

# UNTOLD STORIES

a series of free programs celebrating Labor History Month



## The Life of William Mahoney

Wednesday, May 8, 7:30 p.m.

**Labor and Professional Centre, 411 Main Street, Saint Paul**

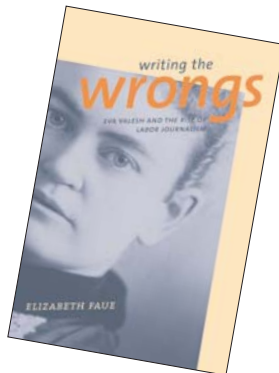
Join the celebration honoring former Mayor of Saint Paul, William Mahoney. Prior to serving as Mayor (1932-1934), Mahoney served as the president of the Saint Paul Trades and Labor Assembly and editor of the *Union Advocate* newspaper, the voice for the fledging Farmer-Labor movement. Seventy years later, Saint Paul's local labor community is moving to have Main Street co-named in honor of William Mahoney. The presentation is followed by music and refreshments.

## Writing the Wrongs: Eva Valesh and the Rise of Labor Journalism

Wednesday, May 15, 7 p.m.

**Macalester College Chapel, 1600 Grand Avenue, Saint Paul**

Elizabeth Faue presents her newly published work, *Writing the Wrongs: Eva Valesh and the Rise of Labor Journalism*. *Writing the Wrongs* examines the pivotal events that transformed the outspoken daughter of a working-class Saint Paul family to a national political figure. Eva McDonald Valesh, one of the Progressive Era's foremost labor publicists, became a successful investigative journalist, organizer and public speaker for labor reform. Elizabeth Faue currently teaches history at Wayne State University in Detroit.

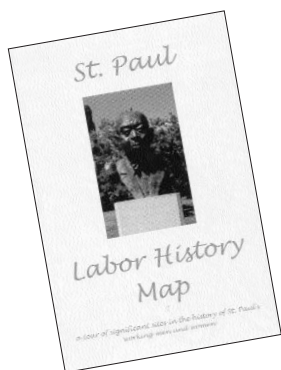


## Tour of Historic Saint Paul Labor Sites

Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m.

**Labor and Professional Centre, 411 Main Street, Saint Paul**

Local historian Dave Riehle will lead his ever-popular labor history tour through Saint Paul this year — by bus! Special insights await participants. Seating is limited. Please call The Friends at (651) 222-3242 to reserve your seat.



## Remembering the Willmar 8

Tuesday, May 21, 7 p.m.

**UAW-Ford-MnSCU Training Center, Ford Assembly Plant, 966 South Mississippi River Boulevard, Saint Paul**

It was 25 years ago that the Willmar 8 garnered national headlines with their strike at a local bank. The strike, led by eight women at the bank, became a landmark event in the movement to end gender-based discrimination. In celebration of the anniversary, there will be a showing of the acclaimed documentary film, *Willmar 8*, followed by a panel discussion. Panelists will include journalists and organizers that were active during the strike.



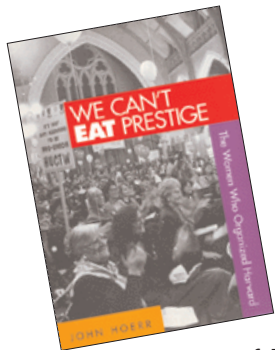
## BOOK DISCUSSION: We Can't Eat Prestige: The Women Who Organized Harvard

Wednesday, May 22, 6:30 p.m.

**Lori's Coffeehouse, 1441 Cleveland Avenue, Saint Paul**

The 15-year long struggle to unionize Harvard University is vividly narrated in John P. Hoer's *We Can't Eat Prestige: The Women Who Organized Harvard*. The book will be discussed by Lisa Jordan of the University of Minnesota's Labor Education and Working Class Studies department, who will be joined by a member of the University of Minnesota's Clerical Workers' Union to talk about their similar campaign.

Limited copies are available for check out at the Saint Anthony Park Branch, and available for purchase at Ruminator Books.



## Claiming the City: Politics, Faith, and the Power of Place

Thursday, May 30, 7 p.m.

**Rice Street Branch Library, 1011 Rice Street, Saint Paul**

Mary Wingerd discusses her book, *Claiming the City: Politics, Faith, and the Power of Place*, which explores Saint Paul's economic and religious alliances, their impact on labor, and how they helped distinguish Saint Paul from Minneapolis. Mary Wingerd currently teaches history at Macalester College.



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