Strengthening Iowa through worker education

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**IOWA Labor Center**
History & Mission

Since 1951, The University of Iowa Labor Center has strengthened Iowa communities by conducting research and education that equips Iowans to navigate the ever-changing world of work. Through generations of deep engagement with Iowa workers and their organizations, the center is a critical point of convergence, where students and faculty come together with labor, faith, and community leaders to address some of the most pressing challenges affecting Iowa and the world – from economic inequality and workplace health and safety to racial justice, gender equity, and, most recently, climate change.

Iowa’s legislature first designated funding for a university-based Labor Center in 1950 as part of the Bureau of Labor and Management within the University of Iowa’s College of Commerce. Labor education programs were initiated to “foster greater understanding of their communities and unions, and thereby contribute to the greater effectiveness of workers in meeting their responsibilities as citizens and trade unionists.”

To celebrate the center’s first year, University President Virgin M. Hancher spoke in 1952 before the Iowa Industrial Union Council to assure them that, “the State University is their university, that it is the university of all the people… we in Iowa City are careful never to forget that fact.”

Today, housed within the College of Law, the Labor Center continues to meet these goals by:

- serving over 2,000 workers each year in statewide classes and public conferences,
- conducting applied research on labor issues,
- acting as a bridge between working Iowans in every industry and the University community,
- developing innovative materials and methods for adult education that have attracted national grants and awards, and
- linking students to labor-related research, teaching, and placement opportunities.

1 University of Iowa Bureau of Labor and Management, “The Labor Education Service,” n.d.
2 Proceedings of the Iowa Industrial Union Council, 1952, State Historical Society of Iowa, Iowa City
Our Reach in 2021-2022

The Labor Center has reached Iowa workers and community members across Iowa’s 99 counties. Whether delivering programs in the local communities where Iowans live and work or inviting workers and community members to attend classes on The University of Iowa campus, our work touches every corner of Iowa and is a bridge between the University and Iowa’s workers, communities, and their organizations.

By adding new online programming options, we have created additional opportunities for those who have been unable to attend in-person classes due to childcare issues, safety concerns, or travel costs. During several of our virtual courses, we welcomed participants from across Iowa and outside the state. Our reach extends well beyond Iowa!
Labor Education Courses

The Labor Center develops, designs, and delivers labor education programs for working people on the University of Iowa campus as well as in community spaces, union halls, and other locations across Iowa and occasionally online. We provide high quality noncredit education on a wide range of topics including, but not limited to:

Legal Rights
- National Labor Relations Act
- Iowa Public Employment Relations Act
- Davis-Bacon and Related Acts
- Federal Service Labor Management Relations Statute
- Railway Labor Act
- Rail Safety Improvement Act
- Occupational Safety and Health Act
- Fair Labor Standards Act
- Iowa Workers’ Compensation
- Family and Medical Leave Act
- Americans with Disabilities Act
- Iowa Wage Payment Collection Act
- Federal and Iowa Civil Rights Acts
- Iowa Employment Security Act

Leadership Development Skills
- Running Effective Meetings
- Organizational and Member Communications
- Strategic Planning
- Executive Board Roles
- Financial Officers Training
- Workplace Grievance Handling
- Public Speaking
- Coalition Building
- Collective Bargaining
- Civic Engagement
- Unions 101
- Iowa Labor History
- De-escalation Strategies
- Combating Discrimination and Harassment

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Demand for Off-campus Classes is Soaring

Our Program Guest Speakers Included:

Isabella Brauhn, University Prevention Education Coordinator, UI Rape Victim Advocacy Program
Jesse Case, Secretary-Treasurer, Teamsters Local 238
Daniel Catellanos, Research Associate, Resilience Force
Amanda Cooling, IBEW Local 405
Ryan Drew, President, Des Moines - Henry County Labor Alliance and Business Rep., Operating Engineers Local 150
Steve Falck, Senior Policy Advocate, Environmental Law & Policy Center
Mark Fleischman, President/Founder, 1 Action Network Fund
Michaela Freiburger, Vice Chair, Clean Energy Districts of Iowa and Program Coordinator, Dubuque County Energy District
Bill Gerhard, Business Development Coordinator, Iowa Laborers-Employers Cooperation & Education Trust (LECET)
Justine Goulder, Eastern Region Training Coordinator, District Council 81, IUPAT
Steve Guyer, Energy & Climate Policy Specialist, Iowa Environmental Council
Bree Halvorson, Midwest Field Director, BlueGreen Alliance
Scott Hamilton, Senior Director, American Society of Sanitary Engineering
Peter Hird, Secretary-Treasurer, Iowa Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO
Latisa Kindred, CTE Electricity Instructor, Simeon Career Academy High School, IBEW Local 134
Junior Luensman, Business Agent, IBEW Local 405
César F. Rosado Marzán, Professor of Law, UI College of Law
Derek Molyneux, Director of Servicing, District Council 81, IUPAT
Josh Nassar, Legislative Director, International Union, UAW
David Osterberg, Senior Researcher, Common Good Iowa
Royce Peterson, Lead Representative, North Central States District Council of Carpenters
Martha Pierce, Assistant Director and Violence Prevention Program Coordinator, UI Women’s Resource and Action Center
Katie Rock, Iowa Beyond Coal Campaign Representative, Sierra Club
Andrea Rasmussen, Assistant District Director, Wage and Hour Division, Des Moines District Office/Omaha Area Office
Mazahir Salih, Executive Director, Center for Worker Justice of Eastern Iowa
James Schepker, FMCS Commissioner (retired)
Jennifer Sherer, Senior State Policy Coordinator, EARN Worker Power Project, Economic Policy Institute
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Quality Preapprenticeship Program

