This year’s newsletter was in press when the news came that David Olson, the first holder of the Harry Bridges Chair, had died. David was a crucial leader through the 20-year history of the Bridges Chair and Center. He helped to develop the initial organizational structure of the center and remained a committed participant, serving on countless committees, as a trusted advisor to subsequent chairs, and as an important link to labor and government. Many of us knew David as our down-to-earth friend, but he was also a towering figure on the University of Washington campus. A nationally known scholar of urban politics, ports, and labor, he served in many important leadership roles.

The loss hits me hard personally. David had been a mentor and friend since I first arrived at UW 11 years ago; he was the person I turned to for advice on the most challenging problems. I drew on his deep knowledge of how organizations like universities work and his intuitive ability to judge character and find paths to consensus. David’s directness and honesty could be bracing, but his inner charm was equally unmistakable. He was not a man of many words, but was a tremendously effective communicator. I can still hear the unique cadences of his speech, and cannot imagine a standing committee meeting without him.

David’s loss is enormous, but like any great leader, he leaves a legacy that ensures ongoing impact. As an award winning teacher and longtime steward of an internship program at the state legislature, David taught thousands of students about political struggle and social justice, including many who went on to elective office and public service. David also built lasting institutions, structuring the Bridges Center to thrive as a collective project under new leaders.

The Bridges Center will be marking our 20th Anniversary with events on November 17, where we will now also remember David and mark his passing. It will be a tremendous honor to take part as the new holder of a chair named for Harry Bridges and first held by David. I stand on the shoulders of giants, and am particularly grateful to be following Jim Gregory’s four years of outstanding leadership. Like prior Bridges Chairs, I will bring together people from academia, labor, and government to build knowledge of work and labor. As the first political scientist to hold the chair since Margaret Levi completed her service 12 years ago, I particularly want to explore the role of workers and labor organizations in politics, both historically and in response to the treacherous political conditions that we face today. I am very much looking forward to working with our tremendous supporters in the labor community in my new role.

Celebrating 20 Years of the Harry Bridges Chair
Friday, November 16 to Saturday, November 17, 2012 • Husky Union Building (HUB) • University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Friday, November 16
KEYNOTE: Tom Geoghegan, “Only One Thing Can Save Us: Why Our Country Needs to Snap Out of It and Have a New Kind of Labor Movement”
Kane Hall, Room 120, 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Kick off the Bridges Center’s 20th Anniversary events by joining us for a special lecture by labor lawyer Tom Geoghegan, author of several notable books on labor law and the labor movement and a regular contributor to national publications like The New York Times and The Nation.

Saturday, November 17
CONFERENCE: Labor, Labor Studies and the Future: The Bridges Chair at 20 Years
HUB, Room 334, 12:15pm - 4:30pm
A special conference discussing the accomplishments of the Bridges Chair, the state of the labor movement, and the hard work that lies ahead.

BANQUET: 20th Anniversary Celebration
HUB South Ballroom, 5:00pm – 8:00pm
A festive evening to honor our history with food, drinks, music, videos, awards and more!
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 hbcls@u.washington.edu.

Sponsor the event! To raise funds for the Labor Archives, we are offering the chance to sponsor the event or place a message in a special anniversary booklet.
For a sponsorship form, turn to page 7. All contributions are tax deductible.
DON’T MOURN, ARCHIVE!

2012 MARKS THE LABOR ARCHIVES of Washington State’s second year of operation, and my second as labor archivist. What a busy year it has been! Our outreach to the labor movement continues to grow, and as a result, so do the Archives themselves. We have new collections, new educational resources, new staff, and more. I am excited to report on our progress!

On-Line Labor History
More to explore

Our on-line presence continues to grow into one of the largest labor history resources on the internet. The LAWS website serves as an instant portal to thousands of labor photographs, oral history recordings, documents, and exhibits.

The latest additions include over 300 documents and photographs related to Filipino American canny workers, as well as a full digitization of our Industrial Workers of the World Photograph Collection, presented in a special on-line exhibit.

