

2014 LABOUR HISTORY WORKSHOP

Sunday, May 25, 2014

St. Catharines, Ontario

Morning workshop

Meet at UNIFOR (formerly CAW) Local 199 Hall, 124 Bunting Road, St. Catharines

9 a.m. Workshop registration and refreshments

Welcome by Larry Savage, Director, Centre for Labour Studies, Brock University

9:30 a.m. *Session 1: Exploring Labour's Past*

- Carmela Patrias, Department of History, Brock University, on immigrant workers and radicalism in the Niagara region
- Peter Scott/Len James, UNIFOR Local 199 Education Committee, on the Canadian Auto Workers in St. Catharines

10:45 a.m. Break

11 a.m. *Session 2: Facing Current Challenges*

- Pablo Godoy, United Food and Commercial Workers Canada, on organizing migrant workers in Niagara agriculture
- Ann Duffy and June Corman, Department of Sociology, Brock University, on workers' responses to plant closings in Welland

12:15 p.m. Buffet-style lunch

1:15 p.m. Depart for afternoon tours

Afternoon tours (bus transportation provided)

1:30 p.m. Guided tour, Salem Chapel British Methodist Episcopal Church, National Historic Site and Harriet Tubman's last stop on the Underground Railroad, 92 Geneva Street, St. Catharines (*NOTE: The church is not wheelchair-accessible.*)

3 p.m. "Remembering Niagara's Labour History," St. Catharines Museum and Welland Canals Centre, 1932 Welland Canal Parkway, St. Catharines
- Photo exhibit
- Kathleen Powell, supervisor of historical services/curator, on building a Welland Canal Fallen Workers Memorial

4:30 p.m. Guided tour and wine/cheese tasting, Pillitteri Estates Winery, 1696 Niagara Stone Road, Niagara-on-the-Lake (1 hour, *partially accessible.*)

Co-sponsors: Canadian Committee on Labour History, Canadian Association for Work and Labour Studies, Brock University Centre for Labour Studies, Brock University Department of History (with additional support from the Brock University Jobs and Justice Research Unit)

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