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What recent attendees are saying about our classes...

“The ability to attend these classes has helped me educate my co-workers, family, and community on various laws and workplace rights that affect all workers in the state of Iowa.

The information and education provided by the Labor Center is essential for low-income workers who want to learn about their rights and defend them.

The Labor Center gave me the tools, confidence, and ability to represent my coworkers and keep them safe on the job.

I loved the hands-on, scenario-based workshops.

Excellent topics and exercises, in-depth training and preparation!

I liked discussing case studies, making the scenarios more real. Despite the fact that the negotiations were “mock,” we were able to make them feel very real.

I thought this was the best class I have had from a union expert. The content and material were very informative.

Excellent! Well taught, by knowledgeable instructors.

Request a Class Today
Special Projects - Beyond the Classroom

In addition to our education and training programs, local, state, and national organizations contract with the Labor Center to develop customized curriculum and educational tools for their members, provide facilitation and research support for new coalition projects, and launch new educational programs to promote equity and pathways to skilled construction careers. Some of our recent or ongoing special projects are highlighted below.

Applied Research & Curriculum Development

In recent years, we have been awarded contracts by national and regional labor organizations and foundations to develop steward education curriculum, collective bargaining manuals and workbooks, social justice modules, labor education videos, and case studies on innovative base-building campaigns. The teaching materials we develop often involves weeks or months of collaboration with the sponsoring organization - identifying their priorities, conducting interviews with members and leaders, writing and designing accessible text and interactive exercises, and conducting train-the-trainer sessions.

Examples of applied research and curriculum development projects in the past 12 months include:

- **Educational curriculum and multi-media material on wage theft and misclassification in construction** sponsored by EARN network, Common Good Iowa, and Center for Worker Justice.
- **Interviews and development of case studies documenting base-building techniques** used by members and leaders of the Center for Worker Justice in forming the organization and launching successful campaigns. Sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.
- **Meatpacking worker safety classes and educational materials** sponsored by Clean Slate for Social Justice, Harvard Worklife Program.
- **An educational video for CWA members in the Southeast and Puerto Rico** highlighting ways in which telecommunications workers have organized support for contract negotiations.
- **Interviews and development of a case study documenting a groundbreaking statewide contract campaign** of long-term care members of SEIU 1199 New England who organized to win affordable health insurance, new pensions, substantial pay increases, and racial justice language.
- **A Discrimination and Harassment Free Worksites curriculum and train the trainer session** that will be required for all IBEW LU347 electricians and apprentices.
- **A Post-bid Quality Assurance Toolkit** to assist governmental entities in ensuring greater taxpayer protection and value when evaluating bids for construction projects. Sponsored by Iowa State Building and Construction Trades Council.
- **Iowa Dignity Project** to facilitate a series of community meetings to discuss urgent issues affecting working-class people in Lee County, provide technical support for development of a community survey, and produce reports and public education on priority issues.

Convening Labor & Climate Initiatives

Throughout this year, the Labor Center has worked with the Iowa Federation of Labor, the Iowa Environmental Law and Policy Center, the BlueGreen Alliance, the Hubbell Environmental Law Initiative, and over forty Iowa labor and environmental organizations across the state to convene a series of biweekly meetings to find common ground on two of the most urgent issues of our time – the climate crisis and the crisis of soaring economic inequality and deteriorating labor standards. The discussions have spurred formation of a new BlueGreen Alliance of Iowa, working to advance equitable living wage jobs and climate action. The Labor Center hosted an historic labor and climate summit in April 2022 that featured workshops led by over a dozen national and local experts on labor and environmental topics.
Building a Diverse 21st Century Construction Workforce

The Labor Center and Iowa State Building and Construction Trades Council advanced a new initiative to connect more Iowans with Registered Apprenticeship training in high-demand skilled trades careers. Launched with support from a U.S. DOL grant sub-awarded by Iowa Workforce Development in 2019, the Quality Preapprenticeship Program (QPP) is a pathway to entry into Registered Apprenticeship, providing education and training to prepare women, people of color, veterans, youth, workers with disabilities, re-entering citizens, and members of other underrepresented groups for quality careers in construction.

