The State of Labor in New Orleans

Working for Alliances—Alliances for Work

Saturday, February 27, 2010
9:00 a.m.—5:30 p.m.
The University of New Orleans—Alumni Building

In the years since Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans has come to be a symbol for many of the nation’s most unjust policies and practices. Endemic racial discrimination, the near erasure of effective governmental and social services, a disastrous criminal justice system, environmental degradation, and a severe housing crisis all plague the city and the broader Southeastern Louisiana region. Issues of workplace justice, security, and health, along with un- and underemployment, have often take a backseat to the numerous other crises that confront 21st Century New Orleans. This conference works to foreground the importance of labor issues both in their own right and because we believe that a strong and united labor movement is absolutely central to the future of New Orleans.

Mayoral candidates have been invited to speak and respond to the labor issues confronting the city.

Speakers include (among others):
- Robert “Tiger” Hammonds, President of the Greater New Orleans AFL-CIO
- Larry Carter, President of the United Teachers of New Orleans
- Helene O’Brien, President of SEIU Local 21A
- Lorenzo Scott, Field Representative for AFL-CIO
- Professor Adolph Reed Jr., University of Pennsylvania, founding member of the Labor Party
- The New Orleans Workers’ Center for Racial Justice
- The Restaurants Opportunities Center - NOLA
- The New Orleans Interfaith Workers’ Center
- Professor Thomas Adams, Tulane University
- Professor Steve Striffler, University of New Orleans

Conference is open to the public.

For more information, conference program, and to request a free lunch, please contact conference organizers:
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