This course will explore the history of work, workers, and working class culture in America from the founding of the first colonies to the beginning of the twentieth century. We will focus on how working men and women have constantly strived to make sense of the profound socio-economic and technological changes taking place in this period. We will discuss a wide variety of issues including: workers' organizations and unions, radicalism and working class political culture, the effects of immigration and urbanization on American workers, and the significance of race and gender on workers' solidarity.

The following books are required reading for the course; they are available for purchase in the University Bookstore and are on reserve in Room 1191, College Library, Helen C. White Hall.

Jeremy Brecher              Strike
Thomas Dublin               Farm to Factory: The Mill Experience and Women's Lives
Foster Rhea Dulles and Melvyn Dubofsky  Labor in America
Jacqueline Jones            Labor of Love, Labor of Sorrow: Black Women, Work and the Family, From Slavery to the Present
Alice Kessler-Harris        Out to Work: A History of Wage-Earning Women in the United States

In addition, there will be a packet of photocopies for you to purchase at Kinkos (620 University Avenue). Copies will also be on reserve at the College Library. These readings will be marked by the letter "P."

There will be two papers and a final exam in this course. Each paper will be approximately 6-8 pages long. The first paper will be due on Thursday October 6th, and the second will be due on Thursday November 10th. Paper topics will be distributed in advance. The final exam format will be discussed in class. Papers are to be turned in the day they are due in class at the beginning of the lecture; there will be no extensions for late papers.
September 6
Introduction: Work and Workers in America

September 8
Early Labor Problems and the "Protestant Work Ethnic"
reading: Edmund Morgan, "The Labor Problem at Jamestown, 1607-1618" (p)

September 13
A World of Slaves, Servants, Artisans and Farmers: Labor in Colonial America
reading: Foster Rhea Dulles and Melvyn Dubofsky, Labor in America, chapter 1
: Alice Kessler-Harris, Out to Work chapter 1

September 15
American Workers, the Revolution, and the Constitution
reading: Alfred E. Young, "George Robert Twelves Hughes (1742-1840): A Boston Shoemaker and the Memory of the Revolution" (p)
: "Grand Federal Procession, Philadelphia, July 4, 1788" (p)

September 20
Masters, Journeymen, and the Transformation of the Urban Working Class
reading: Dulles and Dubofsky, chapter 2
: "Trial of the Philadelphia Tailors, 1827" (p)
: "Trial of the Thompsonville Weavers, 1834" (p)

September 22
The Development of Labor Politics
reading: Dulles and Dubofsky, chapter 3
: Locofocos and the New York Flour Riot of 1837 (p)

September 27
The Beginnings of the Trade Union Movement
reading: Dulles and Dubofsky, chapter 4
: Trades Union of Philadelphia (2 documents) (p)

September 29
Industrialization
reading: Kessler-Harris, chapter 2
: Thomas Dublin, Farm to Factory, pp. 1-36
: Essay by T.W. Dyott, Philadelphia, 1833 (p)
: poem; "The Factory Bell" (p)

October 4
Workers and the Mechanized Factory System
reading: Dublin, pp. 39-191
: Kessler-Harris, pp. 59-68

October 6
Paper Due
reading: Kessler-Harris, pp. 45-58, 68-72
: Mary Blewett, "The Sexual Division of Labor and the Artisan Tradition in Early Industrial Capitalism" (p)
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|            |                                                                      | National Labor Union: Address (p)                                       |
| October 20 | Emancipation and the Black Worker                                    | Reading: Jones, chapters 2 and 3                                        |
|            |                                                                      | Black National Labor Union: Resolutions (p)                            |
| October 25 | The Labor Uprising of 1877                                           | Reading: Jeremy Brecher, Strike, chapter 1                              |
|            |                                                                      | Letter describing the Strike of 1877 (p)                               |
| October 27 | The Knights of Labor                                                 | Reading: Dulles and Dubofsky, chapter 8                                |
|            |                                                                      | Knights of Labor: Terrance Powderly (p)                               |
| November 1 | The Growth of an Immigrant Labor Force                                | Reading: John Cumbler, "Migration, Class Formation, and Class Consciousness: The American Experience" (p) |
| November 3 | Anarchism and Socialism                                              | Reading: Hartmut Keil, "German Working-Class Radicalism in the United States from the 1870s to World War I" (p)  
|            |                                                                      | Richard Schneirov, "Free Thought and Socialism in the Czech Community in Chicago, 1875-1887 (p) |
|            |                                                                      | International Working People's Association, Manifesto, 1883 (p)       |
| November 8 | The Crusade for the Eight Hour Day                                   | Reading: Brecher, chapter 2                                            |
| November 10| Trade Unions and the American Federation of Labor                    | Reading: Dulles and Dubofsky, chapter 9                                |
| Paper Due  |                                                                      | Kessler-Harris, chapter 4                                              |
|            |                                                                      | A.F. of L.: An Appeal (p)                                              |
| November 15| Clerks and the Changing Nature of Clerical Work                      | Reading: Margery Davies, "Woman's Place is at the Typewriter: The Feminization of the Clerical Labor Force" (p) |
| November 17| Salesworkers and the Commercial Revolution                           | Reading: Susan P. Benson, " 'The Customer Ain't God': The Work Culture of Department-Store Saleswomen, 1890-1940" (p) |
November 22  Race, Regionalism and American Workers in the Late
Nineteenth Century
reading: Ralph Mann, "Community Change and Caucasian
Attitudes Toward the Chinese: The Case of
Two California Mining Towns, 1850-1870" (p)

November 24  THANKSGIVING

November 29  Machine in the Garden: Farm Labor and the Mechanization
of Agriculture
reading: Nancy Osterud, "'She Helped Me Hay It as
Good as a Man': Relations Among Men and Women
in an Agricultural Community" (p)

December 1  Urban Workers, Urban Development and Urban Politics
reading: Kessler-Harris, chapter 5
: Jones, chapter 4

December 6  Mass Culture and the Struggles Over Working Class
Leisure
reading: Roy Rosenzweig, "Middle Class Parks and
Working Class Play: The Struggle over
Recreational Space in Worcester, Massachusetts,
1870-1910" (p)
: Kathy Peiss, "Gender Relations and Working
Class Leisure: New York City, 1880-1920" (p)

December 8  Crises of the 1890s
reading: Alexander Keyssar, "Unemployment and the Labor
Movement in Massachusetts, 1870-1911" (p)

December 13  The Great Strikes: Homestead and Pullman
reading: Brecher, chapter 3
: Dulles and Dubofsky, chapter 10
: Samuel Gomper, "The Strike and Its Lessons" (p)

December 15  Labor and the Emergence of American Imperialism
reading: William Whittaker, "Samuel Gompers, Anti­
Imperialist" (p)