

RELIGION AND LABOR SYMPOSIUM:



MORAL VISION FROM and FOR the GRASSROOTS

Welcome! Over the next two days, we look forward to bringing together scholars of religion with grassroots labor organizers to explore the moral resources for faith-based labor activism and labor justice. This symposium aims to stimulate scholar interest in questions of labor, foster dialogue between scholars and labor leaders, and showcase the importance of religion for labor studies.

Sincerely,

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Event Organizers

Friday, April 10 (at Syracuse University, Hall of Languages 500)

PANEL 1: The Religious Ethics of Work

10:30 a.m. – Noon **PANELISTS:** Gerald Beyer, associate professor of theology and religious studies, Villanova University; Jon Malesic, associate professor of theology, King's College (Pennsylvania); and Elliot Ratzman, assistant professor of religion, Temple University.

MODERATOR: Gretchen Purser (Syracuse University, Department of Sociology)

Noon – 1 p.m. Lunch

PANEL 2: Religious Practices and Worker Power

1 – 2:30 p.m. **PANELISTS:** Joerg Rieger, Wendland-Cook Professor of Constructive Theology, Southern Methodist University; Ken Estey, assistant professor of political science, Brooklyn College; and Jennifer Leath, visiting professor in women's studies and religious ethics, Harvard Divinity School.

MODERATOR: Kevin Ahern (Manhattan College, Department of Religious Studies)

2:30 – 3 p.m. Break

PANEL 3: Organizing, Praying, Litigating

3 – 4:30 p.m. **PANELISTS:** Jung Mo Sung, professor of religion, Methodist University of Sao Paulo, Brazil; Melissa Snarr, associate professor and associate dean, Vanderbilt Divinity School; and David Gregory, Dorothy Day Professor of Law, St. John's University.

MODERATOR: John Burdick (Syracuse University, Department of Anthropology)

4:30 – 5 p.m. Break

NEW YORK LABOR LEADER ROUNDTABLE: Grassroots Religion and Labor Activism

5 – 6:30 p.m. **PANELISTS:** Janel Bailey, national organizer, Interfaith Worker Justice; Kaaren Anderson, senior minister, First Unitarian Church of Rochester; Sara Niccoli, director, New York State Labor-Religion Coalition; and Mark Spadafore, political organizer, Service Employees International Union 1199.

MODERATOR: Tiffany Steinwert, dean of Hendricks Chapel

7 p.m. Dinner

Saturday, April 11 (at Le Moyne College, Curtin Special Events Room, Campus Center)

9 – 9:30 a.m. Breakfast

PANEL 4: Theories and Theologies of Labor

9:30 – 11 a.m. **PANELISTS:** Jeremy Posadas, assistant professor of religious studies, Austin College; Inese Radzins, assistant professor of theology and Dorothea Harvey Professor of Swedenborgian Studies, Pacific School of Religion; and Stephan van Erp, professor in systematic theology, KU Leuven University, Netherlands.

MODERATOR: Cliff Donn, (Le Moyne College, Department of Anthropology, Criminology and Sociology)

11 – 11:30 a.m. Break

PANEL 5: Histories of Religion and Labor

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. **PANELISTS:** Gary Dorrien, Reinhold Niebuhr Professor of Social Ethics, Union Theological Seminary; Janis Lee Thiessen, assistant professor of history, University of Winnipeg; and Heath Carter, assistant professor of history, Valparaiso University.

MODERATOR: David Andrews (SUNY Oswego, Department of Economics)

1 p.m. Concluding Lunch and Reception