
LaborTech/Access 2004 Schedule

All the events except the Saturday dinner will be held on the lower level of Building #380 (Slone) and #420 (Jordan Hall) in Main Quad

FRIDAY (April 2, 04)

Registration (5:00 - 6:00 PM) – Lower level of Building #380 (Slone)

Welcoming Reception (6:00 - 7:00 PM) – Room #040 Auditorium

Presentation by *Frank Emspak* – WINS, School for Workers, UPPNET

Video Presentation (7:00 - 9:00 PM)

Bridge Builders: Celebrating The Al Zampa Bridge by the State Building and Construction Trades Council,

Producer Debra Chaplan,

Commemoration of The Merger - by Labor Video Project

Shots on the Docks - by Labor video Project

Flash Animation Presentation

SATURDAY (April 3, 04)

Registration (9:00 - 9:30 AM) - Continental Breakfast

Welcome & Introduction (9:30 - 9:45 AM) – Room #040 Auditorium

Walter Johnson – Secretary Treasurer-SF Labor Council

Zev Kvitky – President-United Stanford Workers, VP-SEIU Local 715

Todd Davies – Symbolic Systems Program -Stanford University

Steve Zeltzer – LaborNet, Labor Video Project, UPPNET

PLENARY – (9:45 - 11:00 AM) – Room #040 Auditorium

Labor and Multimedia Strategy in Communications

Moderator - *Larry Bensky* - National Affairs Correspondent-Pcifica, KPFA Sunday Salon

Mag Wompe – LabourNet Germany

Frank Emspak – WINS, School for Workers, UPPNET

Myoung Joon Kim – Labor News Production-Korea

Steve Blankenship - Communications Chair-Allied Pilots Association

WORKSHOP I - (11:15 - 12:30 PM)

Building A Labor TV Channel - (Room 380X)

Efforts are now under way to launch a Labor/ Working Families Channel that will be broadcast on cable, satellite and the Internet. Learn how this channel is being developed and what labor can do to make it happen.

Vicki Warner – California Community Colleges Global Education

Steve Zeltzer – Labor Video Project, LaborNet, UPPNET

Carl Bryant – NALC Local 214, Producer-TV214

Workplace Discrimination in High Tech – (Room 380Y)

High tech workers are not only be outsourced internationally but face a myriad of other discriminatory practices here at home. Older workers are the first to go and workers who are injured or become ill face termination.

Louie Rocha – President CWA 9423

Ken Hamidi – Labor Computer/Democracy Activist and Founder of faceintel.com

Peter B. Bennett - High Tech Organizer/Media Activist

Labor Education in the Schools and Using Technology – (Room 380W)

Labor education can play a vital role in helping to revitalize the labor movement. These labor educators will outline what is happening in labor education and the use of technology by labor education. It will also focus on the battle to defend the labor education programs.

Peter Olney - Associate Director-Institute for Labor & Employment Center
Art Shostak - Labor Educator, Author of the CyberUnion handbooks
John See - Labor Education Service, University of Minnesota

Building a Labor Cultural Art Movement and Using the Internet - (Room 380C)

Art and culture are a critical vehicle to reach millions of workers union and non-union. Learn how labor artists are using their art to reach out and how the Internet and communication technology can help build this cultural movement.

Gary Huck - Political Cartoonist
Mike Konopacki - Political Cartoonist
Jack Chernos - Political Singer
Jen Guracar - Bul Bul Cartoonist

LUNCH -(12:30 - 2:00 PM)

PRESENTATION - Labor Battles and Media Lessons - Room #040 Auditorium

Steve Stallone - Communication Director-ILWU, Editor-The Dispatcher, Executive Council-ILCA
Barb Ingalls - CWA-DTU Local 18, Detroit News
Christopher Martin - Author, Associate Professor of Communication Studies, University of Northern Iowa
Ken Hamidi - Labor Computer/Democracy Activist and Founder of faceintel.com

WORKSHOP II - (2:00 - 3:15 PM)

Labor Radio (WINS, KPFA, Pacifica) - (Room 380X)

Right wing radio talk now hits our members day in and day out. Efforts are being made to challenge this rightwing radio blitz with regular labor programming. Learn how we change this reality.

Frank Emspak - Workers Independent News Service(WINS), UPPNET
Don Rojas - WBAI/General Manager
Larry Bensky - National Affairs Correspondent-Pcifica, KPFA Sunday Salon
Steve Zeltzer - KPFA Labor Committee Facilitator, Labor Video Project

Non-Proprietary/Free Software - (Room 380Y)

Learn what the open source movement means for activists, and how to use free software to design web pages and organize.