With more than 200 labor collections comprising more than 3,000 cubic feet of materials, and more arriving each day, the size of LAWS can seem daunting. That’s why we have continued to update and improve access to our records. Thanks to new inventories connected with the University of Washington Libraries Catalog, you can now search the contents of our collections in detail, making it much easier to research and learn about labor history.

Consultation and Collection
Working with labor

The University of Washington Special Collections is not the only repository for labor history. For many unions, it’s their local office. As labor archivist, I have continued to prioritize in-person consultations with union members, committees, and officers of local unions and labor councils on records keeping and preservation, helping them to begin their own archives projects.

Thanks to our outreach, when organizations are ready to part with their records, they know the Labor Archives are here to serve them. New collections arrive all the time. The latest include records of the Washington State Labor Council; Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 587; Musicians’ Association of Seattle (AFM, Local 76-493); Office and Professional Employees International Union, Local 8; and United Food and Commercial Workers, Local 81; as well as the papers of Jackie Boschok, Ron Magden, and Jonathan Rosenblum.

Education
Telling labor’s story

Collections from LAWS regularly form the basis for special exhibits at the University of Washington library. This spring we helped stage “Taking it to the Street: Protests, Strikes, and Activism in Washington State,” in collaboration with several UW departments. The exhibit used archival materials to tell the state’s history of protest from the 1919 Seattle General Strike to today’s Occupy Movement.

Instruction
Hands-on labor history

At the University of Washington, I regularly speak to classes on how to research labor history. LAWS also provides a chance for UW students and community volunteers to learn labor history first hand as interns, processing and describing new LAWS collections. In less than two years, we have hosted over 30 people who have directly helped with and learned from LAWS labor collections!

Outreach
Spreading the word

Spreading awareness of LAWS and the importance of labor history, I have regularly given tours and presentations to unions and community groups. In February, I spoke to the History Café, an event held by the Museum of History and Industry, the Seattle Public Library, KCTS TV, and HistoryLink. In February and May, I gave workshops for the King County Labor Council and the Pacific Northwest Labor History Association.

More outreach is on the way. I am now working with central labor councils across the state to offer workshops to their delegates in the coming months. In September, LAWS will participate in a workshop for elementary and high school teachers as part of Washington State History Day. This will help make sure labor history is taught in public classrooms!

Thank you for your continued support. I welcome you to contact me for research help, to donate a collection, or to speak with your organization about a potential archives project!

Contact Conor Casey at 206-685-3976 or e-mail cmcasey@u.washington.edu
DONORS TO THE LABOR ARCHIVES of Washington State are memorialized forever as members of the Labor Archives Founder’s Circle. The Circle has four levels: Silver ($500 up), Gold ($1,000 up), Platinum ($3,000 up) or Legacy ($5,000 up).

Members’ names are being inscribed on a plaque to be displayed with the Harry Bridges statue in the entrance to the University of Washington’s Suzzallo Library. The plaque will be dedicated at the Bridges Center’s 20th anniversary banquet on November, 17, 2012.

OUR GREAT RECESSION has created some of the highest levels of unemployment in decades. Yet the problem only rarely makes the news, as part of abstract and partisan discussions over unemployment benefits or monthly reports on the official percentage of those without work.

The Unemployed Nation Hearings, held last March and spearheaded by the Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies and the Martin Luther King Jr. County and Washington State Labor Councils, sought to provide a venue for members of the millions-strong “nation” of unemployed people to share their stories and spur a greater dialogue about the problem.

The event featured two days of testimony from the unemployed alongside scholars and public officials. Those who testified gave moving accounts of their daily struggles to find work, a common challenge for both young and old, blue-collar and white-collar.

Both days were covered extensively by local civic television channels TVW, the Seattle Channel, and UWTV. The Hearings were broadcast regularly in the weeks following the event. An article in the Seattle Times also discussed the Hearings.

In July, following from Senator Jeanne Kohl-Welles’s participation in the March events, an additional hearing was held at the state capitol in Olympia, WA as a joint session of the state Legislature’s labor committees.

