



28th Western Regional Summer Institute on Union Women

The 28th Annual Western Regional Summer Institute on Union Women will be held August 11–15, 2009, at the University of California, Los Angeles. The four-day residential program brings together 150 participants from the United States' and Canada's western regions for exciting workshops and speakers on the history, struggles, and achievements of working women. This year's theme, "Women Workers of the World Unite," speaks to the inclusion of participants who represent not only labor unions but also workers' centers, community groups, and other organizations that focus on social and economic justice issues. In addition to hosting participants from Canada, we have also extended an invitation to workers from Mexico to build trilateral solidarity for a global social-justice agenda.

AUGUST 11 - 15, 2009, at UCLA DeNeve Plaza

Join participants from all over the western regions of the United States, Canada, and Mexico who work toward justice for working-class people.

Early Bird Registration Deadline JUNE 11, 2009!

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Hosted by UCLA's
Institute for Research on Labor and Employment (IRLE)
Center for Labor Research and Education (Labor Center)
Labor Occupational Safety and Health Program (LOSH)

Unless noted, workshops are conducted in English. Bilingual workshops are conducted in English and Spanish.

MORNING CORE WORKSHOPS: Wednesday—Saturday (9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.).

Please indicate first (1) and second (2) choices.

LEADERSHIP IN YOUR UNION: A workshop for new and aspiring leaders. Learn the essentials, including effective communication skills, assertiveness, problem-solving, and motivating other union members.

CONFRONTING GENDER INEQUALITY: Learn about all forms of discrimination of particular concern to union women and strategies for becoming allies in the workplace.

BUILDING ALLIANCES - CULTURAL SENSITIVITY (bilingual): This workshop will focus on how we can move beyond good intentions and union resolutions to change the agenda of our unions and build worldwide allies. The workshop will examine homophobia, racism, sexism and other “isms.”

WOMEN AND THE GLOBAL ECONOMY: International solidarity campaigns will be discussed, along with global strategies to stop the race to the bottom of workers' wages and living conditions in the context of the current economic crisis. This workshop examines immigration, job loss, and trafficking of women.

POLITICAL ACTION: Help your local develop an effective political agenda. Unions need to increase their political clout by helping elect politicians who support union issues. The Employee Free Choice Act, health care reform, and the Proposition 8 campaign will also be discussed.

WOMEN'S HEALTH (bilingual): Learn tools to assess and change your workplace. Sharpen your knowledge as an advocate for safety at work, and expand your international awareness of the issue.

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS: Wednesday—Thursday (2:00—5:00pm).

Please choose either one two-day workshop OR two one-day workshops.

Two-Day Workshops—Choose one (X).

WOMEN, UNIONS AND THE GREEN ECONOMY: This workshop will examine the effects of green jobs in female-dominated and nontraditional jobs.

REACHING OUT TO YOUNG WOMEN (bilingual): This workshop will identify issues and strategies that resonate with youth.

COMMUNITY-LABOR PARTNERSHIPS: Learn practical strategies to build relationships with community partners to reframe union and worker issues and create alliances for the long haul.

COMMUNICATIONS—CREATING A NEW VISION FOR LABOR: Practice messaging and strategies for media and communications inside and outside the workplace.

EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL ORGANIZING (bilingual): Learn internal and external organizing skills. Find out which new organizing strategies are working.

IMMIGRATION FOR NONIMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES—A CONVERSATION: Learn more about key immigration issues and talking points for discussion.

One-Day Workshops—Choose two (X).

These workshops will explore how to integrate culture, arts, stories and poetry into your work. No experience necessary. All one-day workshops are bilingual.

Popular Education
Spoken Word
Tell Your Story
Labor Songs
Arts Project
Popular Theater

ALSO FEATURING:

Community Service Project
Special Guest Speakers
Community Solidarity Reception
Lunch BBQ
Social Night

Registration

Registration will begin Tuesday, August 11, at 3:00 p.m.
The program will conclude Saturday, August 15, at 3:00 p.m.

Early Bird Registration Deadline: June 11, 2009

Late Registration Deadline: July 11, 2009

Costs: The registration fee includes all classes, course materials, and meals.

Lodging

Lodging is provided for residential participants from Tuesday night to Saturday morning. Participants may select a single room, a shared double room, or the commuter registration with no overnight accommodations. Rooms for the conference are reserved at DeNeve Plaza at UCLA. Information about the DeNeve Conference Center will be sent with your confirmation package.

Cancellation

Cancellation after June 11, 2009, will be refunded at 50%. No cancellation refunds after July 11, 2009.

Transportation and Parking

Guests must provide their own transportation to and from the conference. A map and airport shuttle service information will be included in the registration packet; LAX is approximately forty minutes from the UCLA campus. If you drive, you will need to purchase daily parking permits, which will be available on site.

Complete and return this page and workshop selections to:

**SIUW09 Registration
UCLA Labor Center
675 S Park View St
Los Angeles CA 90057**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "UC REGENTS"

Registration and Accommodations

<u>Type</u>	<u>Total</u>
_____ Early Bird Commuter	\$500
_____ Early Bird Single Occupancy	\$725
_____ Early Bird Double Occupancy	\$625
_____ Late Fee after June 11	\$ 50
TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED	\$ _____

Name _____

Organization _____

Position in Organization _____

Phone _____

Fax _____

E-mail _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Province _____

Zip/Postal Code _____

Country _____

Roommate Preference _____

Any Special Accommodations Required _____