Nancy Brigham - Web Designer
Rich Cowan - Organizers' Collaborative and Nonprofit Open Source Initiative

Rank and File Labor Web and Media - (Room 380C)

The transformation of the labor movement and the need for democracy are integrally connected. Learn how union activists here and around the world are using media to get your message out.

Mag Wompel - LabourNet Germany
Ray Quan - SEIU 790 BART Chapter Vice President, Editor-*Odds & Ends*
Jiyoung Lee - Labor News Production - Seoul, Korea

Organizing Media/Tech Workers - (Room 380W)

The battle to organize tech and media workers is on the agenda. Media monopolization threatens the jobs of all media workers and tech workers face permanent outsourcing and massive downsizing. These panelists are on in the center of this fight back.

Peter B. Collins - National Board Member AFTRA
John See - Labor Education Service, University of Minnesota
Josh Speery - CWA Organizer & Comcast Unionization Struggle
Eddie Rosario - GCIU 4N President

WORKSHOP III - (3:30 – 4:45)

Censorship and the Media Workplace – (Room 380X)

The monopolization of corporate media is having a direct effect on the rights of media workers and the product of media corporations. This fight both for labor media and to protect and defend media workers rights on the job will be the focus of this panel.

Henry Norr – Computer Technical Writer, Fired from SF Chronicle

Christopher Martin – Author, Associate Professor of Communication Studies-University of Northern Iowa

Peter B. Collins - National Board Member AFTRA

Global Internet Activism – (Room 380Y)

Efforts to privatize the Internet and monopolize the use of bandwidth are direct threats to democratic rights of this critical medium. These panelists will report on the fight over ICANN and policies that can defend our rights.

Dorothy Kidd – Dept. of Media Studies-USF

Art McGee – Internet Activist

Sasha Costanza-Chock - Free Press Global Project / CRIS campaign

Myoung Joon Kim - Media Act, Nodong Net Korea

Wi-Fi and Remote Broadcasting: How Labor can get Our Rallies, Conferences & Actions Out Live on the Internet & Satellite – (Room 040-Auditorium)

We now have the tools to reach our members and the public 24 hours a day. How are these communication tools being used and how can every local and international use them today will be the focus on this workshop.

John Parulis – brightpathvideo.com

Steve Brankenship - Allied Pilots Association

Mark Burdett - Indybay.org

Lessons from The Front-Lines, Unions, Youth & International Campaigns (Room 380X)

How are Internet and communication tools being used to organize and defend unions, connect with youth and take on international campaigns. This panel will give concrete examples from the shop floor, to connecting with youth and organizing against war.

Art Shostak – Labor Educator, Author of the CyberUnion handbooks

Michael Eisencher - Labor Against War, SolidarityInfoServices

Raj Jayadev - Silicon Valley DEBUG

WORKSHOP IV - (5:00 – 6:15)

Labor Media, Breaking the Corporate Media Blockade and Getting the Message out (Room 380W)

How have unions organized to get their message out both to their members and the public at large. When fight major multi-nationals getting the message out is vital in the struggle and the lessons of these fights are important for all.

Steve Stallone – Editor-The Dispatcher-ILWU International

Dick Blin - ICEM Belgium

Barb Ingalls – CWA-DTU Detroit News

Technology, Stress & Health and Safety – (Room 380W)

The uncontrolled use of technology in the workplace has had drastic results from carpal tunnel to massive stress on the job. The lessons for workers on these issues are a matter of life and death.

June Fisher- Medical Doctor

Carol Criss –SEIU 250 Shop Steward & H&S Activist

Art Shostak – Labor Educator, Author of the CyberUnion handbooks

Spying and Surveillance, And How to Defend Our Privacy – (Room 380Y)

The role of the Internet and media monopolies is not only to own these tools, but also to use

them to control us. And increased surveillance of workers is being justified in the name of "Homeland Security". It is time to learn how we can defend our privacy in the workplace.

Edward Hasbrouck – National Writers Union (UAW Local 1981)

Nancy Bupp - IAM Education Department

Deborah Pierce - Executive Director, Privacy Activism

P.O.D. (Program for Online Deliberation) Demo – ((Room 380C)

Todd Davies – Symbolic Systems Program of Stanford University

DINNER – (7:00 – 9:00) at LINX on the campus –Please check the campus map

International Labor Media & Solidarity Night

Music by Pickin Trix, Jack Chernos

International Guests and Their Struggles

Myoung Joon Kim – Labor News Production, Media Center-Korea

Mag Wompe – LabourNet Germany

Ralf Pandorf - LabourNet Germany

Dick Blin – ICEM-Belgium

Carolina Luzuriaga - Ojo Obrero /Festival Latinoamericano de la Clase Obrera-Argentina

Jiyoung Lee – Labor News Production - Seoul, Korea

SUNDAY (4/4/04)

Registration (9:30 – 10:00) Continental Breakfast

WORKSHOP V – (10:00 – 11:15)

Community Access Cable & How to Establish a Labor TV Show for Your Local/Council /International
(Room 380X)

Dozens of unions around the country have regular labor shows. How can you or your local set up a labor TV show and use it to reach your members. These veteran labor communicators will outline what it takes and why need to have 500 labor TV shows here and around the country.

