MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR – JAMES GREGORY

THIS WILL BE MY FINAL YEAR as Harry Bridges Chair. Next summer a new Chair takes over. With nine exciting months still ahead, I am in no hurry to say goodbye but I want to use this message to assess and update our mission.

The Harry Bridges Center was established 19 years ago with the goal of addressing the labor knowledge crisis. Labor knowledge is in short supply throughout American culture. Our media institutions teach entertainment knowledge and little else. Before the Bridges Center, the University of Washington, like most universities, had overlooked labor, producing little scholarship and offering few courses that focused on issues of work, workers, unions, class, or economic inequality.

This we have changed. Labor Studies is now an important part of the curriculum. The Center website lists over 60 courses that are regularly offered on all three campuses. They cover an impressive range of subjects and are taught by faculty in 14 different departments.

Among the classes this year, Prof. Janice Camp will offer “Recognition of Health and Safety Problems in Industry” to students in the Environmental and Occupational Health program. In History, Maria Quintana will teach “Race and Gender in U.S. Labor History.” Anthropology students will enroll in “The Urban/Rural Split in Global Labor History” taught by Matthew Hale.

We are proud of our 59 faculty associates, top scholars who teach these classes and whose research advances labor knowledge. We are even prouder of the many students who take labor studies classes, help with research projects, and join us in Center activities. They too advance labor knowledge.

We have been changing the subject at the University of Washington and I want to close by mentioning an initiative that is doing so statewide.

The Washington State Labor Council, under the leadership of President Jeff Johnson, has embarked on an ambitious campaign to support labor education in Washington State. Unions are planning to raise $200,000 a year for three years, much of it to fund the Labor Education and Research Center located at South Seattle Community College, but the new Labor Archives at UW will also be a beneficiary.

The Labor Archives celebrate their first anniversary this month and have already proved to be a glorious success. Together, the Bridges Center, the Labor Archives, and the Washington State Labor Council are changing the subject, advancing labor knowledge. Nothing is more important.

ANNUAL AWARDS CELEBRATION

Sunday, November 13, 2011
UW Center for Urban Horticulture
3501 NE 41st St, Seattle, WA 98195
5-8PM

Please join us for our annual awards banquet as we honor our student and faculty achievements and celebrate the first year of the Labor Archives of Washington State.

Reserve your ticket today! Tickets are free, but due to annual high attendance we ask that you please RSVP in advance by contacting the Bridges Center at (206) 543-7946 or pcls@u.washington.edu.

New location! Our banquet has outgrown its traditional home in UW’s Kane Hall! Our new location, the Center for Urban Horticulture is easily accessible, just east of campus. Parking is free. For directions and a handy map, please turn to page 7 of this newsletter.

Support the Labor Archives — Sponsor a table!

Once again, the banquet is raising funds to benefit the Labor Archives of Washington State. Organizations and individuals may sponsor a table by making a donation of $500 or $1,000 to the Labor Archives Fund.

All donors of $500 or more join the Labor Archives Founder’s Circle and ensure their names will be inscribed on a plaque displayed with the Harry Bridges Memorial Statue at the entrance to the University of Washington library.

Join the Founder’s Circle today, time is running out! The plaque will be completed in 2012 and dedicated at next year’s awards celebration. For more information on the Founder’s Circle, turn to page 3.

All donations are tax-deductible. To sponsor a table or make a donation, please contact the Bridges Center at (206) 543-7946 or pcls@u.washington.edu, or send a check payable to “UW Foundation – Labor Archives Fund” to: Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies, University of Washington, UW Box 353530, Seattle, WA 98195-3530.

With your donation, please indicate how many banquet tickets you would like. A table seats 8. Table sponsors are not required to fill a table.
DON’T MOURN, ARCHIVE!

SINCE JOINING THE LABOR ARCHIVES of Washington State in October 2010 as labor archivist, I have worked hard to advance LAWS’ mission of preserving our region’s labor history, making it easier to access and using it to educate about the importance of labor today. Allow me to share some of LAWS’ major accomplishments in our first year of operation.

