

Labor History Seminar

2021-2022 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Deadline: Friday, June 4, 2021

This seminar provides a forum for works in progress that explore the history of working class people, communities, and culture; class and state policy; unions and popular political movements; and other related topics. We are particularly interested in works that deal with gender, sexuality, race, migration, and the social history of work. Our focus has been on U.S. history, but we welcome papers on North America generally, and on transnational aspects of labor history.

The seminar is open to everyone, including faculty members, graduate students, and independent scholars. Junior faculty and others in the early-writing stages who wish to present work are especially encouraged to apply. To maximize time for discussion, papers are circulated electronically in advance. Priority is given to individuals at a stage in their research at which they can best benefit from feedback. The Newberry is unable to provide funds for travel and lodging for presenters and respondents, but can assist in locating discounted accommodations.

The Seminar meets on select Fridays during the academic year, from 3:30-5 p.m. In AY 2021-2022, some meetings will take place online and some meetings may take place at the Newberry Library in Chicago, Illinois. Co-coordinators are Peter Cole, Western Illinois University; Colleen Doody, DePaul University; Liesl Orenic, Dominican University; and Elizabeth Tandy Shermer, Loyola University Chicago.

To submit a proposal, please visit our webform at <https://www.newberry.org/scholarly-seminar-proposal-form> and upload a one-page proposal, a statement explaining the relationship of the paper to your other work, and a brief CV. Applications will not be accepted via e-mail.

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