

# UNTOLD STORIES

a series of free programs in  
commemoration of Labor History Month

## CHERYL BRAUNWORTH CARLSON

### Strike for Better Schools: the Saint Paul Public School Teachers' Strike of 1946

Tuesday, May 4 - 7 p.m. - Hamline Branch Library  
1558 West Minnehaha Avenue, Saint Paul

Cheryl Braunworth Carlson is a counselor for the St. Paul Public School System and a member of the St. Paul Federation of Teachers. She interviewed over 50 participants of the 1946 strike while researching her doctoral dissertation.



The old Labor Temple in Saint Paul, torn down in the late 1960s to make way for the Civic Center. (Photo by Steve Plattner, courtesy of the Minnesota Historical Society.)



Minnesota labor and social activist, Irene Paull. (Photo courtesy of the family of Irene Paull.)

## GAYLA ELLIS & KEVIN FITZPATRICK

### A book discussion of *Irene: Selected Writings of Irene Paull*

Pre-registration required by calling *The Friends* at 651/222-3242.

Wednesday, May 5 - 7 p.m. - Lexington Branch Library  
1080 West University Avenue, Saint Paul

Both Gayla Ellis and Kevin Fitzpatrick served as editors of *Irene* and are accomplished authors and editors. Irene Paull was born in Duluth in 1908 and was involved in labor and social issues until her death in 1981. She co-founded the *Midwest Labor* newspaper in the 1930s and later wrote extensively for *Jewish Currents* and served as editor of *Senior Power*. Published in 1996, *Irene* also includes a preface by Meridel Le Sueur.

## DAVE RIEHLE & ART McWATT

### Some Activists, Adversaries and Advocates in Twin City Black Labor History

Tuesday, May 11 - 7 p.m. - Merriam Park Branch Library  
1831 Marshall Avenue, Saint Paul

Dave Riehle is a locomotive engineer and active trade unionist who writes frequently on local labor history for *The Union Advocate*. Art McWatt taught for 33 years in the secondary schools of Saint Paul. He has written about local African-American history for a number of years.



Bust of Frank Boyd, local African-American labor leader, located in the park at the corner of Selby Avenue and Virginia Street. (Photo courtesy of Art McWatt.)

## DAVE RIEHLE

### A walking tour of historic downtown labor sites

Tuesday, May 18 - 5:30 p.m. - Landmark Center

75 West 5th Street, Saint Paul. Gather at the Rice Park entrance.



Mayor of Saint Paul, William Mahoney. (Photo courtesy of the Minnesota Historical Society.)

## BARB KUCERA & PETER RACHLEFF

### Mayor William Mahoney, the Labor Press and Politics in Saint Paul

Tuesday, May 18 - 7 p.m. - Landmark Center, Room 317  
75 West 5th Street, Saint Paul

Peter Rachleff is a professor of history and chair of the history department at Macalester College. His numerous works on labor history include *Black Labor in Richmond, Virginia* and *Hard-Pressed in the Heartland*. Barb Kucera is the editor of *The Union Advocate*, the official newspaper of the St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly.

## LISA LOWE

### Bodies, Rights and Women's Work: Uneven Knowledge at the Border

Friday, May 21 - 7 p.m. - Machinists Labor Temple Hall  
1399 Eustis Street, Saint Paul (near Como Avenue and Highway 280)

Lisa Lowe is a professor of literature at the University of California, San Diego, affiliated with the Department of Ethnic Studies and the Critical Gender Studies Program. She is the author of several books, including *Immigrant Acts: On Asian American Cultural Politics* and *The Politics of Culture in the Shadow of Capital*. Her talk will focus on the labor exploitation of Asian immigrant women and the conditions of women workers in factories on the US-Mexican border.

## DENNIS VALDÉS

### Mexican Workers on Saint Paul's Lower West Side

Tuesday, May 25 - 7 p.m. - Riverview Branch Library  
1 East George Street, Saint Paul

Dennis Valdés is a professor in the Chicano Studies Program at the University of Minnesota. He is the author of *Al Norte: Agricultural Workers in the Great Lakes Region, 1917-1970*, and is working on a new book on the Mexican-American experience in the urban Midwest.

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Sign interpretation is available with advance notice and all facilities are accessible. For more information, or to register for the May 5 book discussion, contact: *The Friends*, 770 Norwest Center, 55 East Fifth Street, Saint Paul, MN 55101, 651/222-3242, TTY 651/298-4184, friends@thefriends.org, www.thefriends.org



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