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The Texas Center for Working-Class Studies Conference



Friday, April 10, 2015

Collin College, Spring Creek Campus
Living Legends Conference Center
2800 East Spring Creek Parkway
Plano, Texas 75074

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Heather Thompson

Dr. Heather Ann Thompson is Professor of History at in the departments of African American Studies and History at Temple University (University of Michigan, Fall 2015). Thompson writes about the history as well as current crises of mass incarceration for numerous popular and scholarly publications. Her work can be found in the *New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, *Salon*, *Huffington Post*, *Against the Current*, *Socialism and Democracy*, and *Dissent*, and she has appeared as well on NPR, Sirius Radio, and various television news programs here and abroad. Several of Thompson's scholarly pieces, including "Why Mass Incarceration Matters," have won best article awards, and her popular piece in *The Atlantic*, "How Prisons Change the Balance of Power in America," was named a finalist for the Best Media Award given by the National Council on Crime and Delinquency. Thompson is a Soros Justice Fellow, sits on the board of the Prison Policy Initiative, and recently served as well on a National Academy of Sciences blue-ribbon panel to study causes and consequences of incarceration in the United States. Her books include *Blood in the Water: The Attica Prison Rebellion of 1971 and its Legacy* (Pantheon Books, forthcoming), *Whose Detroit: Politics, Labor and Race in a Modern American City*, and the edited collection *Speaking Out: Protest and Activism in the 1960s and 1970s*. Thompson was also named a Distinguished Lecturer by the Organization of American Historians.

Please join us for a photography exhibit, "Rural Texas Women at Work, 1930-1960," on display in the Collin College, Spring Creek Campus Library, April 4-May 6, 2015.



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Session 3: 2:30–3:45

3.1: Student Research, Conference Center A

- *Session Chair: Max Krochmal, Texas Christian University*
- Max Krochmal, Assistant Professor of History, TCU
- Austin Alexander, Christian Bussler, Christopher Diciocco, Christian Lueck, Sam Mayfield, Catherine Morales, Andrew Pennison, Collin Stephenson, TCU
- “Texas Labor History from the UTA Archives: Student Works-in-Progress”

3.2: Working Life, Conference Center B

- *Session Chair: Michael Phillips, Collin College*
- Michael Phillips, Collin College, Cesar Calderon, United Food and Commercial Workers Local 540, Terry Dunn, Organizer—Walmart Workers, Arash Farasat, Workers Defense Project
- “The Working Life in Texas”

3.3: Working-Class Literature, Conference Center D

- *Session Chair: Betty Bettacchi, Collin College*
- Carrie Tippen, Texas Christian University, “The Gentrification of the Abattoir, Or the Chef Goes to the Slaughterhouse”
- Meghan Johnson, Texas Christian University, “‘You Poor Things’: Collections of Resistance in Working-Class Literature”
- Paul Guajardo, University of Houston, “Memoir and the Mexican Macho: Abuse, Anxiety, and Alcoholism”

3.4: Academic Perspectives, Conference Center E

- *Session Chair: Chad E. Pearson, Collin College*
- Joshua P. Hatton, University of Texas—Arlington, “MARS Attacks: The Relations of Production among the British Academic Field of Migration and Refugee Studies (MARS), Its Working-Class Human Subjects, and the British State”
- Lishan Desta, Collin College, “Fredrick Douglass: Forgotten Founder of Liberation Theology”
- Jesus Jesse Esparza, Texas Southern University, “Academic Sharecropping: The Exploitation of Contingent Faculty across the Nation”

Conference Schedule

8:00–9:00—Registration/Coffee

Living Legends Conference Center

9:00–10:15—Keynote Address

Living Legends Conference Center, Room C

- Welcome, Dr. Mary McRae, Vice President/Provost, Collin College, Spring Creek Campus
- Announcement of Student Essay Contest winners, Dr. Lisa A. Kirby, Professor of English, Collin College
- Introduction of Keynote Speaker, Dr. Chad E. Pearson, Professor of History, Collin College
- Keynote Address, Dr. Heather Thompson, Temple University, “Why Mass Incarceration Matters to the American Working Class”