A movement meant to be Seen and Heard

Share your own story of joblessness at UnemployedNation.org. The site features full-length videos and press coverage of the Hearings, and ongoing coverage of the unemployment crisis.

NEW FUND FOR STUDENTS IN LABOR STUDIES

The Bridges Center is honored to announce the creation of a new fund for students in labor studies, the Sherill Crawford Anderson and Clinton M. Rost Endowed Student Support Fund, the result of a generous gift by Anderson and Rost.

After a lifetime devoted to social justice and education, Clint Rost passed away June 15, 2012 at the age of 84. Clint served in the US Army in Korea, and worked his way through the University of Washington as a member of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 44. He then worked for the Children’s Home Society of Washington and United Way of King County. Clint was a devoted member of the UW Alumni Association and often served as a UW guest lecturer, instructing students on the finances of not-for-profit organizations.

Sherill Anderson, long-time companion of Clint, holds a deep appreciation for the value of work and unions. Her father, L.A. Crawford, worked as a Teamster, and then a devoted member of ILWU Local 19 in Seattle. Her late husband, Richard Anderson, worked until retirement as member of Sheet Metal Local 99. She writes, “The studies conducted under the auspices of the Bridges Center are most important for our country and all working people. Our country and the world need more leaders like Harry Bridges!”

Visit the Labor Archives website to learn more about region’s labor history; browse through over 200 collections of photos, documents and ephemera; view a full list of the Founders Circle members; or to make a donation of your own.

www.laborarchives.org

We are also on Facebook and Twitter (@UWBridgesCenter)!

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SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES

ENCOURAGING THE STUDY OF LABOR among students and faculty is a core mission of the Bridges Center. In 2012-2013 we will provide over $50,000 in tuition, grants and prizes to undergraduates and graduates pursuing labor studies.

Martin and Anne Jugum Scholarship in Labor Studies
This undergraduate scholarship is given annually to students with a strong commitment to labor organizing and labor studies. It is named in honor of former ILWU Local 19 leader Martin “Jug” Jugum and his wife Anne.

Leo Baunach: Leo and fellow awardee Morgan Currier have been members of United Students Against Sweatshops (USAS) since their first month of college. Together they have led many successful campaigns, including a movement against food service giant Sodexo that resulted in the first sit-ins at UW since the 1980s. Leo has spearheaded UW USAS' community solidarity work, particularly support of Walmart workers and the recent ILWU fight with Rite-Aid. Additionally, Leo has worked as the Bridges Center Student Assistant for two years and as a research assistant for former Chair James Gregory. Building on previous research on Seattle labor radio and the transnational alliance of the United Steelworkers and the Mexican Mineros, this year he hopes to complete an original project on the little-studied International Fishermen and Allied Workers and continue to organize for student-worker power.

Morgan Currier: After becoming involved in the fight against a union-busting immigration raid on a meatpacking factory in Iowa during high school, Morgan gained a deep commitment to the struggles of working people. At the University of Washington, she became a core leader of UW USAS, building solidarity with campus workers and travelling to the Dominican Republic to build ties with garment and food service workers. Morgan has served on the board of the Worker Rights Consortium, the independent labor rights monitor for the collegiate garment industry, and is now in her second year as a member of the National Coordinating Committee of USAS. This year, she hopes to lead the burgeoning fight against Adidas and continue building the student-labor movement at UW and internationally.

Gundlach Scholarship in Labor Studies
The Gundlach Scholarship, established in 2011, honors ILWU secretary and labor activist Jean Gundlach, her brother and former lifework of her husband and key Bridges Center founding supporter Robert Duggan. It is given to graduate students studying or providing caring labor.

From left to right: Morgan Currier, Grace Flott, and Leo Baunach.

UW Professor Ralph Gundlach — a victim of communist witchhunts in the 1950s — and their siblings Wilford and Betty.