In just two years, the program has built a recruitment network of nearly 100 nonprofit organizations, formed partnerships with dozens of Registered Apprenticeship Programs, implemented a high-quality industry-recognized curriculum, and is improving the lives of its graduates and providing employers new access to largely untapped pools of talent. The Labor Center QPP partners with dozens of Registered Apprenticeship programs across Iowa to prepare Iowans to succeed in apprenticeship training.

Apprenticeship Readiness Classes

The QPP is a free 5-week evening/weekend course. Key components include:

- Overview of skilled trades, industry awareness, and career options
- Applied math and math test preparation
- First aid, CPR, and OSHA 10-hour safety certification
- Introduction to tools, materials, and blueprint reading
- Financial literacy and time management
- GPRO Green Construction Certification preparation
- Diversity awareness and harassment prevention on job sites
- Workplace communication and interviewing skills
- Training facility visits and introductions to apprenticeship training coordinators

Iowa Women in Trades Network

The Iowa Women in Trades Network promotes leadership and peer networks among tradeswomen while developing programs to recruit and retain women in the skilled trades. With support from the Iowa Women’s Foundation and the Iowa City Human Rights Commission, examples of recent programs include:

- Monthly statewide meetings with skilled trades guest speakers
- Actively recruiting women to Apprenticeship Readiness Courses
- Mentoring discussions linking women journey-worker, apprentices, and preapprentices
- Convened a 2022 Statewide Women in Trades Leadership Summit

New Initiatives

- We have partnered with Central Iowa Returning Citizens Achieve (CIRCA) to deliver our QPP to individuals at Newton Correctional Facility from March 21st through April 22nd and at Iowa Correctional Institution for Women – Mitchellville from August 22nd through September 23rd.
- As part of the Healthier Workforce Center for Excellence, researchers at Washington University in St. Louis developed a 30-minute module to train construction workers about the dangers of opioid abuse and best practices to avoid opioid abuse. The module was first piloted in our QPP OSHA training module, was enthusiastically received, and enhanced the QPP curriculum.
Documenting Iowa’s Working-Class History

The Labor Center directs the Iowa Labor History Oral Project (ILHOP), an innovative statewide initiative to document Iowa’s rich labor and working-class history through the collection and preservation of oral histories and other historical materials. A joint project of the Labor Center, the Iowa Federation of Labor (AFL-CIO), the State Historical Society of Iowa, the UI Libraries, and the Iowa Labor History Society, ILHOP was launched in the 1970s and is today widely recognized as a model for long-standing university-community engagement and as one of the most comprehensive state-level labor oral history collections in the US. ILHOP audio recordings, interview transcripts, and thousands of related documents, photos, and artifacts are available to the public via the Iowa Labor Collection at the State Historical Society. ILHOP supports educators, researchers, and students by providing access to over 1,500 oral history interviews through the University of Iowa’s Digital Library or by visiting the State Historical Society of Iowa research center in Iowa City.

Other ongoing work

- ILHOP frequently collaborates on projects across the state and around the country. Since 2019, we have worked with a research team in the UI’s Department of Neurology to support new methods to study cognitive function and speech patterns. Other recent collaborations include documenting base building strategies with the Center for Worker Justice under a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant and working directly with the SEIU International to document an historic contract campaign conducted by SEIU 1199NE’s long-term-care members in Connecticut.

- ILHOP continues to expand and improve its comprehensive new website funded through a three-year $195,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

- Since completing the NEH grant, ILHOP has increasingly returned to the critical work of conducting new interviews. Recent interviewees include workers and leaders from LiUNA, USW, and ISEA, as well as a 99-year-old woman from Council Bluffs, Iowa, who rivetted bombers during World War II.

- In June 2022, ILHOP worked with our partners in the Iowa Labor History Society and the Des Moines Public Library to develop a new version of the traveling exhibit, Speaking of Work, which highlights stories and images from the collection. The exhibit was kicked off by a dynamic, daylong mini-conference that included presentations by historians as well as a panel of local activists describing campaigns around the state.

Looking forward to 2022-23

ILHOP is excited to announce a new partnership with the Iowa Federation of Labor to document the history of UAW Local 450 in Ankeny. In June 2022, the Iowa Fed won an over $70,000 Community Betterment grant from Prairie Meadows in Altoona. Over the course of the next year, ILHOP and other center staff will document the local’s history, including the recent strike at John Deere that inspired workers around the world. The project will form the basis for new educational materials and support future grants to document the strike in other communities around the state.

