NOTE FROM CHAIR OF LABOR STUDIES, DR. ELLEN REESE:

Dear Labor Studies faculty and students,

We are happy to share with you news about our UCR’s Labor Studies program and community for 2014-15. Thank you all for your continued participation and support. Enjoy your summer and see you in Fall 2015!

All the best,
Ellen Reese, Chair of Labor Studies

LABOR STUDIES CORE COURSES

- **LABR 001: Introduction to Labor Studies course:**
  - This year Professor Devra Weber (History) offered LABR 001 in Winter 2015. The course was filled to capacity with 45 students. Professor Ellen Reese (Sociology) will offer LABR 001 in Winter 2016. A reader has been authorized for the course, allowing us to expand enrollment to 75 students.

- **LABR 198-I: Individual Internship in Labor Studies**
  - We supervised 4 Labor Studies internship students in Fall 2014 and another 6 students in Winter 2015. In Spring 2015, we supervised 18 students. Our students this year worked with 13 organizations: AFSCME-UDW, AFSCME 3299, AFT Local 1966, NELAA, Parent Institute for Quality Education, the 28ers, Warehouse Worker Resource Center (WWRC), United Domestic Workers Local 3930, Habitat for Humanity, Together We Rise, Latino Voter Registration Education Project, Teamsters Local 2010, and UFCW Local 1167.
  - We are currently recruiting and enrolling students for Summer and Fall internships. Interested students should contact Amanda Admire at laborstudiesucr@gmail.com
  - **Field Trip:** Some of our UCR Labor Studies interns & the Chair of the Labor Studies program participated in SEIU’s ‘Fight 4 $15’ rally on April 4, 2015 in Los Angeles.
Through a grant provided by the Undergraduate Education office at UCR, we organized a series of guest speakers for our academically enriched internship course offered in Spring 2015:

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**EVENTS**

- We co-sponsored the following events in Winter and Spring 2015:
  - Seth Rosenfeld talk on his book, *Subversives: the FBI’s war on student radicals, and Reagan’s rise to power* on 1/21/15. The included commentary by two Labor Studies program faculty, Drs. Christopher Chase-Dunn and Ellen Reese.

**FUNDRAISING**

- We received a **$10,000** grant from the UC-Institute for Research on Labor and Employment for January 2015-December 2015 to improve and expand our Labor Studies program at UC-Riverside.
- We received a **$6,000 grant** from UCR’s Undergraduate Education office to provide an “academically enriched” Labor Studies internship course in Spring 2015 at UCR. This provides additional funding to help pay for our internship coordinator and a series of guest speakers.
- Dr. Reese obtained a **$1,500 grant** from the UC Center for Collaborative Research for an Equitable California to pay for speakers and/or other events about collaborative, community-based research.

**GRADUATING LABOR STUDIES MINORS**

- The following undergraduate students will graduate with a Labor Studies minor in 2014-15: **Yesenia Martinez, Evelyn Sanabria, and Charles Wassman**. Congratulations and best of luck!
- Labor Studies minors complete a total of 5 courses: LABR 001: Introduction to Labor Studies, LABR 198-I: Individual Internship in Labor Studies, and at least three other upper-division courses that count towards the minor. For more information on how to minor in Labor Studies, please meet with an Academic Adviser in the Multidisciplinary Academic Advising Center in INTS 3111 (Interdisciplinary Studies Building-South Wing, Room 3111 on the third floor) or visit the “Academic Program” and “Courses” links on our website: laborstudies.ucr.edu
NEW PUBLICATIONS BY LABOR STUDIES FACULTY

Associate Professor of Gender and Sexuality Studies Tamara C. Ho is pleased to announce the publication of her first book Romancing Human Rights: Gender, Intimacy, and Power between Burma and the West (University Of Hawai'i Press, 2015). Romancing Human Rights examines fictional and non-fictional representations of Burma/Myanmar, with a focus on women writers. Ho’s gendered analysis of twentieth century discourses bridges postcolonial studies, area studies, and critical race/ethnic studies—a must-read for those with an interest in fields of literature, Asian and Asian American studies, history, politics, religion, and women’s and gender studies. Ho’s biographical entry on Helen Fabela Chávez, widow of César E. Chávez, is forthcoming in Volume 1 of the new Oxford Encyclopedia of Latinos and Latinas in Contemporary Politics, Law, and Social Movements, eds. Suzanne Oboler and Deena J. González (Oxford University Press, 2015).

Thomas C Patterson’s book, From Acorns to Warehouses: Historical Political Economy of Southern California’s Inland Empire (Walnut Creek, CA: Left Coast Press, 2015) appeared in December, 2014. Patterson’s large-scale history of the Inland Empire of Southern California traces the social, political and economic changes in this region from the first Native American settlement 12,000 years ago to the present. Framing his discussion of this region in the general growth trajectory of California’s socio-economic history, he is able to connect landscape, resources, wealth, labor, and inequality using a Marxian framework for many key periods of the region’s history. In moving between large scale historical changes, regional adaptations and resistance to those changes, and a framework that places those responses in theoretical context, Patterson’s work allows the reader to see how inland Southern California developed into the warehouse empire of the 21st century and its prospects for the future.
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT!
DR. DAVID FAIRRIS, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

Dr. Fairris has been with the University of California, Riverside since 1989 and his major field of study is labor economics. He is the author of more than 35 journal articles, 10 book chapters, many policy reports, and the book, Shopfloor Matters: Labor-Management Relations in Twentieth-Century American Manufacturing. Dr. Fairris was research director for the policy report spelling out the impact of the Los Angeles living wage ordinance published by the Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy and served for many years on the IRLE governing board. After a long & successful career at UCR he will be retiring on June 30, 2015. Congratulations!

2015 GRADUATE STUDENT NEWS

Jason Struna
Jason Struna, former labor studies internship coordinator at UCR, will graduate with his Ph.D. in Sociology in Spring 2015. He has accepted an appointment as Assistant Professor at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington where he will be teaching Introduction to Sociology, Sociology of Work, and courses on inequalities. His dissertation is titled, Handling Globalization: Labor, Capital, and Class in the Globalized Warehouse and Distribution Center.

Anthony Roberts
Anthony Roberts is currently a public policy fellow at the UCLA Institute for Research on Labor and Employment and will be graduating with his Ph.D. from the Department of Sociology in Spring 2015. In Fall of 2015, he will join the Department of Sociology at California State University, Los Angeles as Assistant Professor. In his dissertation, he explores the impact of globalization on the liberal reform of collective labor institutions and the growth of domestic income inequality in developed and developing nations since the 1980s.
LABOR STUDIES STAFF

Amanda Admire – Internship Coordinator
Amanda is a fourth year graduate student who specializes in criminology and gender studies. In addition to her position as the Internship Coordinator for Labor Studies, she also serves as the elections committee representative for the United Automobile and Aerospace Workers (UAW) Local 2865 on the University of California campus. Through these positions she has gained familiarity with workers’ rights issues and has become an active member of the graduate student union.

Karin Johnson – Administrative Assistant
Karin is a first year graduate student whose research interests are the global labor market, high skilled migration, higher education, and public policy. Karin has worked in higher education admissions and vocational education program evaluation. Through this position she hopes to gain a closer knowledge of labor studies and to develop relationships with faculty members.