Grace Flott: At UW and globally, Grace has consistently combined labor studies with activism. While in France, the site of Sodexo’s international headquarters, she helped to organize USAS’ international coalition building, and was elected 2012-2013 co-chair of UW USAS soon after her return. In this role, she hopes to build a new generation of activists and hold Adidas accountable for labor rights violations in Indonesia, Central America and beyond. Grace has also conducted research on unemployed workers movements and attacks on migrant workers in France. In the future, she plans to study gender and working class identity among French-Caribbean movements for labor rights and food justice and “continue to participate in a vibrant, youth-driven, and assertive student/labor movement.”

Martha H. Duggan Fellowship in Caring Labor
This award is given in memory of Martha H. Duggan, whose caring labor made possible the life work of her husband and key Bridges Center founding supporter Robert Duggan. It is given to graduate students studying or providing caring labor.

Musa Camara, Evans School of Public Affairs: A member of SEIU 1199NW at Northwest Hospital since 2004, with eleven years of experiencing working in caring labor, Musa has seen first-hand the impact of social services cuts on patients and workers. After earning a BA degree with honors from the UW in 2011 (while working full-time), he is returning to school to pursue a Master in Public Administration and a Master in Healthcare Administration, and hopes to use his education to improve healthcare access.

LERA and Samuel B. Bassett Scholarships in Labor Relations
The Seattle chapter of the Labor and Employment Relations Association sponsors an annual scholarship for students seeking to pursue a career in labor. It is coupled with the Samuel B. Bassett Scholarship, which memorializes a pioneer of labor law in Seattle.

Daniel Cairns, School of Law: After encountering a bike mechanic in Beijing and conducting an oral history of migrant workers, Daniel decided to shift from pursuing a PhD in China Studies to becoming a labor lawyer. A seasoned labor activist, Daniel was involved in a graduate student employee organizing drive at the University of Chicago. Before that, he helped re-start the Tacoma branch of the Industrial Workers of the World. Daniel has spent significant time in China, teaching classes at Beihang University in Beijing and has been published on a range of subjects including the history of May Day and peasant resistance in contemporary China.

Silme Domingo and Gene Viernes Scholarship in Labor Studies
This scholarship honors Domingo and Viernes, two Seattle leaders who fought for union democracy alongside Filipino cannery workers and organized in solidarity with resistance in the Philippines to the Ferdinand Marcos dictatorship. The prize goes to students entering the University of Washington this year.

Mayra Rangel: Originally from a farm worker family in Pasco, Mayra attended the UW as an undergraduate and is now returning to pursue a Masters in Public Administration. While at UW, Mayra worked as the Bridges Center Student Assistant and was a leader in the UW chapter of the Movimiento Estudiantil Chicana/o de Aztlan (MEChA). Since graduating with her BA, she has worked for New Beginnings, a domestic violence services agency, and has continued to engage issues of immigration through Seattle’s El Comite...
**DISTINGUISHED SUPPORTER AWARD**

**Ted and Doris Hansen**

THE TWENTY-YEAR ANNIVERSARY of the Harry Bridges Endowed Chair in Labor Studies provides an occasion to honor the multitude of original donors that established the Chair, many of them rank and file pensioners of the ILWU. As original donors and long-time continued supporters of the Bridges Chair, Ted and Doris Hansen’s dedication to the cause of education is an essential part of what has animated the Chair’s work since 1992. We recognize them with the 2012 Robert Duggan Distinguished Supporter Award in Labor Studies.

Ted Hansen was practically raised on the Seattle waterfront by his late father, a gear man for the Western Stevedore Company. After graduating from West Seattle High School in 1945, Ted served in the U.S. Marine Corps in the 1940s and later attended Seattle University. In 1955, Ted began working full time on the waterfront, retiring in 1989 after thirty-five years. As a checker, Ted was a member of ILWU Local 52, where he served several terms on the union’s executive board. Doris grew up in Indiana, moving to Seattle in 1960. Ted and Doris married in 1975 after meeting on a bus in West Seattle, where they have lived ever since. Now in their thirty-sixth year of marriage, they enjoy spending time together at their summer home in Olympia.

