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SCHOLARSHIP : BOOKS AND BOOK AWARDS

Sharecropper's Troubadour: John L. Handcox, the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union, and the African American Song Tradition (Palgrave Macmillan Oral History series, 2013).

Guggenheim Fellow, 2011-12; Simpson Humanities Center, U. of Washington

Editor and introductions, Martin Luther King, Jr., "*All Labor Has Dignity*" (Boston: Beacon Press, 2011), 224 pp.

Going Down Jericho Road: The Memphis Strike, King's Last Campaign (New York: W.W. Norton, 2007), 640 pp.

Robert F. Kennedy Book Award, RFK Foundation
 Liberty Legacy Award, Organization of American Historians
 H.L. Mitchell southern labor history award. Southern Historical Association
 University Association of Labor Educator's national book co-award
 International Labor Research Association best book award

Black Workers Remember: An Oral History of Segregation, Unionism, and the Freedom Struggle (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1999), 402 pp.

Lillian Smith Award for human rights, Southern Regional Council
 H.L. Mitchell Award, Southern Historical Association
 Washington Writer's (Governor's) Award, Seattle Public Library
 Murray Morgan Award, Tacoma Public Library

Southern Labor and Black Civil Rights: Organizing Memphis Workers (Urbana: U. of Illinois Press, 1993), 364 pp.

Charles Sydnor Prize for southern history, Southern Historical Association
 James A. Rawley Prize for race relations history, Organization of American Historians
 Herbert Gutman Prize for social history, University of Illinois Press

EDUCATION

Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, *Ph.D.* History, 1988, with honors
 Howard University, Washington, D.C., *M.A.* History, with honors
 Oakland University, Rochester, MI, *B.A.* History, magna cum laude

AWARDS AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

See book awards under Scholarship

John Simon Guggenheim fellow, 2011-12

Simpson Humanities Center fellow, University of Washington, 2011-2012

Distinguished lecturer, Organization of American Historians, 2005-
Gandhi, King, Ikeda Award, Morehouse College ML King Chapel, Atlanta, 2011
Distinguished Research Award, University of Washington, Tacoma, January, 2011
Weyerhaeuser Martin Luther King Award for community leadership and service, 2008
National Endowment for the Humanities fellow, 2004-05, and 1989-90
Rockefeller Foundation fellow, Bellagio, Italy, Conference Center, February 2004
Harry Bridges Endowed Chair of Labor Studies, University of Washington, 2000-2004
Huntington Library research fellow, Pasadena, CA, 2000
National Humanities Center fellow, Research Triangle Park, N.C., 1995-96
College Teacher Fellow, National Endowment for the Humanities, and Junior External Fellow, Stanford Humanities Center, 1989-90
American Council of Learned Societies grant-in-aid, 1989
National Historical Records and Publications Commission documentary editing fellow, Freedom History Project, University of Maryland, College Park, 1981-82
Charles Thomson Prize, OAH and the National Archives 1986 for the best article in Prologue the journal of the National Archives

TEACHING AND OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Chair, Social and Historical Studies, Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences Founding Faculty, University of Washington Tacoma, 1990 --
Guggenheim fellow, 2011-12
National Endowment for the Humanities fellow, 2005-06
Fellow, Rockefeller Center, Bellagio, Italy, 2005
Fellow, National Humanities Center, 1995-96
NEH fellowship and Stanford Humanities Center post-doc, 1989-90
Visiting faculty, University of Puget Sound, 1988-89
Visiting faculty, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT., 1987-88
Adjunct lecturer, University of Maryland, College Park, and Consultant, National Archives, Washington, D.C., 1981-87
Graduate lecturer and teaching asst., Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Il., 1978-81
Teaching and research assistant, Howard University, 1976-78
Southern Director, National Comte. Against Repressive Legislation, Memphis, 1970-76
Southern Conference Educational Fund field staff, Louisville, Ky., 1969-70
Coordinator, Lansing Coalition to End the War, 1969
Editor and Associate Editor, Oakland University (Michigan) Observer, 1967-69
Seasonal parks, sheet metal, delivery, taxi, and factory work, 1965-88

CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS:

“People of Tacoma, an Oral History”; “Learning from Rev. James M. Lawson: Love and Forgiveness in the Search for Worker’s Rights,” a film and teaching project under contract with the Fetzer Institute, Kalamazoo, Mi.; “You Never Can Jail Us All: A Memoir of the Southern Freedom Movement, 1968-76;” “Martin Luther King’s Unfinished Agenda.”

SCHOLARLY BOOK CHAPTERS AND JOURNAL ARTICLES (*refereed)

“Race and Labor in Memphis Since the King Assassination,” with David Ciscel, in Robert Zieger, ed., Life and Labor in the New, New South (University Press of Florida, 2012), 236-57

“Race, Labor and the City in the Obama Era: King’s Unfinished Agenda,” in Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas, Spring 2010: 7, 7-16

“Memphis Since King: Race and Labor in the City,” Poverty and Race (Washington, D.C.) March/April 2009, 18:2, 8-11, with David Ciscel

“The Memphis Strike: Martin Luther King’s Last Campaign,” Poverty and Race, March/April 2007 (16:2): 1-2, 7-9

“Pete Seeger, San Francisco, 1989: with William R. Ferris and Michael Honey, in Southern Cultures, 13:3 Fall 2007, 5-39

