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The roots of what is now the DePaul University Labor Education Center go back to 1948. Since that time, we have served as a resource for students, labor activists, academics and community leaders seeking a deeper understanding of labor issues and tools to gain economic justice for poor and working-class peoples. At our center, we challenge each other to consider #WhatElseMustBeDone to promote a transformational labor movement. Guided by this mission, we build the capacity of unions, worker centers, and community-based organizations through adult and youth labor education, trainings, public events, awareness building, consultations, resource sharing, and research.

Center Programs

Labor Education and Training
Building on students’ existing knowledge and skills, our center provides classes and trainings led by highly trained instructors with real world labor and organizing experience. We strive to help labor movement activists, members, stewards, officers, and staff improve their skills and prepare them to take on new levels of leadership. Specifically, we offer weekly in person and online classes during the fall and winter which comprise our Labor Leadership Certificate Program. This program consists of six classes on topics including stewardship, labor law, union communications, labor history and economics, organizing, bargaining, and arbitration. We also provide tailored workshops and trainings for local unions, worker centers, and community-based organizations on these and many other topics, as requested. Such workshops can be held at our office, your office, or virtually.

Public Events and Awareness Building
Our center also conducts public in person and online programming to promote a broader understanding about the labor movement and issues affecting poor and working-class peoples. We offer regular educational events, workshops, and webinars for students, community members, and labor leaders throughout the year to facilitate learning, open discussions, and new initiatives.

Consultations, Resource Sharing, and Research
In addition, our center provides strategic consultations for those seeking support in organizing, capacity building, and other needs. We also strive to be a clearinghouse of information, contacts, and resources regarding labor issues. Finally, we conduct scholarly independent and collaborative research with unions, worker centers, and community-based organizations on labor market and movement trends, labor rights, campaign,policy, and member-focused projects.
Center Programs

Youth Programs
To foster a multi-generational labor movement, we provide multiple programs aimed at developing pipelines for youth involvement and leadership development.

Our Regina V. Polk High School Programs includes the Collective Bargaining Role Plays and Union Summer School. The Collective Bargaining Role Plays are conducted in local high schools where students are partnered with volunteer coaches and our staff to simulate contract negotiations. Our Union Summer School introduces youth to the labor movement, history, and their rights as they enter the workforce.

Youth that have actively participated in our Union Summer School are invited to apply the following summer for our Breving-Rosenberg High School Summer Internship Program. Our internship trains participants on social justice and labor issues, and places them with local unions, worker centers, and community-based organizations in the Chicagoland area to get hands on organizing experience.

In addition, we provide ongoing programming for DePaul University and other local college students to learn about and get involved in the local labor movement. This includes guest speakers and panel discussions in collaboration with other DePaul departments and local Universities, workshops, and facilitating connections with local organizations for internship and volunteering opportunities.

Visit our website go.depaul.edu/LEC or email us at LEC@depaul.edu for more information on our programs and how to get involved!

Center Programs

These programs are run in celebration of the legacy of Regina V. Polk and thanks to the generous support of the Regina V. Polk Scholarship Fund for Labor Leadership. Regina's life was sadly cut short in 1983 when she was killed in a plane crash at the age of 33. The Center pays tribute to Regina's trailblazing work – from organizing and supporting displaced workers, to efforts to expand opportunities for women in the labor movement – by educating and seeking to inspire a new generation of labor leaders.
Dr. Jessica Cook-Qurayshi, Director
Jessica's work with the Center began when she became the Lead Instructor in January 2016. She then became the Director of the Center in August 2016. Jessica joined the labor movement as a staff organizer and staff union steward at the UNITE HERE international from 2006-2009. She then spent 7 years as a leader and steward with the Graduate Employees Organization (IFT-AFT Local 6297) while working as an instructor in Sociology at UIC, where she earned her PhD. She has also worked closely as a volunteer and researcher with multiple Chicago based worker centers since 2010. Jessica has a PhD in Sociology from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Her doctoral research focused on the labor movement, worker centers, mass incarceration and criminalization, immigration, citizenship, race and ethnicity, civil society, precarious work, and labor market restructuring.

Jessica Espinoza, Associate Director
Jessica joined the Center in the fall of 2019 as the new Associate Director. Her journey in labor started off as a union state employee while earning her Bachelor of Arts in International Studies and Political Science from Portland State University. Upon completion of her undergraduate degree, she spent the next decade working for various unions organizing workers across a variety of industries including state sector, healthcare, janitorial, as well as communications. Supplementing her union staff experience, Jessica has volunteered over the years with various labor education organizations focused on building & developing leadership among rank and file community and labor organizations. She is also currently pursuing her Masters of Science in Labor Studies at UMass Amherst.

Steve Grossman, retired Associate Director
Steve joined the Center in August of 2017 as the Associate Director, bringing more than 20 years of experience as both an educator and union leader. In addition to teaching high school students for 27 years, Steve began working in union leadership in 1997 and has served as the President of the North Suburban Teachers Union, IFT-AFT Local 1274, since 2010. He is also one of 40 elected Vice Presidents of the IFT and serves on its Executive Committee. He retired in December 2019 but has stayed involved by joining the Center's Advisory Committee.

Steve - Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication these past few years - first as staff, and now as an Advisory Committee member! We appreciate all you do for the Center and Labor Education!
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Thank you to all the coaches involved in this year’s Regina V. Polk High School Program Collective Bargaining Role Play!