Labor History

At your finger-tips

Thanks to the internet, labor history is now more accessible than ever. Thousands of our documents, photographs, oral history recordings, and exhibits are now available on-line, searchable by topic or format.

You can also browse a full list of the Labor Archives’ 200-plus labor history collections, including materials from unions, labor supporters, radical and civil rights organizations, and individual workers. I invite you to visit our website and browse the collections at www.lib.washington.edu/specialcoll/laws/

Consultation And Collection

Serving the Labor Movement

As labor archivist, I have prioritized one-on-one consultations with members and officers of local unions on records keeping and preservation, helping them to begin their own archives projects. From my conversations, it is clear that the labor movement values its history and that there is much interest in both preserving records in-house and in donating records to LAWS.

Tours of LAWS and presentations to unions, classes, community groups, and conferences have kept me busy promoting our collections, activities, and services. In May, LAWS gave its first workshop on records management and archives for the Pierce County Central Labor Council. We also gave a joint workshop with the UW Bridges Center and the Labor Education and Research Center at the Washington State Labor Council Convention in August.

Because of this outreach, new collections are regularly entering LAWS. The latest include the organization records of the Committee for Justice for Domingo and Viernes; Graphics Communications Council/IBT, Local 767m; Service Employee International Union, Local 120; and Ship Scalers, Dry Dock, and Boat Yard Workers Union, Local 541; and the personal papers of Antonia Bohan, Barry Hatten, Cindy Domingo, Ronald Magden, and Tom Tippett.

Education

History on display

This year, LAWS hosted a traveling exhibit created by the ILWU and created two of our own. One was on UW Student Activists and the Farmworkers’ Movement; the second (now on display in our Reference Room), is on the formats found in labor collections and is designed to help researchers understand the research value of labor archives. An upcoming exhibit will focus on the newly digitized and described Industrial Workers of the World Photograph Collection.

Instruction

Teaching a new generation

This year, LAWS has provided a chance at hands-on processing, description, and preservation experience for many UW students and community members. So far, we have had quite a range of workers on the project. We have hosted interns from the UW Information School and the UW History Department, eight service-learning students, and four community volunteers.

I have also taught sessions on how to research in Labor Archives Collections. Two of the students from these seminars went on to win both the UW Library’s Undergraduate Research Award and the Harry Bridges Center’s Best Labor Studies Paper Prize by using LAWS collections in their research!

Spreading The Word

LAWS in the news

My outreach efforts have included publicizing the labor archives in the media. Most recently, LAWS was featured at length by King 5 News in a special Labor Day segment.

In addition, LAWS has been the topic of three radio interviews, two podcasts, and 20 web or print stories in various media. All of this helps us spread the word about the mission and collections of the labor archives as well as the services we provide unions and the university community.

Lastly, in August we developed a new full-color LAWS brochure, detailing our mission and activities. Please contact me for copies to share with your community, organization, or union local.

I thank you for your support of the Labor Archives. The generous donations of labor organizations and friends of labor make this important work possible, ensuring the valuable lessons of our labor history will not be lost.

Contact Conor Casey at 206-685-3976 or e-mail cmcasey@u.washington.edu
DONORS TO THE LABOR ARCHIVES of Washington State have the opportunity to be memorialized forever as members of the Labor Archives Founder’s Circle.

Founder’s Circle names will be inscribed on a plaque and displayed with the Harry Bridges statue in the entrance to the University of Washington’s Suzzallo Library. Founder’s Circle donations can be made at four levels: Silver ($500 up), Gold ($1,000 up), Platinum ($3,000 up) or Legacy ($5,000 up).

Join the Founder’s Circle today, time is running out! The plaque will be completed in 2012 and dedicated at the Bridges Center’s annual banquet.

