois Healthcare Industry," Labor Education Program - Project for Middle Class Renewal, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, April 25, 2018.

Robert Bruno, Emily E. LB. Twarog, and Brandon Grant, "Advancing Construction Industry Diversity: A Pilot Study of the East Central (IL) Area Building Trades Council," Labor Education Program - Project for Middle Class Renewal, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, October 14, 2016.

Alison Dickson, Robert Bruno, and Emily E. LB. Twarog, "The Shift Work Shuffle: Flexibility and Instability for Chicago's Fast-Food Workforce," Labor Education Program - Project for Middle Class Renewal, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, December 7, 2015.

### **Work in Progress**

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#### **Book:**

Emily E. LB. Twarog, *Hands Off: A History of Sexual Harassment Resistance in the Service Sector, 1935 – 2018* (in progress)

#### **Articles:** (+equal contributors)

+Emily E. LB. Twarog and Elisa Fruhauf Garcia, "Gender Violence and the Woman Worker in Brazil and the United States" *Target Journal – Labor: Studies in Working Class History*

*The idea is to discuss the categories and conceptions about the topic from a global long-term perspective. We seek to explore: how have concepts such as sexual harassment, rape, and domestic violence been applied at different moments? How has society framed the relationship between body, gender, and race in colonial and postcolonial societies?*

+Stephanie Fortado, *Emily E. LB. Twarog*, and Augustus Wood, ““It’s Back to Classroom!”: A History of the United Steelworkers of America and the University of Illinois Summer School Program, 1947 – present” Target Journal: *British Journal of Industrial Relations*  
What can this program tell us about the history and future of publicly funded labor education programs? What role does labor education play in challenging systems of oppression such as racism, sexism, and homophobia at workplaces? How has the USW Summer School survived for over 75 years?

*Emily E. LB. Twarog.* ““Golden Apple Filled With Acid’: Class and the Equal Rights Amendment in the 1940s” Target Journal – *Journal of American History*  
*This article examines the class tensions between the labor union women’s auxiliaries and the National Woman’s Party in the 1940s surrounding the Equal Rights Amendment.* Target Journal: *Labor: Studies of Working Class History*

*Emily E. LB. Twarog* and F. Pinar Özçan. “Raising Women Leaders: A Study of Leadership Development in the Turkish Textile Industry” Target Journal: *British Journal for Industrial Relations*  
*A study of the impact of Turkish Oz iPlik iS textile union’s yearlong women’s leadership training to develop gender equity in the union steward system.*

*Emily E. LB. Twarog.* “Mrs. Alberta Slavin and the “Crisis in Prices”: A Microhistory of Domestic Politics and the Rise of Neo-Liberalism” Target Journal: *Journal of Women’s History*  
*A biographical essay on Missouri consumer activist Alberta Slavin.*

## **Media Work**

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- “Postal Worker Problems,” First Business (TV.), September 8, 2011
- “Occupy Wall St. Movement,” First Business (TV.), October 27, 2011
- “Family Way,” Letter to the Editor, June 10, 2012, *New York Times Book Review*
- “Ho Ho Hostess,” First Business (TV.), December 7, 2012
- “Upfront with Rev. Jesse Jackson,” (TV), December 22, 2012
- “Working Families Flexibility Act,” *Progress Illinois*, May 7, 2013
- “Canning vs. NLRB,” First Business, (TV), June 15, 2013
- “ROC Study on Minimum Wage,” *Progress Illinois*, June 24, 2013
- “Chicago Fast Food Workers Strike,” *Progress Illinois*, July 11, 2013
- “Today’s Workers Need a Better Deal,” Op-ed, September 1, 2013, *Chicago Sun-Times*
- “Domestic Workers and the Minimum Wage,” *Progress Illinois*, December 2, 2013
- “Illinois Pension Reform Proposal,” *Progress Illinois*, December 3, 2013