*“The Labor and Civil Rights Movements at the Crossroads: Martin Luther King, Black Sanitation Workers, and the Memphis Sanitation Strike,” West Tennessee Historical Society Papers. 2004, 18-34

“The Power of Remembering: Black Factory Workers and Union Organizing in the Jim Crow Era,” Eds. Charles Payne and Adam Green, Time Longer Than Rope: A Century of African American Activism, 1850-1950. New York University Press, 2003, 302-335

“Operation Dixie: Racism and the Red Scare in the Defeat of Post-war Southern Labor,” Eds. William Issel, Robert W. Cherny and Kieran Taylor, Labor and the Cold War at the Grassroots: Unions, Politics, and Postwar American Political Culture. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 2004, 216-244

“Martin Luther King, Jr., the Crisis of the Black Working Class, and the Memphis Sanitation Strike.” Reprinted in Eileen Boris and Nelson Lichtenstein, Major Problems in the History of American Workers (Houghton Mifflin, 2003), 420-430; and in Southern Labor in Transition Ed. Robert Zieger. University of Tennessee Press, 1997, 147-75.

*“Racism, Organized Labor and the Black Freedom Struggle,” Contours, A Journal of the African Diaspora (Duke University Press), Spring 2003, 1:1: 57-81

“An Oral History with John Alexander, Tacoma Longshore Worker,” in Crossroads: Social Relations, Economies and Communities in the South Puget Sound and Beyond, 1: spring 2003, a publication of the Center for the Study of Community and Society, UW-Tacoma.

- *"Anti-Racism, Black Workers, and Southern Labor Organizing: Historical Notes on a Continuing Struggle," Labor Studies Journal 25:1, Spring 2000: 10-26**
- "Black Workers Remember," Working USA, The Journal of Labor and Society, January-February 2000: 66-92.**
- "Class, Race and Power in the New South." Democracy Betrayed: The Wilmington Race Riot of 1898 and Its Legacy. Eds. Timothy Tyson and David Cecelski. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1998, 163-184.**
- "Doing Public History at the National Civil Rights Museum." The Public Historian 17:1 Winter 1995: 71-84.**
- *"Racism and the Labor Market in the American South: Memphis, Tennessee, in the Segregation Era," Racism and Power Relations in the Labour Market. Ed. Marcel van der Linden. Amsterdam: International Institute of Social History, 1994, 213-236.**
- "Black Workers Remember: Industrial Unionism in the Segregation Era." Race, Class, Community: New Directions in Southern Labor History. Eds. Gary M. Fink and Merl E. Reed. Tuscaloosa, 1994, 121-140.**
- *"Operation Dixie: Labor and Civil Rights in the Postwar South." Mississippi Quarterly, 2002, 45(4): 439-452**
- "Fighting on Two Fronts: Black Trade Unionists in the Jim Crow Era." Labor's Heritage, January 1992 4 (1): 50-68**
- "Industrial Unionism and Racial Justice in Memphis." Organized Labor in the Twentieth Century South. Ed. Robert Zieger. Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 1991, 135-158**
- "Labor, the Left, and Civil Rights in Memphis, Tennessee, 1935-1955." Anti-Communism, The Politics of Manipulation. Ed. Judith Joel and Gerald Erickson. Minneapolis: MEP Publications, 1987, 57-86**
- "Gender, Race, and Labor Department Policies," with Eileen Boris, Monthly Labor Review February 1988, 111(2): 26-36**
- *"Labor Leadership and Civil Rights in the South: A Case Study." Studies in History and Politics. Quebec: Bishop's University, 1986. Vol. VI: 97-120**
- *"The Popular Front in the American South: The View from Memphis." International Labor and Working Class History 1986 (30): 44-58**
- *"The War Within the Confederacy: The White Unionists of North Carolina, 1861-1865." Prologue, Journal of the National Archives. August 1986: 75-93. Charles Thomson Prize, OAH and the National Archives.**

Available online: <http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ncuv/honey1.htm>

"The Labor Movement and Racism in the South: An Historical Overview." Racism and the Denial of Human Rights: Beyond Ethnicity. Eds. M. Berlowitz and R. Edari. Minneapolis: MEP, 1983, 77-96 (American Ed. Studies Assn. Outstanding Book)

"John Mitchell and the Richmond Planet, 1885-1900: One view of Black Life and Culture During the Nadir." Potomac Review 1981 21: 28-38

DOCUMENTARY EDITING, ENCYCLOPEDIA AND SHORT ARTICLES

Obituary for David Montgomery, OAH Newsletter, 2013

Obituary for Robert M. Zieger, American Historical Association, 2013

Introductory Essay, "I Am a Man web exhibit," Walter Reuther Library for Labor and Urban Affairs, Wayne State University, <http://dlxs.lib.wayne.edu/iamaman/memphis>

Historical advisor, 2011-2012, National Civil Rights Museum renovation, Memphis, Tn.