Send your tax-deductible contribution to: UW Foundation-Labor Archives Fund Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies University of Washington Box 353530 Seattle, WA 98195-3530

By credit card: Donate securely on-line at depts.washington.edu/pcls, or call 206-543-7946.

By check: Please make payable to “University of Washington Foundation” and write “Labor Archives Fund” on the memo line.

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ILWU Longshore Division, $150,000
Washington State Labor Council, $30,000
Bridges Center for Labor Studies, $30,000
WFSE Council 28, $15,000
ILWU Local 19, $5,405

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Bud Havilsch, $5,000
Terry Mason, $5,000

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Individuals
Jon & Carina Halgren, $4,011
Robert Duggan, $3,000
James Gregory & Susan Glenn, $3,000

GLED ($1000+)
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Joint Council of Teamsters No. 28, $2,000
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IAM District 751, $1,751
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ILWU Local 25, $1,000
ILWU Local 47, $1,000

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Thank you to the Washington State Labor Council!

In May, the Washington State Labor Council launched a three-year fundraising campaign to support two important labor education efforts in the state: the Labor Education & Research Center (South Seattle Community College) and our own Labor Archives of Washington State.

From 2011-2013, the annual goal of the campaign is to raise $200,000 from among labor organizations and individuals with $50,000 coming to LAWS. The WSLC itself will contribute $5,000 to LAWS each year for the next four years. Thank you to our friends at the WSLC — this a major recognition of the importance of education in the labor movement, and the essential role played by labor history!
Scholarships and Prizes

The Support of Students and Faculty
In Labor Studies is central to the mission of the Bridges Center. Thanks to the addition of the Domingo/Viernes, Gundlach and Bassett Scholarships, in 2011-2012 we will provide over $60,000 in tuition, grants and prizes to undergraduates, graduates, and faculty, the most in our history.

Martin and Anne Jugum Scholarships
Founded in 1997 in the name of ILWU leader Martin “Jug” Jugum and his wife Anne, this scholarship awards tuition to undergraduates who show a strong commitment to labor research and practice.

Blake Barnett: A major in the UW Comparative History of Ideas program, Blake has made social justice central to his scholarship and activities as a student. Bringing his passions for both community activism and research together, he has planned many educational events on campus and helped fight budget cuts as a researcher for the UW Associated Students. Blake is particularly interested in the intersections of labor rights and food security, researching the Landless Workers Movement while studying aboard in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and volunteering with Washington’s hunger relief agency Northwest Harvest. Drawing on his experiences in Brazil, Blake’s undergraduate thesis will analyze the labor practices of the Pacific Northwest food justice movement, addressing the many ways class, race and profit play out in food production.

Christine Woodward: While studying abroad in Sao Paulo, Christine writes that she was deeply impressed by Brazil’s Landless Workers Movement and its example as a labor movement that was “adversarial, dynamic, and effective.” Back at the UW, Christine applied what she learned in Brazil by becoming an active member of United Students Against Sweatshops (USAS), a national organization of students fighting for workers’ rights. Together with 54 other students, Christine was arrested for occupying the office of the UW President, demanding the university cut ties with the labor rights-abusing corporation Sodexo. Currently pursuing a minor in Labor Studies, upon graduation she hopes to attend graduate school to study the role of college students in building cross-national solidarity movements for labor rights.

Gundlach Scholarship in Labor Studies
Awarded for the first time in 2011, this scholarship honors the memory of Jean Gundlach, a long-time labor activist and former ILWU secretary who passed away in December 2009, as well as her siblings Wilford, Ralph and Betty, all UW alumni.

Eunice How: An activist since high school, Eunice has long appreciated, in her words, “the power of grassroots movements to tackle problems at the root to create the most effective change in people’s lives.” As a leader in the UW chapter of United Students Against Sweatshops (USAS), Eunice has written letters and press releases; given speeches; mentored new members; and even been arrested twice in sit-ins, using her power as a university student to hold companies such as Russell Athletic, Nike and Sodexo responsible for labor abuses. In addition, Eunice serves as a co-chair for King County Jobs With Justice. She is pursuing a major in Public Health with a minor in Geography.