- “Northwestern University Football “Players Petition NLRB,” Al Jazeera America (TV), January 29, 2014
- “Radio Interview on *Collateral Damage*, KDHX (St. Louis, MO), September 15, 2014
- “Worker Advocates Fearful of Rauner's 'Anti-Labor' Agenda,” *Progress Illinois*, September 22, 2014
- “What’s the Status of Women’s Equality in Illinois,” *Progress Illinois*, August 25, 2015
- Interview, “How ‘Citizen Housewives’ Made Food Cheaper and Safer,” *The Atlantic*, November 5, 2017
- Interview, *Politics of the Pantry*, Illinois News Bureau, December 4, 2017
- Interview, National Association of Manufacturers and the Equal Rights Amendment, “Stories from the Stacks,” Hagley Center for the History of Business, Technology, and Society, December 7, 2018.
- Interview - *Politics of the Pantry*, Heartland Labor Forum, KKFI, 90.1FM (Kansas City), December 8, 2017
- “After hostage incidents, proposed law would protect nurses from violence,” *Chicago Tribune*, May 3, 2018
- “Illinois Nurses Faces Workplace Violence,” WILL, WBEZ, WNIU, May 14, 2018.
- “Reimagining the 40-Hour Work Week,” On Point (WBUR), July 12, 2021.

#### Digital Media:

- “For a Living,” A UIUC Project for Middle Class Renewal weekly podcast – co-host
- “Big Business and the Women’s Movement with Emily Twarog,” Stories from the Stacks, Hagley Museum and Library [Podcast](#) (2019)
- “Work, Rest, and What You Will,” ReWork [Podcast](#) (2020)
- “Politics of the Pantry,” Working History [Podcast](#) (2020)
- “Before #MeToo: The History of the 9to5 Job Survival Hotline,” Professor Buzzkill History [Podcast](#) (2/4/22)

### **Awards, Fellowships, and Grants**

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Ron and Lilia Peters LER Faculty Scholar, School of Labor and Employment Relations, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2024 – 2026, \$20,000.

Scholar-in-Residence, Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois, 2020 – present.

Women and Gender in Global Perspective Development Grant, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Spring 2023, \$3,500.

Faculty Fellowship, Humanities Research Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2021-22, \$18,000

Research Cluster Award with Stephanie Fortado and Augustus Wood, “Critical Interventions in Labor Studies,” Humanities Research Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2021-22, \$2,500

Collaborative Research Grant, The Lemann Center for Brazilian Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2020-21 (deferred until 2021-22 due to COVID), \$17,789.

John T. Dunlop Outstanding Scholar, Labor and Employment Relations Association, 2021.

Illinois Global Institute and Women and Gender in Global Perspective, Course Development Grant, Summer 2020, \$1,500

Historic Resource Study: Lowell: The Spindle City, National Park Service/Organization of American Historians, (Co-PI with Stephanie Fortado), 2019-2022, \$98,496.

American Council for Learned Societies, Frederick Burkhardt Residential Fellowship for Recently Tenured Scholars, 2019-2020 (\$102,500)

Outstanding Contribution to Labor Education, United Association of Labor Education, April 2019

Arnold O. Beckman Distinction Award, Campus Research Board, University of Illinois, Fall 2018 (\$17,000)

European Union Center, Title VI Grant, University of Illinois, January 2019 (\$2000)

Exploratory Research Grant, Hagley Museum and Library, December 2017 (\$400)

Illinois Women in Leadership Grant, Women and Power: Building a Toolbox for Leadership, Spring 2018 (\$20,000)

Regina V. Polk Labor Leadership Fund, Women and Power: Building a Toolbox for Leadership, Fall 2018 (\$20,000)

Olga Madar Award, Chicago Coalition for Labor Union Women, March 2017.

Scholar-in-Residence, Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois, 2013-14

Feminist of the Year Award, Veteran Feminists of America, September 2014.

Scholar-in-Residence, Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois, 2012 – 13

LER Annual Research Fund Award, School of Labor and Employment Relations, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2012 (\$5,000)

Research Support Grant, Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, 2012 (\$3000)

Campus Research Board Grant, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2012 (\$8,000)

Sam Fishman Travel Grant, Walter Reuther Library, Wayne State University, 2012 (\$500)

Marion S. Miller Dissertation Fellowship, University of Illinois at Chicago, History Department, 2009 – 2010

Travel Grant, Graduate Student Council, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2008

Lubin-Winant Research Fellowship, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, Hyde Park, New York, 2008

Robert V. Remini Scholarship, University of Illinois at Chicago, History Department, 2007 – 2008

History Doctoral Award, University of Illinois at Chicago, History Department, 2006 – 2007

Travel to Collections Grant, Sophia Smith Archive, Northampton, Massachusetts, 2006

Provost's Award for Research, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2005

Polish Resistance (AK) Scholarship. University of Illinois at Chicago, History Department, 2003 – 2004

### **Invited Talks**

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"Sexual Harassment in the Food Service Sector," Bock Food Law and Policy Conference, October 23, 2024 (Zoom).