Freedom: A Documentary History of Emancipation, 1861-67, and Freedom: The Black Military Experience, Ira Berlin et. al. Cambridge University Press, 1985 and 1982, document collection, writing, and editing

"Memphis Sanitation Strike," in Melvin DuBofsky, ed., Oxford online labor history

"Donna Allen," women's media democracy leader, Oxford Dictionary of American Biography online, 2009

"Forty Years Since King," Poverty and Race, April/May, 2008

"The Making of Jericho Road," Charles Williams interviews Michael Honey in Against the Current, March/April 2008, 20 pp. (also available online)

"OAH Distinguished Lecturer's Perspective," OAH Newsletter May 2006

"Memphis Sanitation Strike (1968)" with Steve Estes, in Eric Arnesen, ed., Encyclopedia of U.S. Labor and Working-Class History. New York: Routledge, 2006

"The OAH in Memphis, Thirty-five Years Since King," OAH Newsletter February 2003

"Which Side Are You On?" with Mark Jackson, in Encyclopedia of the Great Depression. Editor in Chief, Robert S. McElvaine. Macmillan Reference USA, 2 volumes, 2004

"Bushmaster Rap: Poem," in New Labor Forum Summer 2003 12:2, 84-87

"On the Campaign to Free the Charleston Five," an interview with Ken Riley, in Social Policy Winter 2001/2002 (32:3): 26-28

"The Segregation Era," in Encyclopedia of American Studies. Editor Johnella Butler, Grolier's, 2000

“The AFL-CIO,” Civil Rights in the United States: An Encyclopedia . New York: Macmillan, 2000. Waldo E.Martin, Jr. and Patricia A. Sullivan, co-editors

"Thirty Years Since Memphis," Southern Changes (1997): 26-29

"Twenty-Five Years Since King: The National Civil Rights Museum," OAH Newsletter February 1993: 3-4

“The Memphis Sanitation Strike,” The Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture (Nashville: Rutledge Hill Press, 1998). Ed. Carroll Van West, ed., 615-616

“Braden, Carl and Anne,” Encyclopedia of the American Left (New York: Garland, 1990). Eds. Mari Jo Buhle, Paul Buhle, Dan Georgakas, 103-5

"Symposium: What is Happening to U.S. Labor?" New Politics, III: 4 Winter 1992: 164-67

“John Handcox, Sharecropper’s Poet,” Sing Out!, Fall 1990, 35:3, 14-21, with Patti Krueger

"The Legacy of SNCC," OAH Newsletter February 1989 17(1): 6-7

“Promoting Labor’s Heritage of Solidarity: The Great Labor Arts Exchange” International Labor and Working Class History 1989(36):90-2

"Impeachment: Congress as the Court of Last Resort." Milestone Documents in the National Archives. National Archives, 1987, 20 pp.

BOOK REVIEWS

Forthcoming, *Labor: A Journal of Working-Class History of the Americas* A Despicable Deceit by Jaquelyn Jones

Forthcoming 2014, *New Left Review*, Commonsense Anti-Communism, by Jernnifer Luff, in *New Left Review*

The Journal of American History (June 2013), Dreams and Nightmares: Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and the Struggle for Black Equality in America by Britta Waldschmidt-Nelson

Labor: A Journal of Working-Class History of the Americas (2013), Archie Green: The Making of a Working-Class Hero by Sean Burns

Southern Cultures (Spring 2012, V. 18) To Right These Wrongs: The North Carolina Fund and the Battle to End Poverty and Inequality in 1960s America by Robert R. Korstad and James L. Leloudis

Journal of American Ethnic History (Summer 2011, V. 30 No. 4, 97-98) From Civil Rights to Human Rights: Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Struggle for Economic Justice, by Thomas Jackson

American Historical Review, You Must Be From the North: Southern White Women in the Memphis Civil Rights Movement, by Kimberly K. Little *

Kalfou, U-California Santa Barbara Center for Black Studies Research, forthcoming Where Have All the Flowers Gone? A Singalong Memoir, by Pete Seeger

American Studies Journal (Fall/Winter 2008, 49:3/4, 300-302), and *Journal of American History* (December 2009), Becoming King: Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Making of a National Leader, by Troy Jackson

Public Historian (30: 3, August 2008, 85-87), Race, Politics, and Memory: A Documentary History of the Little Rock School Crisis, Lewis and Lewis, eds.

Journal of Southern History (2007) Battling the Plantation Mentality: Memphis and the Black Freedom Struggle by Laurie B. Green

American History 42:4 (Oct. 2007), Turn Away Thy Son: The Little Rock School Crisis, by Elizabeth Jacoway

Labor: Studies in Working Class History of the Americas (2008), Women and the Black Freedom Movement in Durham, North Carolina, by Christina Green, and Storming Caesar's Palace: How Black Mothers Fought Their Own War on Poverty, by Anelise Orleck

Journal of American History June 2006: 238-239 Red Seas: Ferdinand Smith and Radical Black Sailors in the United States and Jamaica by Gerald Horne

Journal of Southern History 2006 Black Workers' Struggle for Equality in Birmingham by Horace Huntley and David Montgomery, eds.

