

About the Labor Center

The Labor Center is a unit of The University of Iowa's Division of Continuing Education. Its mission is to provide educational programs and resources to Iowa workers and their unions.

The Labor Center offers courses for union members on The University of Iowa campus. Each year we conduct a series of open-enrollment, non-credit short courses and seminars—see inside for this year's calendar.

We also travel to your union hall or community to provide classes on a wide range of topics which can be tailored to the needs and priorities of your union.

Our staff can also provide **research assistance and technical information** to unions.

Labor Center Staff

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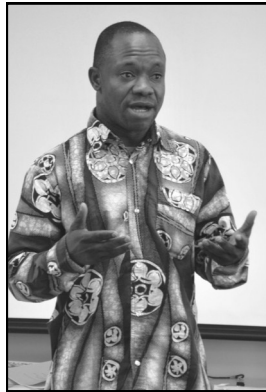
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Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to attend all University of Iowa-sponsored events. If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation in order to participate, please contact the Labor Center in advance at (319) 335-4144. The University of Iowa is an equal opportunity employer and prohibits discrimination in employment or in its educational programs and activities.

What participants are saying about our 2011-12 on-campus programs...



2012 Labor Short Course

This course is a great foundation for educating and involving workers.

I am better prepared to take on more serious issues and educate other members on many important issues.

Comprehensive... well organized, lots of group participation, valuable material, motivated/animated instructors.

Presenters were very knowledgeable in their topics – they took the time to explain the reason for something and to address any questions or concerns from participants.

A lot of info from folks who clearly know the subject and are able to answer questions on the spot.



2012 Midwest School for Women Workers

Labor Advisory Committee

The Labor Advisory Committee regularly meets with Center staff to plan and promote labor education in Iowa. Current members:

Jim Beach, *President, Iowa State Association of Letter Carriers (NALC)*
Bill Biede, *President, Southwest Iowa Labor Council, AFL-CIO*
Bruce Clark, *President, Iowa Postal Workers Union (APWU) and President, Dubuque Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO*
Mark Cooper, *President, South Central Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO*
Greg Cross, *International Representative, UE*
Gary Dunham, *Secretary-Treasurer, IBT Local 238*
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Cathy Glasson, *President, SEIU Local 199*
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John Herrig, *Business Representative, LAM&AW Dist. 6*
Danny Homan, *President, AFSCME Council 61*
Jerry Kearns, *Staff Representative, USW, and Education Director, Lee County Labor Council, AFL-CIO*
Coy Marquardt, *East Central Uniserv Director, ISEA*
Tom Moritz, *Union Representative, UFCW Local 431, and Iowa Vice President, Quad City Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO*
Jane Nygaard, *National Vice-President, Dist. 8, AFGE*
Sandy Opstvedt, *Asst. Director, I-GREEN Learning Center*
Shelley Parbs, *President, Hawkeye Labor Council, AFL-CIO*
Kay Pence, *International Representative, CWA*
Ken Sagar, *President, Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO*
Brad Schwanda, *International Representative, UAW, and Region 4 Education Coordinator*
Rick Scofield, *President, Iowa Professional Fire Fighters (IAFF)*
Midge Slater, *Iowa Alliance for Retired Americans*
Charlie Wishman, *Secretary-Treasurer, Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO*

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Building the labor movement through education



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OPTION 1: Attend Classes at The University of Iowa

Courses for Union Members, 2012-2013

presented in cooperation with the Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO

New Stewards' School	Sept. 27-28
Financial Officers' School	Nov. 29-30
Communications and Newsletters	Dec. 6-7
Collective Bargaining	Jan. 23-25
Forging Hope: Local Alliances for Good Jobs & Racial Justice	Feb. 9
Workers' Compensation	March 14-15
Family & Medical Leave Act (FMLA)	April 11-12
Labor Short Course	May 13-17

Information and Registration for Courses on Campus

Courses held on campus feature instruction provided by Labor Center staff and university faculty as well as invited experts from the labor movement, the legal field, and relevant government agencies. Detailed fliers and registration information for each program will be distributed to mail-receiving officers and posted on our website prior to each program.

Please register at least 21 days in advance.

For more information or to register, call 319-335-4144 or visit www.continuetolearn.uiowa.edu/laborctr.

Standard per-person registration fees: One-day schools=\$100, two-day schools=\$150, three-day schools=\$200, five-day schools=\$300.

Lodging options will be available either on site or at nearby hotels (lodging/meal costs are *not* included in registration fees unless specifically noted). English-Spanish interpretation is available for all programs with advance notice.



2012 Labor Short Course participants

OPTION 2: Let the Labor Center Come to You

Host a Labor Center Class Customized for Your Union

Labor Center instructors are available to travel to your community to conduct programs at times and places convenient for your members. Call to discuss setting up a class for your local union: 319-335-4144.

Fees for Off-Campus Classes

Customized classes are offered to Iowa unions for a fee of \$250 per day, plus the cost of materials. A reduced fee sliding scale is available to locals experiencing financial hardship. Call for information on out-of-state fees.

Central Labor Council Programs

Under a unique statewide education program, each Iowa Central Labor Council (CLC) is eligible to receive financial sponsorship from the Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, to hold up to four Labor Center classes per year. Contact the Labor Center for details.

Spanish and Multilingual Programs

Classes may be delivered in multiple languages through simultaneous interpretation. Programming in Spanish is also available. Call for details.

Sample Class Topics

Topics listed below are examples of classes offered to Iowa unions on a regular basis. The Labor Center also offers classes on a wide range of other relevant topics by request, and can customize or combine topics to create a course to suit your local union. Give us a call to discuss the possibilities: 319-335-4144.

Arbitration
Building Solidarity
Building Trades Union Issues
Child Labor



Collective Bargaining
Common Sense Economics
Communication Skills & Strategies
Disability Issues and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
Discrimination Issues in the Workplace
Drug and Alcohol Testing
Ergonomics
Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)
Health Care
Immigration
Internal Organizing: One-on-one communication, building membership, organizing around issues, etc.
International Trade and the Global Economy
Labor and Employment Law
Labor History
Mobilizing
New Member Education
Newsletters and Web Sites
Media Outreach
Organizing
Parliamentary Procedure
Political Action and Citizenship
Privacy Issues in the Workplace
Privatization, Outsourcing and Contracting Out
Public Sector Union Issues
Public Speaking
Safety and Health: OSHA and other legal rights, safety committees, etc.
Sexual Harassment in the Workplace
Steward Education: Legal rights and roles, grievance handling, organizing, etc.
Strategic Planning
Workers' Compensation in Iowa
Young Workers/Emerging Leaders

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