"Breakout Sessions: Women in Leadership Building Pathways to Leadership in Male-Dominated Occupations," Institute for Women's Policy Research, Power+ Conference, Chicago, IL, September 23, 2024.

"LGBTQ Labor History," UAW Region 4 LGBTQ Conference, Ottawa, IL, June 5, 2024.

"The Power of Equality: Regina V. Polk and Women Pioneers in Labor Union Leadership," Human Rights and Diversity Commission, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, March 10, 2024 (Zoom).

"Gender Violence and the Woman Worker in Brazil and the United States," with Dr. Elisa Fruhauf Garcia, Levis Faculty Center, University of Illinois, November 2023.

"Stories of Powerful Women Leaders," Keynote Speech, Oz iPlik iS Women's Conference, Antalya, Turkey, October 2023.

"A Comparative Approach to Understanding Gender Violence in the Workplace: Women Workers in Brazil and the US," with Prof. Elisa Fruhauf Garcia, Lemann Center for Brazilian Studies, University of Illinois, September 2023.

"Hands Off: A History of Fighting Back Against Sexual Harassment in the American Workplace," Universidade Federal Fluminense, Niterói, Brazil, July 2023.

Guest Lecture, "Gender and Consumption," Center for Studies of Gender and Sexuality, The University of Chicago, May 2021.

"President Biden: First 100 Days," Center for Social and Behavioral Sciences and Women and Gender in Global Perspective, University of Illinois, April 2021.



Guest Lecture, University of Kansas, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, October 20, 2020.

“Pressing Issues: Women and Labor in the 1930s,” with Stephanie Fortado, Krannert Art Museum, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, October 15, 2020.

“bringing in the nukes”: A History of the 9to5 Job Survival Hotline,” Newberry Library Colloquium, February 19, 2020.

“Politics of the Pantry,” Notre Dame University, Annual History @ Work Lecture Series, Center for Social Concerns and History Department, October 29, 2018.

“The Female Vote: Why Gender Matters in American Politics,” Spirit of Mother Jones Conference and Summer School, Cork, Ireland, August 3, 2018.

Book Talks: *Politics of the Pantry: Housewives, Food, and Political Protest in Twentieth Century America*

East Side Freedom Library, St. Paul, Minnesota, January 20, 2018

The Book Stall, Winnetka, Illinois, February 18, 2018

LER 558, Champaign, Illinois, March 2, 2018

Women of Steel meeting, Shelbyville, Indiana, March 8, 2018

Prairie Lights Bookstore, Iowa City, Iowa, March 18, 2018

Women of Steel meeting, Portage, Indiana, March 20, 2018

Skokie Public Library, Skokie, Illinois, March 21, 2018

Newburyport Literary Festival, Newburyport, Massachusetts, April 28, 2018

Women and Children First Bookstore, Chicago, Illinois, July 2018

Temple Beth Israel, Skokie, Illinois, January 2018

“Raising Women Leaders: Women’s Leadership Development in the Turkish Textile Industry,” Hall Center for the Humanities, Gender Seminar, University of Kansas, February 1, 2018.

“*Politics of the Pantry* and Stories from the Consumer Movement Archives,” Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, January 31, 2018.

“Women in the American Suffrage Movement,” *The Good Fight: Women’s Suffrage Movement*, Babes with Blades Theater Company, City Lit Theater, Chicago, Illinois, January 28, 2018.

“Women’s Leadership in the United States,” HAK-iS International Women’s Day Conference, Istanbul, Turkey, March 4, 2017.

“Municipal Feminism: Contesting Discrimination through Public Policy,” University of Illinois College of Law - Women’s Law Society Symposium, Champaign, IL, March 15, 2016.

“Battle for the 40 Hour Week Conference,” Roosevelt University, Chicago, IL, February 19, 2016.

“A Discussion on the State and Future of Labor Rights in Illinois,” Democratic Party of Evanston, Evanston, IL, January 28, 2016.