Urban Affairs Review 2005 41(2): 260-262 Race, Power, and Political Emergence in Memphis by Sharond D. Wright,

Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas Fall, 2004, 1: 148-150 Civil Rights Unionism: Tobacco Workers and the Struggle for Democracy in the Mid-Twentieth-Century South by Robert Korstad

Monthly Review 2003 Subversive Southerner, Anne Braden and the Struggle for Racial Justice in the Cold War South by Catherine Fosl

Journal of Southern History 2002 68(1): 228-229 The Color of the Law: Race, Violence, and Justice in the Post-World War II South by Gail Williams-O'Brien

Journal of American History 2001 88(3): 1173 Taking History to Heart by James Green

Georgia Historical Quarterly 1999 83(1): 199-20 Killing the Dream: James Earl Ray and the Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. Gerald Posner 1

Journal of Southern History 1998 64(4): 782-783 The Making of Martin Luther King Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement Brian Ward and Tony Badger,

American Historical Review 1998 103(5): 1702 To Joy My Freedom: Southern Black, Women's Lives and Labor after the Civil War by Tera Hunter

Journal of Southern History 1997 63(1): 197-199 The CIO 1935-1955 by Robert Zieger

Pacific Northwest Quarterly 1996 87(2): 94-95 The Forging of a Black Community: Seattle's Central District from 1870 through the Civil Rights Era by Quintard Taylor

Peace & Change April 1996 21(2): 252-257 And Gently He Shall Lead Them: Robert Parris Moses and Civil Rights in Mississippi by Eric R. Burner

Pacific Northwest Quarterly 1995 86(2): 98-99 Black San Francisco: The Struggle for Racial Equality in the West, 1900-1954 by Albert Broussard

Western Historical Quarterly Spring 1995 26(1): 92-93 Purchasing Power: Consumer Organizing, Gender, and the Seattle Labor Movement, 1919-1929 by Dana Frank

American Historical Review 1995 100(5): 1725 Conflict of Interest: Organized Labor in the South by Alan Draper

Journal of American History 1995 (82:3): 1247 Making of Western Labor Radicalism by David Brundage

Georgia Historical Quarterly 1994 78(2): 440-442 Essays on the American Civil Rights Movement Eds. W. Marvin Dulaney and Kathleen Underwood

Journal of American History (Dec. 1992): 1238-1239 New Directions in Civil Rights Studies Eds. Armstead L. Robinson and Patricia Sullivan 79

Journal of Interdisciplinary History 22 (Winter 1992): 538-540 Farewell-We're Good and Gone: The Great Black Migration by Carol Marks

Journal of American History 77(Mar 1991): 1439-1440 The Question of Discrimination: Racial Inequality in the U.S. Labor Market by Steve Shulman and William Darity

Labor History 31(Summer 1990): 373-378 The Crisis of American Labor: Operation Dixie and the Defeat of the CIO by Griffith

Journal of American History 77 (June 1990): 369-370 Violence in the Model City: Cavanaugh Administration, Race Relations and the Detroit Riot of 1967 by Sydney Fine

International and Labor Working Class History (Fall 1984):114-116 Selling of the South: The Southern Crusade for Industrial Development, 1936-1980 by James C. Cobb

Maryland Historian (Spr-Sum 1982): 75-77 Victims: A True Story of Civil War by Philip Paludan

Science and Society (Summer 1981): 248-251 A Right to the Land: Essays on the Freedman's Community by Edward Magdol

Science and Society (Winter 1979) **Black Ethos: Urban Negro Life and Thought in the North**
David Gordon Nielsen

SELECTED NOTABLE INVITED TALKS AND KEYNOTES

Recent musical lectures: “Sharecopper’s Troubadour: Songs and Stories of the Freedom Struggle,” with Jimmy Collier, Western Workers Heritage Festival, Burlingame, Ca., Jan. 15; Tacoma Public Library, Feb. 12, University of Washington Tacoma, Feb. 13, University Bookstore Seattle, Mar. 13, 2014; “Labor and Civil Rights History Through Stories and Song,” Clark County Historical Museum, Vancouver, Wa., July 2013

Hartman Hotz endowed lecture, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, April 8, 2014

Center for African-American Urban Studies and the Economy (CAUSE), Carnegie Mellon University, invited public lecture, “Going Down Jericho Road,” April 13, 2012

Freedom Song workshop for teachers with Bernice Johnson Reagon, Kalamazoo College, Martin Luther King Day, Jan. 15, 2012

Harvie Social Justice lecture, St. Martin’s University, December, 2011

“From Memphis To Madison,” Michigan State University Our Daily Work/Our Daily Lives, and the African American and African Studies Program, Nov. 18, 2011

Keynote address, Forty-Year anniversary of Black Studies, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Oct. 22, 2011

“Memory Versus Forgetting: Martin Luther King’s Pro-labor Gospel,” plenary session, the Southern Labor Studies and Labor and Working-Class History Association, and the Martin Luther King Center for Nonviolent Social Change, Atlanta, April 9, 2011

“All Labor Has Dignity,” Martin Luther King, Jr., Chapel, Morehouse College summer minister’s conference, April 6, 2011

King and Labor, AFL-CIO at its national headquarters, Washington, D.C., April 4, 2011; Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies, University of Seattle, and Highline Community College, Jan. 21, 2011

“My Journey To King,” distinguished faculty research award lecture, University of Washington, Tacoma, Jan. 19, 2011

Martin Luther King County Labor Council (Seattle), Feb. 16, 2011

History seminar for K-12 teachers, Washington State University, Vancouver, March 4, 2011

Plenary address, Pacific Northwest Labor History Association, Portland, Or., June 11, 2010

Invited Chancellor’s Lecture series, Washington State University, Richland, April 27, 2010

Invited lecture, Milbauer Seminar in Southern History, University of Florida History Department, Gainesville, April 16, 2010, and Community Lecture, Samuel Proctor Oral History Program, April 14, 2010

