



PRE-REGISTER TODAY!

LABOR GUILD SCHOOL 2018 SPRING TERM

Monday Nights, March 12 - May 14

Note: courses are tentative and subject to change!

FIRST PERIOD – 6:30-7:40 PM

BUILDING EFFECTIVE COALITIONS

Elissa Cadillac, *President, AFSCME Local 1526 (Boston Public Library)*

Jennifer Doe, *Field Representative, SEIU 509*

In this current political climate, labor-community and labor-management coalitions are more important than ever. Learn tactics to build effective coalitions to support collective bargaining, control health care costs, preserve important community resources such as libraries, and fight for a more fair and just economy. Brainstorm how to create, target, and “sell” an effective coalition’s mission and messaging. Instructors and guest speakers will share proven tools, strategies, and lessons learned.

Please note: This is a PRELIMINARY COURSE LISTING. All classes are SUBJECT TO CHANGE, and classes may be added based on demand. Questions? Contact us at office@laborguild.com or (781) 340-7887.

AGENCY ALL-STARS

James Cooper, *Labor Arbitrator*

This course provides a hands-on introduction to the agencies involved in the workplace. Top specialists from various agencies will discuss what they do and how their agency works. LRB, EEOC, MCAD, OSHA, DOL, CERC, JMLC, FCMS, MSPB, FLORA, DOJ, ICE, ALJ, DOT, WCB, OFSS, AAA, and more! Issues covered will include: Workers’ Compensation, Wage and Hours, Discrimination, Disability, Organizing, Health Care, and Environmental Issues. Each week will be devoted to a different agency which students can engage through handouts, conversation, and question and answers.

SOCIAL JUSTICE ACCORDING TO DR. SEUSS

Deb Sullivan, *Associate Director for Labor, Massachusetts Nurses Association (MNA); Adjunct Professor, UMass Boston*

A bit of an experiment for us, this class will analyze and discuss the writings of children’s author Theodor Geisel (Dr. Seuss) as a means to have deeper discussions. Who was Dr. Seuss? What does it mean to recognize both the racism in his cartoons and how he conveyed pro-social justice messages to generations of youngsters? How is radical thought suppressed and hidden messages communicated through the written word? What can we take from these books and from writings that we come across every day?

ADVANCED COMMUNICATION SKILLS TO RESOLVE CONFLICT

Paul McCarthy, *Union Educational Consultant, Collective Bargaining Associates*

This interactive class will help all participants learn and develop leadership techniques to become more proficient in the effective practice of conflict resolution.

SECOND PERIOD – 7:50-9:00 PM

BURNING ISSUES: What Workers are Facing in 2018

Lisa Field, Associate Director of Legislative & Government Affairs, MNA

Each week, we'll examine one critical issue impacting workers and the workplace. Guest experts will share the latest insights and strategies surrounding issues such as: wage stagnation and income inequality; implications of the Janus case, privatization, and other threats to public sector union membership; the fissured workplace; healthcare in 2018; and our rigged economic and justice systems.

RUNNING A STRATEGIC CAMPAIGN

David Kowalski, Retired President, UWUA Local 318

This class will provide the nuts and bolts necessary to running a strategic campaign. We will review the differences between tactics and strategies; discuss the steps that are part of building and running an effective campaign; analyze example regional campaigns; and workshop ideas and practices in small groups.

THE AMERICAN LABOR RELATIONS SYSTEM: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

Kenneth Grace, Esq., Partner, Sandulli Grace P.C.

This popular, continually-updated course explains the legal, economic, and political framework and context of labor relations in US workplaces. Topics covered will include: collective bargaining; contract administration; major labor legislation; individual representation and employment law; public vs. private collective bargaining; organized labor's past contributions; and more. Through excellent instruction and handout materials, this course will touch on history, current challenges, and future prospects and options for labor.

ADVANCED STEWARDS TRAINING

Tom Breslin, Retired Associate Director of Labor Education, MNA

Back by popular demand, this class will be an advanced session for stewards, which will focus in-depth on a selection of relevant topics. There is large opportunity for this course to be shaped by student interests. If you have ideas about what you would like to see in this course, please let us know at office@laborguild.com.

FAITH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Instructor TBD, with guest speakers from different faith traditions

This course will explore the call to justice in a number of major religious traditions. With a particular focus on labor rights, we will look at what religious traditions, texts, and leaders have to say about workers' rights and the fight for justice. Each week will focus on social justice teachings from a different perspective: Catholic Social Teaching; Jewish involvement in the labor movement, past and present; Muslim imperatives of community support and justice; and more.