“What do housewives do all day?: The Suburbanization of Meat Boycotts and Supermarket Protests,” DC Working Class History Seminar, George Washington University, Washington, D.C., January 24, 2015.

“Boycotts!,” URI-EICHEN Gallery, Chicago, IL, September 12, 2014.

“The Future for Labor and Women’s Rights,” Veteran Feminists of America Conference, St. Louis, MO, September 27, 2014.

“Women’s Ways of Leadership and Activism,” Loyola University-Chicago – Women and Leadership Archives, October 25, 2014.

“Mrs. Snoopy: Esther Peterson and the American Housewife,” Schlesinger Library Brown Bag, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, March 2013.

## Conferences

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“Building Women’s Union Leadership Globally through Education,” with Dr. Stephanie Fortado, ILERA, New York City, June 2024.

“Trends in University Programs for Labor Education: Reflections on the Past, Present, and Future,” Organization for American Historians, New Orleans, April 2024.

75 Years of the United Steelworkers of America Summer School,” with Drs. Stephanie Fortado and Augustus Wood (poster session), LERA, Detroit, MI, May 2023.

Emily E. LB. Twarog et al, “The Talking City: Labor, Landscapes, and Gender in Industrializing Lowell, Massachusetts,” Organization of American Historians, Boston, MA, March 2022.

Emily E. LB. Twarog, “Before #MeToo: The History of the 9to5 Job Survival Hotline,” Class and Consent: Labor, Work, Gender, and the Problems of Sexual Harassment and Violence, Georgetown University, September 2020 (Zoom).

Emily E. LB. Twarog, “*Bringing in the Nukes*: A History of the 9to5 Job Survival Hotline, LERA, January 2021 (Zoom).

Emily E. LB. Twarog, Feminism and the Labor Movement: Intersections, Conflicts, and the Future, Organization of American Historians, April 2021 (Zoom).

“Hands off, Pants On Goes Global: Research Methods and Organizational Strategies to End Sexual Harassment in the Hospitality Industry in Two Parts” with Sara Lyons, Long term global perspectives on preventing sexual harassment in the workplace: Policy, practice, and strategies, Museum of Work, March 10, 2020, Norrköping, Sweden.

“Hands Off, Pants On Goes Global: How Chicago Hotel Workers Set a Global Standard to End Sexual Harassment in the Industry,” Continuing the Struggle: The ILO Centenary and the Future of Global Workers Rights, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, November 22, 2019.

“Violent Talk: Perpetuators and Gender Violence in the Service Sector, 2000-2018,” Working-Class Studies Association Conference, University of Kent, Canterbury, UK, September 4, 2019.

“Roundtable: Teaching Women’s Labor History,” Labor and Working Class History Association, Durham, North Carolina, May 31, 2019.

“United and Strike for Basic Needs: Chicago Hotel Workers and the 2018 Hotel Strike,” Labor and Working Class History Association, Durham, North Carolina, May 31, 2019.

“Labor History as Collaborative Intellectual Work: A Roundtable to Honor Leon Fink and Susan Levine,” Labor and Working Class History Association, Durham, North Carolina, May 31, 2019.

“Teaching Labor’s History through Song,” United Association of Labor Education, Philadelphia, PA, April 3, 2019.

“Panic Buttons, Pant, and Protests: Historicizing Gender Violence at Work,” Organization of American Historians, Sacramento, CA, April 13, 2018.

“Historicizing Gender Violence at Work in the Wake of the #MeToo Movement,” United Association of Labor Education conference, Seattle, WA, April 8, 2018.

“Civic Labors: A Roundtable on Scholar Activism and Working-Class Studies,” Labor and Working Class History Association Conference, Seattle, WA, June 24, 2017.

“Labor History On-Line and On-Screen: Exploring the Possibilities of MOOCs and More,” Labor and Working Class History Association Conference, Seattle, WA, June 24, 2017.

“View from the Home: Understanding Cost of Living Campaigns and Legislation,” Labor and Employment Association Conference, Anaheim, CA, June 2, 2017.

“Why Class is Not Enough: An Intersectional Analysis of the 2017 Election of Trump,” United Association of Labor Education, Detroit, MI, April 8, 2017.

“A Comparative Study of the Role of Feminism in Leadership Development among Women Workers in Canada, the United States, and the United Kingdom,” Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL, November 2016.

