San Diego Troublemakers School  
March 4, 2011  
San Diego City College  
1313 Park Blvd, San Diego, CA, B103  

Schedule of Events

9:00-9:30 AM (Lobby outside B103)  
Registration

9:30-10:30 AM  
Greeting and “Lessons from Labor History: Bread and Butter versus Social Justice Unionism” (B203)  
Discussion with Jim Miller, Professor of Labor Studies, San Diego City College, Political Action/Community Outreach Vice President, American Federation of Teachers Local 1931; Jim Mahler, President, AFT Local 1931; Eduardo Soriano-Castillo, Labor Notes

This session will address the history of the American labor movement with an eye toward the future. From the Knights of Labor in the Populist Era, the IWW at the turn of the century, to the CIO in the 1930s, and the Memphis Sanitation Strike and the UFW in the late 1960s, the labor movement has always been strongest when it fought for the rights of all workers regardless of race, gender, profession, or union status. What scholars call “social movement unionism” or “social justice unionism” holds the key for survival and success for labor and working peoples’ movements in the 21st century.

Greeting and “Maquiladora Workers’ Struggles and Cross-Border Solidarity” (B103)  
Facilitator: Enrique Davalos, Professor of Chicano Studies, San Diego City College, AFT Local 1931  
Panel: Alberto Rios, Cristina Diaz and Lidia Gutiérrez, Club CAFÉ City College; David Schmidt, CAFE, San Diego; Herb Shore, San Diego Maquiladora Workers Solidarity Network; Margarita Avalos, Collective Ollin Calli, Tijuana Sarina Sanchez; Nancy Cruz, Student Worker Front, UCLA

In this panel, the speakers will explore the current situation of the maquiladora workers' struggles in Tijuana and the border area as well as share some experiences of cross-border solidarity.

“Luchas de los y las trabajadoras de la maquila y la solidaridad
transfronteriza” (B103)
Facilitador: Enrique Davalos, Estudios Chicanas/os City College
Participantes: Alberto Rios, Cristina Diaz and Lidia Gutiérrez, Club CAFÉ City College; David Schmidt, CAFE, San Diego; Herb Shore, Red en SD en Solidaridad con los y las Trabajadoras de la Maquila; Margarita Avalos, Collectivo Ollin Calli, Tijuana Sarina Sanchez; Nancy Cruz, Frente Estudiantil Laboral, Univ. de California en Los Angeles
En este panel, los y las oradoras explorarán la situación actual de las luchas en las maquilas en Tijuana y la frontera y algunas experiencias de solidaridad transfronteriza.

10:30-11:30 AM
“Women and Labor” (B103)
Chair: Kelly Mayhew, City College Labor Studies Coordinator, AFT Local 1931
Panel: Lorena Gonzalez, Secretary-Treasurer, San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council; Camille Zombo, San Diego Education Association; Jennifer Badgeley, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 569; and Geri Jenkins, California Nurses Association
This panel will focus on women's relationship to labor as women workers. What affects women workers in particular? What are their roles in unions? How do women mentor new leaders? How is the economic downturn affecting women workers? These and many other questions will be addressed.

“Immigrant Labor Rights and Community Activism” (B203)
Chair: Justin Akers Chacon, Professor of Chicano Studies, San Diego City College, AFT Local 1931; Alor Calderon, Employee Rights Center; Others TBA
This panel will discuss a wide range of issues with regard to immigrants’ rights and labor and community activism.

11:30-1:00
ACTIVIST LUNCH (FREE) in the City College Cafeteria
“Making Change at Wal-Mart”
Chair: German Ramirez, Organizing Director, United Food and Commercial Workers Local 135
Panel: Silvia Fabela, UFCW International Union and Hevily Ambriz-Espinosa, UFCW Organizer
This panel will address the impact that Wal-Mart has on workers, communities, and politics.

1:00-2:30
“Social Justice Work in San Diego” (B103)
Roundtable Discussion with: Rabbi Laurie Coskey and Elizabeth Maldonado, Interfaith Committee on Worker Justice (ICWJ); Susan Duerkson, Center on Policy Initiatives (CPI); Peter Zschiesche and Alor Calderón, Employee Rights Center (ERC)
This panel will address ICWJ’s faith-based organizing campaigns, CPI’s anti-privatization efforts, and ERC’s work to aid non-union workers fighting for their rights in the workplace and community at large.

“Labor and the Environment” (B203)
Chair: Jennifer Badgley, IBEW; Others TBA
This panel will discuss the impact of Sempra Energy’s cross-border transmission line on workers and the environment on both sides of the border and other pressing issues.

