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Introducing the 17th Annual Promoting the General Welfare Conference

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UNO’s William Brennan Institute for Labor Studies is excited to bring you a one-day conference to explore how to expand the boundaries of democracy.

Who Should Attend?
• Local union members and their leaders
• Members and leaders of community and faith based organizations
• Faculty and students interested in expanding the boundaries of our democracy
• Professionals in the field of social work

When:
Saturday, April 9, 2016
8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Where:
The University of Nebraska at Omaha
6001 Dodge Street
Community Engagement Center (CEC)
Omaha, NE 68182-0534

Cost:
Students $35 | General Admission $45

Refunds:
For a full refund you must cancel your registration by April 2, 2016

Scan this QR code to register from your smart phone

Note:
This conference is limited to the first 120 participants
Morning Plenary:

The Challenge of Putting the Movement Back into the Labor Movement

Tefere Gebre, Executive Vice President of the AFL-CIO

There was a period following WWII when Americans understood the historic role that organized labor played in raising levels of fairness and justice in the workplace and community. That understanding has been widely forgotten or distorted. This plenary will explore what the AFL-CIO is doing today to revitalize the labor movement and insure our economy works for all wage earners.

Closing Plenary:

Putting Your Knowledge to Work

Steward Acuff, Organizing Director of the National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees

Stewart has been a labor activist nearly all of his adult life. He has served in many capacities and brings a wealth of knowledge to examining the ways that participants can use the knowledge they gained during the conference to make a difference in their communities.

Where is the Affordable Care Act Today?

Donald Frey, M.D. Professor of Family Medicine, Creighton University The Affordable Care Act (ACA), as with all legislation, was the result of political compromises. The ACA is a step forward in health care coverage for all Americans. Its roll out was troubled, and it remains the subject of much controversy. This workshop will examine why there’s a need for the ACA, what it aims to do, and how successfully or poorly it’s been accomplishing its task.

Understanding Labor’s Community Engagement

Ana Aveñano, Vice President, Labor Participation, United Way Worldwide The stereotype that unions only care about what’s happening in the workplace is erroneous and only tells part of organized labor’s story. This workshop will explore the ways that organized labor is vitally connected to the well-being of all wage earners and the communities in which they live.

Understanding the Role that Big Money plays in Electoral Politics and Public Policy

Shane Larson, Legislative Director for the Communication Workers of America Dating back to the Gilded Age, big money has historically played a distorting role in electoral politics. It was lessened some through legislative reform in the 20th Century. The Supreme Court’s 2010 Citizens United and 2014 McCutcheon decisions and the enactment of the CR-Omnibus bill have opened the doors for big money to play a role in who gets elected and what public policy is enacted. This workshop will examine the role big money has played in the past and present political environment.

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