“Mapping the Impact of Women’s Labor Leadership Education,” United Association of Labor Education, Washington, DC, April 2016.

“University Special Collections as Community Space,” Organization of American Historians, Providence, RI, April 2016.

“How the Housewives of Mt. Prospect Took on the Food Industry and Won,” Labor and Working Class History Association, Washington, DC, May 2015.

“The Polk School: A Study of Women’s Labor Education,” (with Helena Worthen and Judy Ancel), United Association of Labor Education, Orlando, FL, March 2015.

“Solidarity and Sisterhood: Collaboration, Conflict, and Detachment between Labor and the Women’s Movement” (with Michelle Kaminski), United Association of Labor Education, Orlando, FL, March 2015.

“Nothing Unusual: Motherhood, Food, and Consumer Protest in 20<sup>th</sup> Century America,” Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL, November 2013.

“Austerity on the Plate: Working-Class Housewives, Meat Boycotts, and Domestic Politics,” United Association of Labor Education, Toronto, ON, Canada, April 2013.

“(The) Class(room) Is Everywhere: Teaching Labor and Working Class History in the Age of Occupy,” Organization of American Historians, San Francisco, CA, April 2013.

“Getting to the Meat and Bread of the Matter: Organizing for a Living Wage through Food Fights,” North American Labor History Conference, Detroit, MI, October 2012.

“Beyond Solidarity: The Food Chain Workers Alliance Forge a New Organizing Model,” United Association of Labor Educators, Pittsburgh, PA, March 2012.

“Research as Power: Understanding the Evolution of Strategic Research,” Labor and Employment Relations Association Conference, Chicago, IL, January 2012.

““...but I bet there’s meat on the table”: The Crisis of the Working-Class and the Rise of Women’s Political Citizenship, 1968-1973,” Working Class Studies Association Conference, Chicago, IL, June 2011.

“The Making of the American Working-Class Housewife: The Intersection of Identity and Political Activism Among Labor Union Auxiliary Members in Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century America,” Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Amherst, MA, June 2011.

“They are crusaders in the new American Labor Movement”: How Working-Class Housewives Used Labor Union Auxiliaries to Gain Political Citizenship,” Social Science History Association Conference, Chicago, IL, November 2010.

“Citizen Housewife: Consumer Activism, the Labor Movement, and New Deal Liberalism,” Organization of American Historians Annual Conference, Washington, DC, April 2009.

“‘A Golden Apple Filled with Acid’: The Political Citizenship of Working-Class Housewives and the Campaign to Defeat the Equal Rights Amendments in Post-World War II America,” The Newberry Seminar on Women and Gender, Newberry Library, November 2008.

“Working-Class versus Leisure Class: How Class Influenced the Movement to Defeat the ERA in Post WWII America,” North American Labor History Conference, October 2008.

“‘A Golden Apple Filled with Acid’: CIO Women’s Auxiliaries and the Equal Rights Amendment in Post World War II,” Workers, the Nation-State, and Beyond: The Newberry Conference on Labor History Across the Americas, September 2008.

“We Must Organize the Homes’: Working-Class Housewives and the United Automobile Workers of America, 1936-1956,” Labor and Working Class Studies Association, May 2007.

“The UAW Women’s Auxiliaries Campaign for Gender Equity in the Post-World War II Era,” Organization of American Historians Annual Conference, April 2006.

“Out of the Strike Kitchen: Labor, Feminism, and the UAW Women’s Auxiliaries’ Cost of Living Campaigns,” Southwest Labor Studies Association/Labor and Working Class Studies Association Conference, May 2005.

“‘Spinach no Substitute for Golabki’ Consumption, Labor Radicalism, and the 1935 Meat Boycotts of Hamtramck, Michigan,” Centering Gender History Conference, Loyola University, June 2004.

“‘Bona Fide Housewives’: Consumption, Labor Radicalism, and the 1935 Meat Boycotts,” Missouri Valley Historical Conference, March 2004.

## **Professional Experience**

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*Editorial Book Coordinator* 2009 - 2011  
*Workers Across The Americas: The Transnational Turn In Labor History* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011)

*Assistant Director* Spring 2008  
Workers, the Nation-State, and Beyond: The Newberry Conference on Labor History Across the Americas, University of Illinois at Chicago, History Department.