Silme Domingo and Gene Viernes Scholarship in Labor Studies
Established by the Inlandboatmen’s Union, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, this scholarship provides financial need to an incoming student who shows a strong commitment to social justice. The award memorializes Silme Domingo and Gene Viernes, two cannery workers and Filipino activists assassinated in 1981 for their union reform efforts and their opposition to the Marcos regime in the Philippines.

Stephanie Velasco: The daughter of Filipino immigrants, Stephanie Velasco is a first-generation college student who plans to pursue a degree in medicine. A valedictorian of her graduating class at Wapato High School in Eastern Washington, Stephanie volunteered in several local hospitals and clinics. She also participated in ConneX, a joint program of the Yakima Farm Workers’ Clinic and the Northwest Community Action Center for students pursuing careers in healthcare. “I am honored to have been chosen for a special scholarship in memory of two great, legendary leaders,” she writes. “I know that they have made a huge impact in the labor industry, and I hope to make a difference in my community too (or even the world).”

Martha H. Duggan Fellowship in Labor Studies
Since 2004, the Bridges Center has awarded this fellowship to graduate students studying or providing caring labor. The award honors the memory of Martha H. Duggan, whose caring labor made possible the life work of her husband, lawyer and fellow Bridges Center founding supporter Robert Duggan.

Carolyn McConnell, School of Law: After many years working as an advocate with non-profits organizations, as a journalist and as an editor, Carolyn returned to school in 2010 to pursue a career in law. Drawing on her personal experience as a working mother of two, her passion for employment equality, and her skills in writing, Carolyn plans to use her new profession to represent workers, particularly those forced to balance care-giving and paid employment. She especially hopes to affect change in the state’s unemployment policies, laws with broad implications for caregivers in the workplace. Carolyn has developed her legal knowledge and skills as an officer in her local ACLU chapter and as an intern with organizations such as the Unemployment Law Project, Legal Voice, and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

LErA and Samuel B. Bassett Scholarships in Labor Relations
Each year, the Seattle chapter of the Labor and Employment Relations Association, an organization of professionals in industrial relations and human resources, provides $1,000 to support an outstanding student committed to pursuing a profession in labor. For the first time this year, the Bridges Center is proud to couple their scholarship with $4,500 from the Samuel B. Bassett Scholarship, established in 1971 to memorialize the long-time Seattle labor lawyer.

Reyna Rollowazo: Born and raised in Seattle, Reyna is the daughter of 1970s UW student activists, and her grandfather was the first ever Filipino investigator for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. As an undergraduate at the UW, Reyna earned a Law, Societies (continued on next page)
Thanks to the efforts of Terri, Rich Gurtiza and others at the IBU, 2011 marks the inaugural year of the Domingo Viernes Scholarship in Labor Studies. The award honors the memory of Terri’s late husband Silme Domingo and fellow activist Gene Viernes, two Filipino-American union members assassinated in Seattle in 1981 for advocating union reforms and challenging the regime of Ferdinand Marcos.

“Higher education is important to me,” Terri explains. “It’s an invaluable opportunity to obtain a broader perspective on the challenges of the world.” For Terri, history is an important part of that broader perspective. As a member of the Labor Archives Organizing Committee, she helps raise funds for the Archives, and the IBU has contributed over 70 year’s worth of their materials to the Archives.

Terri’s own role in the history of the IBU is significant. After graduating from Lincoln High School in North Seattle, she quickly learned the importance of organized labor after working both union and non-union jobs. As a rank and file cannery worker in ILWU, Region 37, she advocated for democratic reforms within the union along with Silme and Gene. Following their deaths, she was elected an official of Local 37, the first ever woman official of an ILWU local. When Local 37 later became part of the IBU, the marine division of the ILWU, Terri became the first woman national officer of the IBU.