Invited, Al Mann Annual Lecture, History Department, Seattle University, Feb. 10, 2010

Invited, University of Louisville, invited third Annual Anne Braden Lecture, Nov. 2009

Invited paper, Harvard Sitkoff Conference on the Long Civil Rights Movement, University of New Hampshire, Nov. 2009

Invited lecture, National Labor College, Silver Spring, Md., Mar. 17, 2009

“Martin Luther King’s Unfinished Agenda,” invited keynote address for Martin Luther King Day, Valparaiso University, Indiana, Jan. 19, 2009

Invited campus-wide lecture, Rhodes College, Music Department, February 2009

Invited campus-wide lecture, “Forty Years Since King,” University of Alaska, Anchorage, April 2008

Invited lecture, AFL-CIO national headquarters, Washington, D.C., March 31, 2008

Invited lecture AFL-CIO M.L. King national conference, Memphis, Jan. 19, 2008

Campus-wide invited lecture, University of Memphis Humanities Center, * 2007

Campus-wide invited lecture, University of Puget Sound, History Dept., Sept. 29, 2007

Whiteley Center, University of Washington, Friday Harbor, Sept. 15, 2007

Michigan State University Center for Labor Studies, Oct. 22, 2007

Inaugural Fred and Dorothy Haley Lecture, Univ. of Washington, Tacoma, Apr. 26, 2007

University of Washington, Seattle, for the History Department and Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies, Jan. 2007

“Worker Justice in a Global Society: Revisiting Martin Luther King’s Unfinished Agenda,” Ben Hooks Institute, U. of Memphis, April 3, 2006

U. of Washington, Seattle Geography Department, 2000

Emory U. Atlanta, 1997 History Dept. symposium on Honey’s research and writing

Distinguished lectures, Organization of American Historians:

University of Nebraska, October 21 and 22, 2011 keynote lecture for Black History Center anniversary

Oakland University, Rochester, Mi., Feb., 2006

University of Illinois Center for Democracy in a Multi-Cultural Society, Urbana, Il., Oct. 12, 2003

Alumnus of the Year, History Department, Northern Illinois U., Dekalb, Oct. 13, 2003

Other invited keynote addresses:

conference on civil rights leader Jack O'Dell, Simon Frasier University, Vancouver, BC, June 2006

Southern Literary Association, Civil Rights Museum, Birmingham, Ala., April 2, 2006

Graduate School Grassroots Leadership Symposium, University of Washington, Seattle, May 13, 2006

National Oral History Association Conference, Portland, Or, Oct., 2004

Youngstown, Oh., Conference on Working-Class Studies, May 2003

Invited (and published) paper, St. Antony's College Conference on Race and Labour, Oxford, England, 1997

Southwest Labor Studies Association:, Santa Cruz, CA, 1994

Invited campus-wide lecture, Reed College, Portland, March 1999

Invited campus-wide lecture, University of Memphis, Center for Research on Women, 1996, 1994

Invited campus-wide lecture, Rhodes College in Memphis, History Dept., 1998, 1997

Invited University of North Carolina-Greensboro Martin Luther King Day address, Black Student Union, Jan. 1996

Invited participant and evaluator, "Behind the Veil," Duke University and NEH-funded conference on the oral history of segregation, Spring 1992

Invited (and published) paper, International Institute on Social History Conference on Racism and the Labor Market, paper, University of Leiden, the Netherlands, 1991

Invited (and published) paper, University of Florida Institute on Organized Labor in the 20th Century South, Gainesville, 1989

SELECTED MASS MEDIA EDITORIALS AND ARTICLES:

"Demanding the dream of jobs and freedom fifty years later," August 22, 2013, Tacoma News Tribune and Bellingham Herald; Decent Jobs, Housing, and Education: MLK's Still Elusive Dream," History News Network, Aug. 25, 2013

“Who stole the American Dream and how do we get it back?,” Bellingham Herald and Tacoma News Tribune, Nov. 13, 2013

“Remembering King’s Pro-Labor Social Gospel,” History News Network (online) April 4, 2011

[“We Are One: Remembering Martin Luther King's Struggle for Labor Rights,” Truthout, April 4, 2011](#)

[“King's Fight for Unions Is Still Essential,” Colorlines, February 23, 2011](#)

“Right exploits politics of envy to pit workers against each other,” Tacoma News Tribune, Feb. 24, 2011;

“Put MLK’s words into action: Stand up for rights of workers,” Seattle Times, Jan. 18, 2011;

“King showed courage in the face of hate,” Tacoma News Tribune, Jan. 18, 2011, and AFL-CIO News Blog

“Viewpoint: Labor Unions Historically Blazed the Path for Health Care,” Tacoma News Tribune Sept. 4, 2009

“Why the Employee Free Choice Act?” Puget Sound Business Journal, March 27-April 2, 2009

“Employee Free Choice Act will provide worker protection,” Tacoma News Tribune, March 18, 2009

“Human Rights and the Economy Crisis,” Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Dec. 11, 2008

“Grass roots can nourish Obama’s goals, nation’s needs,” Tacoma News Tribune, March 6, 2008

“King's Legacy: Defending the Right to Organize,” Memphis Commercial Appeal, Feb. 23, 2008

“MLK’s Agenda Remains,” Seattle Post Intelligencer, April 3, 2008

“Memphis: The Strike that changed a nation,” Memphis Commercial Appeal, Jan. 14, 2007

