

UNTOLD STORIES

a national award-winning series of free programs celebrating Labor History Month

SELLING WOMEN SHORT WITH LIZA FEATHERSTONE

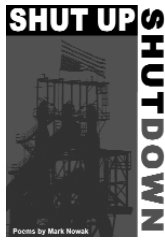


Thursday, May 5 at 7 p.m.

Selling Women Short: The Landmark Battle for Workers' Rights at Wal-Mart is a groundbreaking investigation of the class action suit, representing 1.4 million women, against Wal-Mart and its policies of systematically depriving its female workers of promotions, pay and job assignments. Liza Featherstone's journalism has been featured in the *New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *Rolling Stone* and the *Washington Post*.

MACALESTER COLLEGE, WEYERHAUSER CHAPEL, 1600 GRAND AVENUE, SAINT PAUL

LABOR'S TROUBADOURS: LABOR HISTORY THROUGH MUSIC & POETRY



Saturday, May 7 at 3 p.m.

Come celebrate spring with an afternoon of worker's songs and poetry in Rice Park, including a sing-a-long. Join acclaimed singers Larry Long, The Granary Girls and Mark Soderstrom, as well as poet Mark Nowak, author of *Shut Up, Shut Down*, and "spoken soul hop" performers Bojah and the Insurrection for a commemoration of working life through song and poetry.

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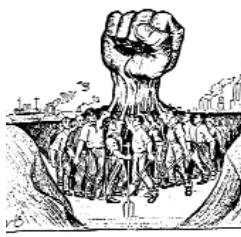
WAL-MART & THE LOW-WAGE ECONOMY: A COMMUNITY PANEL

Tuesday, May 10 at 7 p.m.

A panel of concerned community members and activists continue the conversation about the effect of the low-wage economy on the community. Panel members include Senator Ellen Anderson, author of a bill to raise the minimum wage; union representative Bernie Hesse; Brian MacMahon, the head of University UNITED; and Elizabeth Dickinson and Ken Friberg, creators of the short documentary film, "Always Low." The event will include a screening of the documentary and is moderated by Thomas O'Connell, a professor of political science at Metropolitan State University.

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THE WOBBLIES IN PRINT: ROEDIGER, RACHLEFF & SALERNO



Thursday, May 12 at 7 p.m.

2005 marks the 100th anniversary of the Industrial Workers of the World, known as the I. W. W. or the Wobblies. Join David Roediger, author of *Wages of Whiteness* and editor of Covington Hall's *Labor Struggles in the Deep South*; Macalester College history professor Peter Rachleff, editor of *Starving Amidst Too Much*, and Sal Salerno, author of *Red November*, *Black November* and *Direct Action and Sabotage: Three Classic I. W. W. Pamphlets*, for a selection of readings about the dramatic and colorful history of this union.

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I. W. W. HISTORY TOUR

Sunday, May 15 at 2 p.m.

Local historian and Untold Stories favorite Dave Riehle leads another of his famous labor history tours, crossing the river to explore I. W. W. labor sites in Minneapolis, including the former "Skid Road" and the Mill District, and Elliot Park—a pre-World War I labor gathering place for soap boxes and speeches on socialism, anarchism and Wobblyism. The tour also includes a stop at "Snoose Boulevard," the former site of Dania Hall, where Joe Hill performed. The free tour departs by bus from the Highland Park Branch Library. Pre-registration is required. Call The Friends at 651-222-3242 to reserve your seat on the bus.

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THE REAL FLOYD B. OLSON WITH DAVE RIEHLE



Tuesday, May 17 at 7 p.m.

Famed Farmer Labor Party governor Floyd B. Olson has taken some knocks recently, including a proposal to expunge his name from the state highway named for him. Olson got plenty of flack when he was alive too, including being accused of associating with Saint Paul's "notorious William Mahoney." What was Olson really like? What did he stand for? Why is it that even today Minnesotans continue to celebrate his vision? Find out when labor historian Dave Riehle responds to Olson's critics, past and present.

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HOW WE GOT WHERE WE ARE: THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AFL-CIO MERGER



Monday, May 23 at 7 p.m.

It's been 50 years since the American Federation of Labor merged with the Congress of Industrial Organizations to form the largest labor federation in U.S. history. Four Minnesotans who were closely involved—former Minnesota CIO President Bob Hess; former Building Trades officer Dick Radman; former Minnesota AFL-CIO President David Roe; and former Minnesota AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer

Neil Sherburne—provide a behind-the-scenes look at the merger, and what history and experience might tell us as the AFL-CIO considers restructuring itself. Moderated by Shar Knutson, president of the Saint Paul Trades and Labor Assembly. This program is presented with the Saint Paul Labor Speakers Club, and the Ramsey County Historical Society will sponsor a reception after the program.

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The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library was honored with the John Sessions Memorial Award in 2003 for the development and ongoing support of the annual *Untold Stories* series.


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A celebration of labor history




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Don't miss
Labor's Troubadours
 an afternoon of poetry and music featuring:
 Larry Long
 The Granary Girls
 Mark Nowak
 Mark Soderstrom
 Bojah and the Insurrection

Saturday, May 7th, 3 p.m.
 Rice Park, Downtown Saint Paul
 Rain Location: Central Library,
 90 West Fourth Street, Saint Paul


Larry Long

Mark Nowak

The Granary Girls
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