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“The DePaul Labor Education Classes helped me to understand the struggles and victories labor has endured in the past, and provided me with valuable knowledge to be a better leader in the future.”

Kristen T Jefferson, UPS- Package Handler
Teamsters Local 705
“As a rank and file union member I know the importance of being part of an organized group and just how many people are soldiers of a much larger movement. I could not be more proud to belong to such a committed cause. I never expected to be thought of as a “leader” in the labor movement. The DePaul Labor Leadership program has strengthened my belief in myself that I can lead others to fight for what we deserve, for what others have fought for and continue to fight for the working class.”
Marc Greenwood, Former public sector steward

“I encourage people to join this program and finish it out because you learn everything from public speaking, to arbitration and writing grievances, to different laws. There’s definitely a lot of history behind how far we’ve come with the labor movement. That’s definitely important and I think that’s something everyone should know. Also we taught high schoolers and that was an exciting program. So I just want to say thank you. I’m very proud of myself and the other graduates who have done it. Thank you and in solidarity.”

Ryan Madiar, Business Representative
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“I became a Union Representative in 2017. While I had some general background in the laws and regulations that affect us as working people, it was clear to me that I needed more knowledge so I could provide the best possible representation. The DePaul Labor Education Program exceeded my expectations. The education and training I received have been immensely helpful. The Program has also opened the door to networking with others in Labor. The Labor Education provided at DePaul should be used as a model by Labor Unions for Member Education.”
Michael R. Prete, UPS Feeder Driver, Union Steward
Teamsters Local 705
“The DePaul Labor program has been instrumental in helping me advance my skills and knowledge as a union steward. I’ve met many great people and learned a great deal about labor law and organizing. I’m looking forward to advancing within my union, to further serve the membership and put this education to good use. I’d like to thank Teamsters Local 705 and the Leadership for giving me the opportunity to grow as a Union Steward through this program. I’d also like to thank my teachers, Steve Grossman and Jessica Cook-Qurayshi, for the outstanding job they did. We were not just lectured to. There were some great discussions where we could share our experiences and learn from each other. If anyone is given this opportunity, I highly recommend it, as the lessons learned and the knowledge gained, is invaluable.”

Elbert Walters III, Business Representative
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“Students of DePaul University’s Labor Leadership course are afforded an intimate opportunity to gain insight into the structure, history and impact of organized labor in our society. As a student, taking part in this program provided details and strategies that can be implemented throughout all aspects of my career; from organizational skills to arbitration and so much more. The knowledge gained from the instructors and class material had an immediate impact with those I represented as a Business Representative. As a Union member, participating in the curriculum instilled a sense of pride. Learning of the resolve exemplified by those leaders past and present to represent the working class and offer a sense of dignity is outright inspiring. I urge anyone who dares enter the working arena to take this course.”
**2020 Labor Leadership Graduates**

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To This Year's 2020 Graduates!

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We also would like to congratulate all the 2020 graduates from DePaul Labor Center, for three years of dedication and hard work. You are our future Labor Leaders. Local 1708 salute your accomplishments. We also offer our continued support to Rosa Delgado, as she progresses in her training in leadership, as a part of the current class at the DePaul Labor Center.

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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen our communities devastated with illness, death, unemployment, and social isolation. Meanwhile, many greedy employers and political leaders have not protected workers nor compensated them for the risks they are taking on. Furthermore, the workers considered essential during the shelter in place orders are disproportionately Black, Latinx, Indigenous, other people of color, and people from lower socio-economic backgrounds. Thus these groups have had to face greater exposure to the pandemic, while also dealing with pre-existing health and financial challenges from structural racism and inequality. As we transition to an economic “re-opening,” without safety enforcement or public financial support, we fear these losses and hardships will continue and escalate.

On top of this we are grieving and enraged from yet more murders recently of Black people by the hands of police and racist vigilantes, including George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Tony McDade and many others. And as people have risen up to protest these injustices the past few weeks, there has been further harm from oppressive police violence against protestors and journalists, incitement and escalation of racial tensions, as well as with the militarization of our streets.

These are hard times and we feel the same tiredness, confusion, worry, and anger reverberating across the country and world. But we also feel the same determination to fight back that we have seen by so many. We feel hope and energy from the mass multi-racial organizing, anti-racist consciousness raising, and demands for justice for victims of racist and police brutality. We are also uplifted by the broad strikes and actions taken by workers across the country to demand safety and dignity for themselves, their families, and those they serve. We stand in solidarity with everyone in these fights locally and worldwide.

These unprecedented challenges we are facing will not likely be resolved soon. We also know that when we stand idle, working people suffer. So this year we encourage each of us to think about #WhatElseMustBeDone to promote a transformational labor movement. Here at the Center, we strengthen our resolve to expand our reach in providing labor education, organizing tools, and support to our movement. This is so we can be better equipped to fight against racist and police brutality, white supremacy, structural racism, state violence, inequality, exploitation, and oppression in our workplaces, unions, worker centers, and communities. Given the new realities we are facing, we call on our community to also recommit to working diligently towards racial, economic, and social justice for all.

Until next year, let us all act as Mother Jones told us to: “Pray for the dead and fight like hell for the living!” Onward, in solidarity!
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