“King's politics of Hope,” Seattle Times, Jan. 21, 2008

“A Soldier’s duty: Say No to illegal war,” Seattle Post-Intelligencer, June 16, 2006

“Chasing the Dream: Coretta Scott King honored MLK’s legacy by taking up the fight against the oppressive forces of racism and militarism,” Sunday Opinion, Seattle Times, April 2, 2006

*“A Dream Deferred,” The Nation, May 3, 2004, prize-winning issue on *Brown V. Board of Education*, edited by Eric Foner

“Labor rights on the front line,” Tacoma News Tribune, Aug. 31, 2003

“What would King say about Iraq war?” Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Jan. 17, 2003

More than a score of other op-eds have appeared in History News Network, Tacoma News Tribune, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Southern Exposure (Durham, N.C.), Labor Notes (Detroit); articles in Building Bridges (University of Washington Harry Bridges Center), and the Labor and Working-Class History Association Newsletter, 1990 to 2003

SELECTED SCHOLARLY PAPERS AND COMMENTS:

“John Handcox and the Freedom Music of the Cottonfields, A Performative Presentation” Southern Historical Association, St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 11, 2013

“The Campaign Against Unions,” panel presentation, and comments “The Gospel of the Working-Class panel,” North American Labor History Conference, Wayne State University, Detroit, Mi., Nov. 5, 2013

Presenter, Plenary Session on David Montgomery; commentator, “The Transnational Martin Luther King, Jr.”; roundtable talk, “King in Memphis: Whose Story and What Meaning?;” panel on Doing Labor History in Public; April 20-21, 2012, Organization of American Historians, Milwaukee

“Hard-Hitting Songs for Hard-Hit People: Music and Narrative of the Great Depression and Beyond,” music presentation, and chair of “Race, Labor and the Urban Crisis,” OAH convention, Washington, D.C., April 9, 2010

Songs of labor and civil rights songs with freedom singer Bettie Fikes; “writing labor history for the general reader,” workshop; comments on Laurie B. Green, Battling the Plantation Mentality, 2008 Philip Taft award, LAWCHA annual conference, Chicago, May 28-31, 2009

Panel Chair on African-American and Mexican American Workers in comparative perspective, Organization of American Historians, Seattle, March 27, 2009

“Lt. Ehren Watada and Military Resistance to the Iraq War,” Pacific Northwest Labor History Association and Labor and Working-Class History Association conference, Vancouver, British Columbia, June 2008

“King, Black Workers, and the Spirit of Memphis,” OAH, New York, Mar 29, 2008

“Martin Luther King and the Memphis Sanitation Strike,” paper at the North American Labor History Conference, Detroit, Mi., Oct.19, 2007

Labor and Working-Class History Association and Southern Labor Studies Conference, Duke University, May, 2007

Invited paper on race and labor, Race and Pedagogy National Conference, University of Puget Sound, Sept. 15, 2006, Tacoma; **

Southwest Labor Studies Assn. conference - paper at Santa Barbara, 2006, plenary session, Long Beach, 2000, and keynote, San Francisco, 1999, conferences

Invited MLK Day presentations, Martin Luther King Papers Project, Stanford University, January 2007 and 2004

Other earlier conference presentations:

Organization of American Historians conference - papers, chair, and comments, 2009, 2006, 2003, 2001, 1998, 1996, 1994, 1993, 1990, 1987

American Historical Association conference - comments, Seattle, 1998

University and College Labor Education Association, paper, Atlanta, 1999

North American Labor History Conference - papers, Detroit, 2013 (panel and plenary session), 2007, 2003, 2002, 1999, 1996, 1992, 1987, 1985

Southern Labor Studies Conference - Atlanta (plenary) 2011, Durham, 2006, Atlanta, 1983, 1993, and Birmingham, 1991

Southern Historical Association conference - papers and comments at various locations, 2013, 2008, 1999, 1997, 1988

Midwest Marxist Scholars Conference - papers, Milwaukee and Madison, 1981, 1983

Pacific Northwest Labor History Association - papers and plenary sessions, Tacoma 2012, Portland 2011, Vancouver, BC, 2008, 2005, Olympia 2006, Seattle 2003, Tacoma 2000

National Civil Rights Museum, "Twenty-Five Years Since King: Where Have We Been, Where are We Going?," Memphis April 2-4, 1993, at a national conferece initiated by Michael Honey and co-organized by with Julian Bond and Linda Reed

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

Public history speeches at the Memphis Peace and Justice Center and the Memphis Public Library, both on Jan. 20; Pacific Lutheran University Jan. 23; AFSCME Washington State convention, Feb. 3, all in 2008

"Going Down Jericho Road," 2007-2009 bookstore talks: Schuler's Books, Okemos; Busboys and Poets, Washington, D.C.; Kepler's, Menlo Park, Ca.; Elliott Bay, Seattle; Powell's, Portland; Barnes and Noble, New York City and Memphis bookstores; King's, Borders and University bookstores, Tacoma and Seattle

Conference, invited paper on future of progressive politics, New York City, Dec. 2005, Committees of Correspondence

Conference - future of the labor movement, invited music presentation City College of New York Center for Labor Studies, Dec. 2004

LAWCHA/OAH luncheon presentations, Seattle, April 2009, Memphis, April 5, 2003

UC-Berkeley Journal of Employment and Labor Law and La Raza Law Journal conference, “Changing Face of Labor,” Feb. 23, 2001