2:30-3:30
“Student Activism” (B103)
Chair: Larissa Dorman, Professor of Political Science, San Diego City College/San Diego State University, AFT Local 1931
Panel: Jose Rodriguez, City College BEAT (Bringing Education and Activism Together), Cody McCormack, Grossmont-Cuyamaca BEAT; Sasha Sandoval, City College Visionary Feminists; Kalie Sandstrom, San Diego State Midge Costanza Institute; Cory Burgamy, San Diego State Border Angels.
This panel will discuss a host of actions taking place on college campuses throughout the San Diego area with representatives from City College, Mesa College, Cuyamaca College, Grossmont College, SDSU, and UCSD. The goal is to create solidarity among student groups and share tactics that have proven to be helpful in organizing students, specifically around budget cuts. There will be a short brainstorming session to produce a vision of how we can create a stronger, more cohesive movement in San Diego using community and union relationships.

3:30-5:00
“The California Budget Crisis and Its Impact on the Economy, the Public Sector, and the Community” (B103)
Roundtable Discussion with Fred Glass, Communications Director, California Federation of Teachers; Mathew Kostrinsky, Assistant Political Director, United Domestic Workers of America; Dave Lagstein, Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE), San Diego  
This panel will address the stark realities of the current California budget crisis and how they impact the public sector and our communities, with an eye toward solutions, including coalition building and fair tax policies.

4:00-5:00
Rank and File Speak-Out (B203)
Roundtable Chair: Tony Perez, Teamsters Local 542
Panel: Jeff Graves, Steward, SEIU 221; Michael Anderson, NABET CWA Local 54; Lucila Conde, President, San Diego Pride at Work; David Gutierrez, Shop Steward, Teamsters Local 542.  
This roundtable will deal with a wide range of issues including organizing tactics, politicizing the workplace, pride at work, and rank and file democracy.

5:00-6:30
“Education ‘Reform’ in San Diego and the Nation at Large” (B103)
Roundtable Discussion with Richard Barrera, San Diego Unified School District Board President; Bill Freeman, SDEA President; Cindy Martin, Principal, Central Elementary School, San Diego; Jonathan McLeod, AFT Local 1931; Sandy Mattson, Parent, McKinley Elementary School  
This panel will deal with the top-down corporate reform trends both nationwide and here in San Diego, with particular attention to an upcoming ballot initiative that would end democratically elected school boards as we know them. Panelists will outline the issues and discuss how community-based reform and labor-community alliances hold the key to a brighter future for all.

6:30-close
Closing Remarks: Labor and Community in Times of Crisis: We Are All Wisconsin (B103)
Doug Moore, Executive Director, United Domestic Workers of America; Josh Pechthalt, United Teachers of Los Angeles
After Party at The Hive immediately following the event: 1409 C Street, across the street from City College’s Saville Theatre. Drinks and food available for purchase.

For a snack during the afternoon (after lunch): La Casita is open until 6:00 PM and is located at 1247 C Street across the street from the LRC on the City College Campus.

Free Parking will be available in Lot 8 (off C Street next to the LRC Building). This is easy walking distance to the B Building across B Street off Park Boulevard and A Streets. More free parking will be available in the CTC parking structure at 16th and C Streets (entrance off 17th Street). This is close but more of a walk to the B Building.

Easy Trolley Access: There is a trolley station at Park and C Street that is easy walking distance to the B Building.

Directions to City College:

San Diego City College is located at 1313 Park Boulevard between Balboa Park and downtown San Diego.

From Chula Vista, Imperial Beach, National City, and surrounding areas...Take freeway 5 north to the “B” Street exit in Downtown San Diego. Turn left on “B” Street to San Diego City College.

From El Cajon, La Mesa, East San Diego, and surrounding areas...Take freeway 8 west to 163 south. Follow 163 down to Downtown, San Diego. Turn left on “A” Street to San Diego City College.

Or take freeway 94 west to “F” Street in Downtown, San Diego. Make a right turn on 16th Avenue to San Diego City College.

From North County, Poway, Del Mar, Mira Mesa, and surrounding areas...From freeway 5 south, take the “B” Street exit in Downtown San Diego to San Diego City College.

Or follow freeway 163 south down to Downtown, San Diego. Turn left on “A” Street to San Diego City College.

From freeway 805 or 15, take freeway 8 west to 163 south. Follow 163 down to
Downtown, San Diego. Turn left on “A” Street to San Diego City College.

**Note:** Freeway 15 connects with 163 just south of Mira Mesa. Freeway 805 connects with 163 in the Kearny Mesa area.