& Justice major with a minor in Diversity. She has continued her family’s legacy of advocating for social justice by interning with the EEOC, the criminal justice reform group Justice Works!, and the Japanese American Citizen’s League. Beginning at the UW School of Law this fall, Reyna pledges to continue “to work within the community to create a more just and equal society.”

Best Paper Prize
This year, the Bridges Center is proud to award the Best Paper Prize in Labor Studies to two outstanding works by undergraduates.

Adam Farley, for “There Were Years of Neglect:” The Ship Scalers Union and Seattle’s Racial Progressivism in the 20th Century

Elizabeth Poole, for Pushed Ashore: Coast Guard Screening on the Seattle Waterfront

Research Grants
Each year, grants are awarded to graduate students pursuing research in Labor Studies. For the 2011-12 year, the Bridges Center distributed five grants.

Dena Aufseeser, Department of Geography
Deconstructing Child Labor in Peru: The Right to Work or Not to Work

Evrim Gormus, Jackson School of International Studies
Islamic Business and Labor in Turkey

Anne Greeleaf and Milli Lake, Department of Political Science
The Brand Responsibility Project

Shon Meckfessel, Department of English
Grassroots Labor in Egypt’s Tahrir Revolution

Today, as IBU national-secretary, she represents tugboat and ferry workers, warehouse workers and cannery workers. In addition, she serves as vice president of the ILWU district council, as a member of the International Transport Workers’ Federation (ITF) Women’s Committee, and was recently elected to the ITF’s Executive Board. She remains devoted to her family: her two daughters with Silme, Kalayaan and Ligaya (both UW alumni), and three grandchildren.
Terry was raised in Seattle and served in the United States Navy. He spent time logging in Alaska and bartending in Seattle before joining his uncle on the waterfront.

Bud made a “Legacy” donation to the Labor Archives of Washington State. Donations in his name were also made following his passing.

Art Mink, devoted political activist, trade unionist and veteran of the Seattle waterfront died March 23, 2011 after a short time battling illness. He was 91. Art and his wife Lynn were married for 68 years. She passed away in 2008, but he is survived by 3 daughters, Tanya, Michele and Maggie.

Born in Idaho in 1919, Art joined the Communist Party as a young man and served in World War II. After his service, Art was active in several unions across Boise, Seattle, and Los Angeles, before settling in Seattle for good in 1951 and going to work on the waterfront. For over thirty years, Art was an active member of the ILWU, first in Local 9, then Local 19 and Local 52, serving in many posts including Local 19’s Vice President during the contentious 1971 strike.

Art remained just as active in retirement as a member of the ILWU Seattle Pensioners Club, resurrecting and serving as editor of their newsletter “The Rusty Hook,” and he penned regular outspoken letters to local newspapers. He was also a strong supporter of the Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies, first as a donor to the initial campaign to establish the Bridges Chair in the early 1990s, and later as a patron of the Labor Archives of Washington State. Upon his passing, donations in Art’s honor were made to the Archives. A skilled storyteller, many of Art’s stories are captured in oral histories for Bridges Chair James Gregory’s “Communism in Washington State Project,” viewable at depts.washington.edu/labhist/cpproject/

Richard Peterson, Professor Emeritus at the University of Washington School of Business and a Bridges Center Faculty Associate dating back to the Center’s very beginnings, passed away September 3, 2011 at the age of 78. An authority on human resources management, international workforce issues and union and non-union grievance procedures, Dick taught at the UW from 1966 until 1999. He participated in countless Bridges Center colloquia, lecture series and seminars, sharing his extensive knowledge of the National Labor Relations Board and other formal labor processes.