Wolfsonian Art Museum, invited lecture/song on southern labor music, Miami, 1998

History Dept., North Carolina State University, Raleigh, Feb. 1996

Tacoma Community College campus-wide invited public lectures, 2008, 2003, 1993

Stanford University, Martin Luther King Papers Project, Jan. 2008 and 1999; and Black Student Union black history month event, Feb. 2009

Fannie Lou Hamer Institute NEH invited lectures to symposia for high school teachers, in Memphis, 2005, 2004, 2002

UCLA Center for Labor Studies, and Los Angeles County Federation of Labor guest lectures, February 1999

Invited talks to Pacific Northwest Locals of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, 2006-2000; convention address to the 32nd International Convention of the ILWU, San Francisco, May 2003

Various public lectures and music presentations at the Washington State History Museum, the University of Washington, Tacoma, and the University of Washington, Seattle, 1990-2013, including a keynote address to Tahoma Progressive Media Conference, Oct. 7, 2006, Tacoma; A. Philip Randolph Institute, Tacoma banquet, Oct. 21, 2006; International Glass Museum (Tacoma) talk on race and poverty, June 6, 2004; Tacoma Art Museum on low-country South Carolina quilting traditions, 2010

SELECTED AUDIO

Numerous radio interviews on Sharecropper’s Troubadour, 2014; “All Labor Has Dignity,” Jan-Feb. 2011, including KPFK-Los Angeles, KUOW-Seattle Steve Share Show, one hour interview, Jan. 17, and Brian Lehrer Show, WNYC, Jan.14, 2011; various interviews on King and labor, National Public Radio, WFPL Louisville, hour interview, Nov. 10 2009; and “Going Down Jericho Road,” KCTS Connects, Seattle public television interview with Enrique Cerna, January 2007, and February 2011; Terry Gross “All Things Considered,” one hour national broadcast, January 2007 and rebroadcast, April 4 2008; “King’s Last March,” American Radio Works, on NPR, April-May 2008. Various other public radio and television interviews, 1990-2009, include an interview on “Black Workers Remember” and Honey interview of Pete Seeger, both on National Humanities Center Soundings, National Public Radio, winter, 1996.

FILMS AND MUSIC HISTORY PRESENTATIONS, SELECTED

Songs of John Handcox, Sharecropper’s Troubadour, You Tube, Facebook, and compact disc

“Living on the Edge,” video on poverty in homelessness in 2010, Underdog Productions

Michael Honey's 16-minute film, *A Soldier's Duty?*, on Lt. Ehren Watada's challenge to war in Iraq on YouTube (Underdog Productions)

"Links on the Chain: Songs of the Labor and Civil Rights Movements," 1988, audio tape, Labor Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C. www.laborheritage.org/catalog.html

A District of Columbia Council for the Humanities research grant to Honey led to many public music, talk, and slide presentations, variously partnering with performers of the civil rights era -- David Sawyer, Bettie Mae Fikes, Jimmy Collier, Pat Wright and the Total Experience Gospel Choir, and Pete Seeger. Concerts included at Center for Democracy in a Multi-Cultural Society, University of Illinois Urbana, October 2003; Organization of American Historians in Los Angeles 1993, 2001; Washington State History Museum, Tacoma, April 2001; with Pete Seeger at the Northwest Folk Life Festival, Seattle, WA. May 23-26, 1997; Music of Woody Guthrie at the Northwest Folk Festival and the Washington Historical Society Museum, May 2002; other Links presentations, Washington State Labor Council annual meeting, Tacoma, 1995; Western States Conference, Portland, OR 1996; St. John's Baptist Church, Tacoma, WA 1997; People's Song Network, and North Carolina Central, Durham, N.C., 1996; Stanford University Black Student Union, 1990; Labor Center of Evergreen State College, 1989; University of Washington, Tacoma and Seattle, University of Puget Sound, Seattle Pacific University, Foss High School, Allen AME Church, St. John's Baptist Church, Tacoma, WA; Wesleyan University (Ct.), 1988; Conference on Racial Justice, Birmingham, fifty years since the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, AL, 1990; George Meany Labor Studies Center, Silver Spring, Md, 1985, 1987; Wayne State University, Detroit, MD 1987; Smithsonian Museum of American History, Washington, D.C., 1986; Am. Assn. of University Professors Collective Bargaining Conference, Washington D.C. 1986.

SELECTED, UNIVERSITY AND ACADEMIC SERVICE

Academic reviews for the Journal of Southern History, the Pacific Northwest Quarterly, University of Tennessee Press, University of Illinois Press; Royalty Research Fund of the University of Washington; (selected) manuscript reviews and book endorsements, William P. Jones, The March on Washington, Paul LeBlanc, A Freedom Budget For All, and LeBlanc, Voices of Labor Radicalism, Routledge; Erik S. Gellman, Death Blow to Jim Crow, The National Negro Congress and the Rise of Militant Civil Rights, University of North Carolina Press; David Roediger and Elizabeth Esch, The Production of Difference: Race and the Management of Labor in U.S. History, Oxford University Press, and others.

