This course will explore the history of work, workers and working class organization in twentieth century America. We will focus on how working men and women have shaped, and in turn have been shaped by, socio-economic and technological change both in and out of the workplace. We will discuss a wide variety of issues including: workers' perception of major historical events (such as the World Wars and the Depression), workers' attitudes towards new modes of production (such as scientific management, the assembly line, computers, and automation), the organized labor movement and its relationship to twentieth century politics and government, and the crucial roles played by race and gender and ethnicity in shaping modern working class culture.

The following books are required reading for the course. They are available for purchase at the Rainbow Bookstore (426 W. Gilman); they are also on reserve at the College Library, Helen C. White Hall.

- Jeremy Brecher, *Strike*
- David Brody, *Workers in Industrial America*
- Jacqueline Jones, *Labor of Love, Labor of Sorrow*
- Alice Kessler-Harrys, *Out to Work*
- Studs Terkel, *Working*

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 are marked by the letter "P".

There will be two papers and a take-home final exam in this course. Each paper will be approximately 6-8 pages long; the first paper will be due on Thursday, February 21st and the second will be due on Thursday, April 4th. Paper topics will be distributed in advance. The final exam will be due on
Monday, May 13th. Papers are to be turned in the day they are due in class at the beginning of the period; there will be no extensions for late papers.

Tues. Jan. 22  Introduction: American Workers and the Twentieth Century

  reading: David Montgomery, *Workers' Control in America*, pp. 32-47 (p)

  Alice Kessler-Harris, *Out to Work*, chap. 7

Thurs. Jan. 31  Socialists, Conservative Craftsmen and Militant Women: Workers' Response to the Early Twentieth Century
  reading: Dulles and Dubofsky, pp. 175-190, 196-199
  Kessler-Harris, chap. 6

Tues. Feb. 5  The I.W.W. and Radical Syndicalism
  reading: Dulles and Dubofsky, chap. 12

Thurs. Feb. 7  "Fordism", the Assembly Line, and American Workers

Tues. Feb. 12  Workers and the First World War
  reading: Dulles and Dubofsky, pp. 215-220

Thurs. Feb. 14  1919 and the Rumblings of Revolution
  reading: Jeremy Brecher, *Strike*, chap. 4
  Dulles and Dubofsky, pp. 220-232

Tues. Feb. 19  Workers and the Myth of the Prosperous 1920s
  reading: Dulles and Dubofsky, pp. 233-250
  Kessler-Harris, chap. 8

Thurs. Feb. 21  Hard Times: Workers' Lives in the Great Depression
  reading: Dulles and Dubofsky, pp. 250-254
  Kessler-Harris, pp. 250-258

Tues. Feb. 26  The New Deal, Workers, and Labor Law
  reading: Dulles and Dubofsky, chap. 15
  Jacqueline Jones, *Labor of Love, Labor of
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<td>White Collar Labor: A New Working Class?</td>
<td>Stanley Aronowitz, <em>False Promises</em>, chap. 6 (p)</td>
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Thurs. Apr. 4 Black Workers, White Unions and the Civil Rights Movement

Paper Due

reading: Philip Foner, *Organized Labor and the Black Worker*, pp. 397-424 (p)
Jones, chap. 8
Zieger, pp. 174-182

Tues. Apr. 9 American Workers, the New Left and the War in Vietman
reading: Brecher, pp. 308-312
Terkel, pp. 463-468
Zieger, pp. 168-174

Thurs. Apr. 11 The Women's Movement and the Labor Movement
reading: Kessler-Harris, chap 11

Tues. Apr. 16 Union Bureaucracy, Corruption, Reformers and Insurgents
reading: Brecher, chap. 8
dulles and Dubofsky, pp. 353-374
Zieger, pp. 158-163

Thurs. Apr. 18 Harvest of Shame: The Enduring Problem of Migrant Workers
reading: Mark Day, *Forty Acres: Cesar Chavez and the Farm Workers*, pp. 61-97, 111-118, 140-151, 161-168 (p)
Terkel, pp. 30-38

Tues. Apr. 23 The Third Industrial Revolution: Automation and Industrial Labor
reading: Thomas Brooks, *Toil and Trouble*, chaps. 20-21 (p)
Terkel, pp. 221-265, 515-521

Thurs. Apr. 25 The Third Industrial Revolution: Computers and Clerical Work
reading: Robert Howard, *Brave New Workplace*, pp. 68-90 (p)
Terkel, pp. 344-355, 521-525

Tues. Apr. 30 New Immigrants in the Contemporary American Workplace
reading: Terkel, pp. 658-662
Elizabeth Weiner and Hardy Green, "A Stitch in Our Time: New York's Hispanic Garment Workers in the 1980s" (p)

Thurs. May 2 The Reagan Revolution and the Labor Movement
reading: dulles and Dubofsky, chap. 21
Jones, epilogue
Zieger, pp. 193-199

Tues. May 7
Darkness on the Edge of Town: Class and Culture in Contemporary America
reading: Terkel, pp. 396-405

Thurs. May 9
The Future for American Workers