*Assistant Director* Spring 2007  
Local Knowledge, Global Vision: A Model World Conference on Women’s and Girls’ Rights, University of Illinois at Chicago

*Managing Editor* 2003 – 2006  
*LABOR: Studies in Working Class History of the Americas*

*Researcher* 2002 - 2004  
“The Labor Trail: Mapping Chicago History of Working Class Life and Struggle”

*Organizer* 2000 - 2001

Chicago Jobs with Justice, Chicago, IL

Midwest Regional Organizer  
Campaign for Labor Rights, Washington, DC

1999 - 2000

## Professional and Community Service

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- Executive Committee Member, School of Labor and Employment Relations, UIUC, 2023 – present.
- Associate Editor, *Labor: Studies in Working Class History*, 2024 – present.
- Co-Program Committee Chair, Labor and Working History Association 2025 Conference, Chicago, IL 2024-present.
- Standing Program Committee member, Organization of American Historians, 2023 – present.
- Skokie (IL) School District 73.5, School Board Member, 2017 – 2021, Board President, 2021 – present.
- Innovations Editor, *Labor Studies Journal*, 2016 – present.
- Labor Online (LAWCHA) Editorial Board member, 2017 – present.
- Board Member, Mother Jones Heritage Project, 2017 – present.
- Reviewer
  - *Gastronomica: The Journal of Critical Food Studies*
  - *Journal of Southern History*
  - *Labor Studies Journal*
  - *Pacific Historical Review*
  - *Social Forces*
  - *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*
  - University of California Press
  - Between the Lines Publishing
  - New York University Press
- Vice-President-University, United Association of Labor Education, 2018-2022.
- Executive Committee, School of Labor and Employment Relations, UIUC, 2020 – 2021.
- Senator, Faculty Senate, UIUC, 2019-2021.
- Nominations Chair, United Association of Labor Educators, 2017-2018.
- Board Member, Working Women’s History Project, 2017 – 2019.
- Co-Director, Midwest School for Women Workers (UALE), Summer 2015-2016.
- Member, Research Cluster: Public History and Teaching, IPRH/UIUC, 2015 to 2018.
- Executive Committee Member, Labor and Working Class History Association, 2016-2019.
- Committee Member, Post-Doc Search, Project for Middle-Class Renewal, UIUC, 2015, 2018-2019.
- Committee Member, Academic Advisory Committee, LER, UIUC, 2014 - present.
- Director, Midwest School for Women Workers (UALE), Summer 2014.
- Member, Workers’ Rights Board, Chicago Jobs with Justice, 2014 – 2017.
- Chicago Area Food Studies, Institute for the Humanities, UIC, 2013 – 2016.

- Committee Member, PhD Advisory Committee, LER, UIUC, 2012 – 2014.
- Elections Committee, United Association of Labor Educators, 2013 – present.
- Elections Committee, Labor and Working Class History Association, 2013 – 2015.
- Committee Member, Faculty Search, LER-LEP, 2012.
- Member, Campus Faculty Association, UIUC, 2011 – present.
- Vice-President, History Graduate Society, UIC, 2006.
- Coordinator, Midwest Labor and Working Class History Conference, UIC, 2005.
- Member, Graduate Advisory Committee, Labor and Working Class History Association, 2004.
- Steward, UNITE HERE Local 1, W City Center, Chicago, IL 2002 – 2006.
- Board Member, STITCH, 1999 – 2001.
- Election Judge, Chicago Board of Elections, 2000.
- President, GEO/UAW Local 2322, UMass Amherst, 1998 – 1999.
- Treasurer, GEO/UAW Local 2322, UMass Amherst, 1997 – 1998.
- Bargaining Committee Member, GEO/UAW Local 2322, UMass Amherst, 1997 – 1999.
- Curriculum Committee, Labor Research and Resource Center, UMass Amherst, 1998 - 1999.
- Member, Valley Women’s News (cooperative newspaper), UMass Amherst, 1991 – 1993.
- Intern, National Women’s Political Caucus, Washington, DC, 1990.
- Founding Member, Gay, Lesbian, and Bi-Sexual Student Group, Bennington College, 1989 – 1990.

### Organizational Memberships

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Labor and Working-Class Studies Association, Labor and Employment Relations Association,  
 International Labor and Employment Relations, Organization of American Historians,  
 United Association of Labor Education