Promotion and tenure reviews for Roosevelt University, the University of Washington, Duke University, Wayne State University, Texas A & M, University of North Carolina-Greensboro, Cornell University, University of Illinois (Urbana), Duke University, and multiple tenure and promotion reviews of faculty and a dozen student theses at the University of Washington, Tacoma, 2000-2013; doctoral dissertation committee, University of Washington, 2011.

UW-Tacoma, Chair, Social and Historical Studies Division, Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences (IAS), 2013-14; founding faculty since 1990, developing initial university curriculum in African American, labor and U.S. history, served on numerous faculty hiring and tenure and promotion committees, initiated and led the Center for the Study of Community and Society, and the Ernie Tanner Labor and Ethnic Studies Center; organized numerous public history programs, 1990-. Holder of the Harry Bridges Endowed Chair of Labor Studies, University of

Washington, 2000-2004, covering three campuses, organizing conferences, acting as liaison between the Center and donors, writing newsletters and fund appeals, arranging publications and public scholarly programs.

SERVICE TO PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Chair, David Montgomery Book Award Committee, Organization of American Historians, 2013; advisor to OAH national conference committee in Seattle, 2009; Liberty Legacy Award Committee, 2007; OAH local committee, Memphis, 2003; Chair, C. Vann Woodward Prize Committee (2008); membership committee (2004-2006); program committee (2006); H.L. Mitchell book award committee (1998), for the Southern Historical Association; Program committee for the Pacific Northwest Labor History Association, 2012, 2003 and 1999 and board member, 1999-present.

President, Labor and Working-Class History Association, 2007-2010; Vice-President, 2005-07; Executive board and various sub-committees 2000-2003.

Application reviewer for the National Humanities Center; manuscript reviewer, University of North Carolina Press, University of Florida Press, University of Alabama Press, University of Kentucky Press, University of Washington Press, University of Georgia Press, Palgrave Macmillan, *Journal of Southern History*, *Journal of American History*, the *International Journal of Social History* (Netherlands); manuscript reviewer and board member, *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas* (Duke University Press); endorsements for W.W. Norton, Monthly Review Press, Lexington Books, University of Florida Press, University of Georgia Press, and University of North Carolina Press.

Advisor to: National Civil Rights Museum, Memphis; Slavonian History Project, the Maritime Museum, the Tacoma Civil Rights History Project, the African-American Museum, International Glass Museum, Tacoma, and UWT Black Student Union, 1990-2007; Rhodes College (Memphis) Civil Rights Research Project, the Fannie Lou Hamer Institute, Jackson, Mississippi, the Center for African-American Women's Labor Studies, University of Maryland, Martin Luther King, Jr., Papers Project, Stanford University, North Bend Civil Rights and Oral History project, and Sojourn, civil rights tours.

A founding faculty of the University of Washington, Tacoma (1990), Honey helped shape the Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences program and its Ethnic, Gender and Labor studies major and Social and Historical Studies division of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences. Students in his Tacoma Oral and Community History project produced scores of personal histories now archived and online and his "Underdog Productions" produced short films.

COURSES TAUGHT

Labor and the Civil Rights Movement

Researching Social Movements

African-American, Labor and Protest Music in American History

Labor, Race, Gender and Poverty (research course)

Life and Thought: Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, and Angela Davis

African-American History, parts I and II

Introduction to Labor, Ethnic and Gender Studies

The Segregation Era

The Black Freedom Movement in Historical Perspective

Labor on Film
Labor and Ethnicity
Vietnam and the 1960s
Industrialization and Reform
American Labor Since the Civil War
Doing Community History
History and Memory: Oral History
Twentieth-Century Movements for Social Change
The Old South
Slavery, The Civil War, and Reconstruction
The South Since the Civil War
American History to 1865
American History, 1865 to the Present

EXTERNAL REFERENCES:

Ira Berlin, University of Maryland, College Park
Clayborne Carson, Stanford University
Pete Daniel, emeritus, Smithsonian Museum of American History
Eric Foner, Columbia University
James Gregory, University of Washington, Seattle
Jacquelyn Dowd Hall, University of North Carolina
Robin D.G. Kelley, University of California Los Angeles
Robert Korstad, Duke University
Nelson Lichtenstein, U. of California-Santa Barbara
David Roediger, U. of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana
William Ferris, University of North Carolina

Selections from Michael Honey's UW Web site:

“Honey’s work is noted for his extensive use of oral history, deep archival research, and vibrant writing style,” according to History Book Club, which called *Going Down Jericho Road* (W.W. Norton, 2007), “a truly great book;” Cornell West deemed it a “magisterial treatment” of King’s last campaign. Honey’s collection of King’s labor and economic justice speeches, *All Labor Has Dignity* (Beacon Press, 2011) is endorsed by AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka as “powerful and inspiring” and not just a testament to King’s rhetorical legacy but “a call to action.” *Black Workers Remember: An Oral History of Unionism, Segregation and the Freedom Struggle* (University of California Press, 1999) was called “poignant reading” by economist Gerald Friedman and “eloquent” by historian Bruce Nelson. One journal reviewer consider *Southern Labor and Black Civil Rights: Organizing Memphis Workers* (University of Illinois Press, 1993) “among the best and most ambitious recent works on labor in the South,” and it is used in many labor history courses. A former southern civil rights and civil liberties organizer, Honey links scholarship, music, and public speaking with community and labor activism, and he has performed with Pete Seeger, Bettie Mae Fikes and other freedom singers. He lectures widely before campus and community organizations.