Carl Bryant – Producer TV 214, NALC Local 214

Hebard Olsen – Initiator, technical producer of SEIU TV Shows

John See – Labor Education Service, University of Minnesota

Labor Film Festivals, Labor Shorts - How to Have A Festival and Support Labor Videographers
(Room 380Y)

Labor Film festivals from Boston, San Francisco, Santa Cruz to Seoul are now growing. Learn how to start a labor film festival and how this can be used to bring back labor solidarity and action.

Judith Woodruff – Organizer-Boston Labor Film Festival

Jim E. Kelly – Reelworks, San Jose City College Labor Studies Dept.

Myoung Joon Kim – LaborMedia Film Festival, Seoul Korea & Labor News Productions

Steve Zeltzer - LaborFest, Labor Video Project, LaborNet

Labor & Research Tools (Room 380W)

Research and using the Internet are part and parcel of the effort to go on the offensive. We need to find the links and get this out to the membership so we can be more powerful.

Nancy Bupp - Education Department IAM

Shannon Sheppard – Holt Labor Library

Doug Ohmans – LaborNet Webworker

Mary Ann Ring - UCSF/CUE Local 6

WORKSHOP VI – (11:30 – 12:45)

The Indymedia Movement and Labor-What is It and How to Build The Links (Room 380W)

The Indymedia movement, which was launched in 1999 at the protests against the WTO now, has connections in over 100 countries. Labor has the opportunity to join this network and get our message out as well as contributing labor pictures, news and action information.

Mark Burdett – SF Indymedia
Wes Brain – SEIU 503 - OPEU District 4 Productions
Ali Tonak – Independent Media Center
Steve Ryan - Rogue Valley Indymedia

Poverty, Technology & Media (Room 380Y)

Low wage and poor workers need to be on the information highway. Learn how low wage and unemployed workers are gaining skills to change their lives.

Tiny - Poor Magazine
Women's Economic Agenda Project
Street Forum

Technology & Toxins in the Workplace (Room 380X)

The lack of unions combined with deadly conditions in the workplace is now leading to an epidemic of cancers and other deadly diseases. This panel will look at how the lack of protection from IBM workers to many other high tech workers is destroying lives.

Raj Jayadev – Silicon Valley Toxic Coalition
Amanda Hawes – Lawyer representing IBM Workers
Sheila Davis - Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition

LUNCH – (12:45 – 2:15)

PRESENTATION - On Line Democracy & the Battle For Free Speech & Workers Rights

Henry Norr - Computer Technical Writer, Fired from SF Chronicle
Dick Blin - ICEM Belgium

WORKSHOP VII – (2:15 – 3:30)

Police Repression of Alternative and Labor Reporters from Seoul, Argentina, Oakland and Miami
(Room 380C)

Using the pretext of fighting "terrorism" the government is more and more lashing out at labor here and around the world. Our rights are only those we defend and the need to organize for that defense will be addressed.

Wes Brain - OPEU District four Productions, SEIU 503 member-activist
Myoung Joon Kim - Labor News Production, Seoul, Korea
Carolina Luzuriaga - Ojo Obrero /Festival Latinoamericano de la Clase Obrera
Jack Heyman - ILWU Local 10 Business Agent

Using Wi-Fi and LPFM To Break The Media Blockade (Room 380Y)

Changing the state of the labor movement means educating our rank and file and working people about our realities. We have the potential now to break the media blockade and build local, state and international solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world.

John Parulis - Brightpathvideo.com
Erv Knorzer - General Manager KRBS-lp in Oroville, Bird Street Media Project

Broad Band Access and Our Rights to Bandwidth (Room 380X)

The need to fight for our rights on the Internet as well as the amount of bandwidth we can get will be a growing problem. This panel will look at the issues and how we can address them.

Sasha Costanza-Chock - Free Press Global Project / CRIS campaign
Steve Zeltzer - Labor Video Project, LaborNet

PLENARY – Lessons & Action In Future (3:30-5:00) (Room 040 - Auditorium)

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