In 2004-2005, Ted and Doris chose to honor the livelihood given to them by the ILWU by donating $100,000 to establish the Theodore L. and Doris M. Hansen Endowed Fund in Labor Studies at the University of Washington. The fund supports the educational activities of the Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies with a particular emphasis on events and programs in South Central Seattle. The gift reflected Ted and Doris’ belief, expressed in the Washington State Constitution, that it is “the paramount duty” of the state to provide education. The Fund has allowed the Bridges Center to extend beyond campus and sponsor events in the greater community, such as a lecture on the Boeing workplace by Edward S. Greenberg in 2011, and a commemoration of the 90th Anniversary of the Seattle General Strike in February 2009.

**NEW BRIDGES CENTER STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

THE BRIDGES CENTER STANDING COMMITTEE is a rotating body of faculty that advises the Center on its activities throughout the year. This year, we welcome two new members.

From the History department we welcome back Moon-Ho Jung (Ph.D., Cornell University, 2000), who previously served on the Committee from 2002 to 2004. Jung has been Director of the Center for the Study of the Pacific Northwest since 2008, which organized the “Race, Radicalism, and Repression on the Pacific Coast and Beyond” conference in 2011. He is the author of *Cooies and Cane: Race, Labor, and Sugar in the Age of Emancipation* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2006), and is presently at work on *The Unruly Pacific: Race and the Politics of Empire and Revolution, 1898-1941* (under contract with University of California Press).

From the Department of Political Science we are joined by Naomi Murakawa (Ph.D., Yale University, 2005). She specializes in American politics with an emphasis on racial and gender politics, public policy, and American political development. She is currently completing a manuscript entitled *Election to Punish: Congress, Race, and the American Criminal Justice State*, which investigates the development of America’s racially distinctive punishment expansion. Murakawa’s teaching interests include American racial formation, feminist politics, and the politics of crime and punishment.

Pro-Reforma Migratoria y Justicia Social. She hopes to use her MPA degree to “address the economic disparities faced by migrant and working class communities, underrepresented students and women who are facing interpersonal violence.”

**Felisha Palomera:** As a student at Mt. Vernon High School, Felisha addressed pressing subjects through her school newspaper, such as the experiences of undocumented students and the lack of Latino faculty. While remaining a top student, she also managed to organize school multicultural events, serve on her school debate team, register voters at the annual Farm Workers Immigration Reform March, and more. The descendant of bracero farm workers, Felisha hopes to use her education to serve as an advocate for human rights and “for people like my family who immigrated to the United States in poverty but with potential, desire and big dreams.”

**Best Paper Prize**

Every year, the Bridges Center gives an award to the finest labor studies essays written by UW students.

**UNDERGRADUATE**

Christopher Stockwell, Political Science, for *State Austerity Measures and the New Challenge to Collective Bargaining: Outcomes of Anti-Union Legislation in Wisconsin, Ohio, and Washington State*

**GRADUATE**

Amanda Clayton, Political Science, for *A World Apart: Union Member Residence Patterns and Political Preferences*

**Research Grants**

This award is given to graduate students conducting research on labor in all its manifestations.

Shuxuan Zhou, Department of Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies, “Enterprise Restructuring and Working Class Resistance in China”

In the summer of 2012, Shuxuan travelled to Hong Kong to intern with China Labor Bulletin and conduct research on economic restructuring and collective action by women workers. Her project will examine cross-generational changes in working class Chinese families amid economic change, an under-studied topic.
The Bridges Center welcomes passages.

John Hammerback, a faculty member of the UW Department Communication and a Bridges Center Faculty Associate since 2008, passed away May 9, 2012 after a battle with cancer. An accomplished scholar, Hammerback’s published work focused on discourse that alters how audience members define themselves. As our faculty associate, John collaborated frequently with the Center, sharing his work on the speeches of Cesar Chavez and helping to bring a special exhibit on Chavez to the UW in Spring 2011. He was also a generous early donor to the Labor Archives of Washington State.

Rudy Martinez, a lifelong longshoreman and member of the Bridge’s Center Visiting Committee, died on June 26, 2012 at the age of 85. Born in 1926 in Denver, Colorado, Rudy served in the Merchant Marines before beginning his career on the Seattle waterfront. A member of ILWU Local 39 from 1950 to 1984, he continued to be active in retirement as President of the Seattle Pensioners Club, and joined the Center’s Visiting Committee in 2001.