In October 2000, Peterson was awarded the Bridges Center’s Distinguished Faculty Award. On that occasion, Bridges Chair Emeritus David Olson wrote, “Upon the launching of the Harry Bridges Chair, we received welcomed support from across the campus. Nowhere was that support stronger, earlier, or more sustained than from Dick… His commitment to the Bridges Chair was vital because of his position as Professor of Management and Organization in the UW’s Business School, where Harry Bridges delivered one of the his most oft-quoted speeches.”
NEW BRIDGES CENTER VISITING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

IN ORDER TO BE CONNECTED with the labor communities that helped establish the Bridges Chair and continue to provide us important support and counsel, the Bridges Center Visiting Committee maintains several ex officio positions for leaders of key local organizations.

In 2010-2011, we are happy to welcome several new ex officio members to the committee. Cam Williams joins us as president of ILWU Local 19 in Seattle, and from Tacoma’s ILWU Local 23, president Scott Mason. From the Washington State Labor Council we welcome incoming president Jeff Johnson.

In addition, we greet new Committee member Holly Hulscher. Vice President of ILWU Local 23, Holly works with Local 23’s history committee and has been an important advisor on the Labor Archives Organizing Committee. She has also visited UW Labor Studies classes to share her experiences on the waterfront with students.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

University Bookstore, 4326 University Way NE, Seattle, WA 98105
7:00pm

Author William M. Adler will discuss his new biography of the legendary IWW leader. Special musical guest: Seattle Labor Chorus.

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Seattle Labor Temple, 2800 1st Ave, Seattle, WA 98121
7:00pm

Special musical guest: Gary Kanter, Musicians Association of Seattle.

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Ellen Brown, Talk: “The Web of Debt”
Room 120, Kane Hall, UW Seattle
7:00pm
$5


Friday, October 28 – Saturday, November 6, 2011

Performance: “Harp Song For a Radical”
Meany Studio Theatre, NE 40th St. and 15th Ave. NE
Evening: 7:30pm; Sunday matinee: 2:00pm
$18 in advance or $20 at the door.

Loosely based on Marguerite Young’s biography and inspired by the life of labor activist Eugene V. Debs, this play explores how the “ordinary guy” makes a decision to act, and in so doing becomes a hero. In the process, it examines labor and politics, past and present.

Presented by the UW School of Drama and the Labor Archives of Washington State. For a full description, visit www.drama.uw.edu/performances.

Thursday, November 3

David Bacon, Talk on Immigration and Labor
Room 260, Savery Hall, UW Seattle
6:00pm

David Bacon, a former union organizer, nationally-known writer and photographer, will discuss his work documenting the changing conditions in the workforce, the global economy, war and migration, and the struggle for human rights. David will also visit UW’s Tacoma and Bothell campuses.

For more information, visit the Bridges Center website at depts.washington.edu/pcls/ or call us at 206-543-7946.
THE HARRY BRIDGES ENDOWED CHAIR AND CENTER FOR LABOR STUDIES were founded through the initiative of members of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union. We continue to build upon that legacy in order to provide support for UW students, research, public programs, and other labor-related activities.

We need your support to continue to provide these valuable opportunities. All donations are tax-deductible; checks should be made out to the University of Washington Foundation (use the memo line to indicate which fund you wish to designate for your contribution). If you would like to use a credit card, please call (206) 543-7946, or visit: depts.washington.edu/pcls

You can choose to contribute to the following funds:

- **Labor Archive Fund** – Supports Labor Archives of Washington State programs and staff
- **Community Outreach and Events Fund** – Supports special events, teaching, and scholarship
- **Harry Bridges Endowment** – Supports the endowed Chair and Center for Labor Studies
- **Domingo Viernes Scholarship** – Provides financial need to incoming students in Labor Studies
- **Gundlach Scholarship** – Provides tuition to outstanding students in Labor Studies
- **Martin and Anne Jugum Scholarship** – Provides tuition for outstanding undergraduates
- **Martha Duggan Fellowship** – Provides support to graduate students who study or provide caring labor
- **Theodore L. and Doris M. Hansen Endowment** – Supports special events, teaching and scholarship with particular focus on South Central Seattle
- **David J. Olson Endowed Fund** – Supports students in the Department of Political Science