10:15–10:30—Break

10:30–11:45—Session 1

11:45–1:00—Lunch

1:00–2:15—Session 2

2:15–2:30—Break

2:30–3:45—Session 3

Session 1: 10:30–11:45

1.1: Popular and Visual Culture, Conference Center A

- *Session Chair: Lupita Tinnen, Collin College*
- Ryan Pettengill, Collin College, “Shakespeare in Overalls’: Political Consciousness, Radicalism, and Mass Culture in Detroit’s Working-Class Community, 1932–1941”
- Jazmine Wells, Texas Christian University, “The Working-Class Woman’s Duty to Produce Delinquents: Class Representation in *Orange is the New Black*”
- Lupita Tinnen, Collin College, “Representations of Latin American Immigrant Laborers: Documentary in the Digital Age”

1.2: Cultural Perspectives, Conference Center B

- *Session Chair: Melody M. Miyamoto Walters, Collin College*
- David Weiland, Collin College, “Indigenous Empowerment in an Age of Domination: Labor and Litigation in Colonial Mexico, 1550–1800”
- Sandra Mendiola García, University of North Texas, “*A Pretty Hell: Pain Inside and Outside the Pit*”
- Melody M. Miyamoto Walters, Collin College, “*Okage Sama De*” I am What I am Because of You: A Case Study of Ethnic Identity in World War II Hawaii”

1.3: Student Essay Contest Winners, Conference Center D

- *Session Chair: Lisa A. Kirby, Collin College*
- Student winners to be announced

1.4: Working-Class Experience, Conference Center E

- *Session Chair: Mark Popowski, Collin College*
- Veronica Reyna, Houston Community College—NW, “A Case Study of Ethnicity, Unions, and the Working-Class Experience: Rafael C. Reyna, Jr. and the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local #142”
- Marta Moore, Collin College, “Totalitarianism: Enslaving the Working Class in the Name of the Working Class”
- Mark Popowski, Collin College, “The Roman Catholic Church and the Working Class, 1891–2013: A Theoretical Discussion”

Session 2: 1:00–2:15

2.1: Texas Labor, Conference Center A

- *Session Chair: Kyle Wilkison, Collin College*
- Theresa Case, University of Houston–Downtown, “Grassroots Black Activism and the 1922 Shopmen’s Strike in Texas”
- David Park, Collin College, “Texans in Trouble: How the New Deal Brought Relief to Unemployed Texans during the Great Depression, 1933–1941”
- Rebecca Sharpless, Texas Christian University, “The Bakers of Fort Worth: From Guild to Assembly Line, 1850–1930”

2.2: Pedagogy, Conference Center B

- *Session Chair: Catie Brooks, Collin College*
- Catie Brooks, Jules Sears, Marc Azard, Ray Slavens, Lisa Huang, John Glass, Tiffany Cartwright, Collin College
- “Bringing Class into the Classroom: An Interdisciplinary Roundtable on Pedagogical Approaches”

2.3: Student Engagement, Conference Center D

- *Session Chair: Lisa A. Kirby, Collin College*
- Kelly Triece, Rachel Chaney, Shannon Quist, Angela Johannsen, Collin College
- “Working-Class Heroes: Raising Awareness about the Working Class through Student Organizations”

2.4: Identity, Conference Center E

- *Session Chair: David Cullen, Collin College*
- Jody A. Briones, Texas A&M—Kingsville, “Identity Formation and Subjectivity in South Texas Millennial Mexican Americans”
- Jennifer Bridges, Collin College, “Reclaiming Female Virtue: Texas Reclamation Centers and the Subversion of Female Sexuality during World War I”
- Isidore Aguirre, Independent Scholar, “Cities and the Stories They Tell”