Jimmy Dean, a retired member of ILWU Local 52 and a founding supporter of the Bridges Chair, passed away on July 1, 2012. Jimmy was present at the initial discussions with Bob Duggan, Tony Hutter (Local 9) and Pat Vukich (Local 19) in which the Bridges Chair was first envisioned, and he became a key player in the landmark fundraising drive that followed. Born in 1940 and raised in Seattle, Jimmy was a third-generation member of the ILWU. He retired as union business agent in 2002.
20th Anniversary Banquet & Labor Archives Fundraiser

Saturday, November 17, 2012
5:00 – 8:00pm
South Ballroom, Husky Union Building
University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Support the Labor Archives!
To raise funds for the Archives, we are offering the chance to sponsor the banquet at two levels:

• $500—Table Sponsor: Reserves a table seating 8 and recognition in our anniversary booklet.
• $1000 or more—Event Sponsor: Reserves a table seating 8; a full-page ad in our anniversary booklet; and special recognition at the event.

All donations are tax-deductible. Donors giving $500 or more join the Labor Archives founder’s Circle.

Questions? Contact the Harry Bridges Center at (206) 543-7946, or e-mail hbcls@uw.edu

20th Anniversary – Commemorative Booklet
We are compiling a special booklet honoring our community’s many accomplishments. We welcome you to place an ad to promote your organization, send a personal message, or memorialize a friend. Options include:

• Full Page (8 ½ x 11) – $500
• Half Page (8 ½ x 5 ½) – $300
• Quarter Page (4 ¼ x 5 ½) – $200
• Eighth Page (4 ¼ x 2 ½) – $100
• Friends Listing (name and/or org) – $50

Submission deadline is November 1st. Please send text, logo, and/or artwork with the form below, or by e-mail to hbcls@uw.edu as a PDF or JPG file.

IN NOVEMBER 2012, we celebrate 20 years of the Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies with food, drinks, and fundraising for the Labor Archives!

RSVP today!
To RSVP, contact the Bridges Center at (206) 543-7946 or hbcls@uw. washington.edu. Space is limited, so reserve your ticket today. We ask those who can to make a donation to the Labor Archives. However, no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

NAME/ORGANIZATION: ________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

ADDRESS: __________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

E-MAIL: ________________________________________________ PHONE:  _______________________________________________________________

☐ I/we would like to reserve ____________ tickets. (Please enclose a list of your guest names.)

☐ I/we would like to sponsor a table or the event with a donation of $___________________.

☐ I/we would like to purchase a ___________________-size ad in the 20th anniversary booklet.

By check: Return this form with check payable to “UW Foundation” with “Labor Archives” in the memo line, to Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies, University of Washington, Box 353330, Seattle, WA 98195-3530.

By credit card: Visit depts.washington.edu/pcls/ to give securely on-line, or donate over the phone by calling the Bridges Center at (206) 543-7946.

sponsorship form
UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, November 8

George Lovell, Book Release: This Is Not Civil Rights: Discovering Rights Talk in 1939 America
University Bookstore, 4326 University Way NE, Seattle, WA 98105
6:00pm

Join us for a special event marking the release of the new book by Bridges Chair George Lovell, This Is Not Civil Rights, a fascinating look at complaint letters written by ordinary Americans to the Justice Department during the Great Depression.

For more information, visit the Bridges Center website at depts.washington.edu/hbcls/ or call us at 206-543-7946.

Friday, November 16 – Saturday, November 17, 2012

Celebrating 20 Years of the Harry Bridges Chair
University of Washington, Seattle, WA.

Join us as we celebrate 20 years of the Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies! On Friday evening, we kick everything off with a keynote lecture by renowned author Tom Geoghegan. On Saturday, a special conference will discuss the state of the labor movement and the role of the Bridges Chair. Following the conference, our anniversary festivities continue into the evening with a 20th anniversary celebration banquet.

For more information about these exciting events, please turn to pages 1, 6 and 7 in this newsletter.