Speaking of Work

A podcast produced and hosted by John McKerley available wherever you get your podcasts.

Check out the latest episode.
Student Mentorship and Applied Research

The Labor Center boosts student success through unique classes, research, and community-engaged learning opportunities allowing students to apply their studies to real-world problems. We often work with undergraduate, graduate, and law students to conduct valuable research and develop critical resources and guidance for Iowa’s workers, community members, and their organizations. Here is just a little of what we have done recently...

Law Students Assist with Wage Issues

Law students, Olivia Roberts (2L) and Sean Conrad (2L), through the Citizen Lawyer Program at the University of Iowa College of Law, worked with the Center for Worker Justice over the fall semester 2021 to assist workers in resolving wage theft and other work-related issues.

Workers’ Compensation & Covid-19

Mauricio Ramirez, a 2L at the College of Law, conducted research on Iowa Workers’ Compensation law and its possible application to workers who contract Covid-19 while at work. He presented his research at the Iowa Workers’ Compensation Advisory Committee Annual Symposium in August of 2021.

Meatpacking & Workers’ Compensation

Riley Truax (2L), through the Citizen Lawyer Program at the University of Iowa College of Law, conducted research to create a pamphlet advising meatpacking workers of the most important things to know about workers’ compensation.

OSHA Heat Stress & Prevention

Law student Sarah Herz (2L), through the Citizen Lawyer Program at the University of Iowa College of Law, conducted research and developed a brochure for workers in construction and manufacturing on OSHA heat stress standards and prevention.

Iowa Women in the Trades

Graduate student Ashley Dorn was placed with the Labor Center as an Obermann intern, interviewing leaders of the Iowa Women in Trades Network and preparing text and quotes to form the basis of a new webpage and resource to support Iowa tradeswomen.

Iowa Labor Oral History Podcast

ILHOP welcomed intern John Tappen as part of the Obermann Center's Humanities for the Public Good initiative. He worked as a production assistant for Speaking of Work. He learned the basics of audio recording and production. It was such a success the Center offered ILHOP the opportunity to participate in 2022.

Here is what some previous students have to say about their time with the Labor Center...

My two years as a graduate assistant at the Iowa Labor Center were an invaluable part of my legal education at the University of Iowa... I was able to improve my advocacy skills and be better prepared to be a true counselor at law for my clients post-graduation.

Michael Hilkin, JD, UI College of Law 2009

At a time when the legal education system is looking for ways to innovate, the Labor Center is key to Iowa’s innovation.

Daphne Daniel, JD, UI College of Law 2017
Public Resource for Up-to-Date Information

The Labor Center and its staff are trusted experts when it comes to Iowa workers and labor. We are often asked by the media for interviews concerning the workforce and labor. Our worker rights resources are always in high demand and depended on for their value in distilling complex concepts and conveying important information in accessible ways. We also dedicate time fielding calls from workers and organizations across Iowa about worker rights. The breadth of this work means the Labor Center is regularly contacted by the general public, the media, and other experts alike. Below are a few featured resources and recent contributions by the Labor Center.

Featured Publications:

**Post-Bid Quality Assurance Toolkit**
This resource helps local governments establish practices to ensure construction projects are transparent and promote quality jobs.

**Construction Wage Theft resources**
This resource helps construction workers protect themselves against wage theft and misclassification.

It is available in Spanish as well.

**Quick Guide to Iowa Unemployment Insurance Benefits**
(Currently being updated due to recent changes.)

This guide provides Iowa workers and their advocates a practical overview of Iowa’s standard unemployment insurance benefits program, as well as temporary federal unemployment programs established in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In developing this guide, we are grateful to have benefited from existing materials produced by Iowa Workforce Development, Iowa Legal Aid, and the National Employment Law Project.

**The Labor Center’s Covid-19: Your Right to a Safe Workplace video**
This video covers the rights workers have to a safe workplace and what they can do to ensure their safety at work during the pandemic.

It is available in Spanish as well.

The Labor Center in the News:

- Sept 6 – [NBC Nightly News](#) with Lester Holt story about wage theft in Iowa
- May 2 – [UI Office of Community Engagement article](#) about the Labor Center serving as a bridge between workers and the University
- May 2 – [Little Village article](#) about the Labor Center’s 70th Anniversary Celebration

**John McKerley:**
- Nov 16 - Phone interview with Jeanne Whalen, Global Business reporter for Washington Post, background for story on labor in the Quad Cities
- Nov 18 - [Interview with Iowa Public Radio’s River to River](#) program regarding the Speaking of Work podcast [Broadcast 11/24]
- Dec 12 - Interview with Iowa student journalist regarding history of graduate student unionism

**Paul Iversen:**
- Aug 23 - [Live panel interview on Talk of Iowa](#) about the “great resignation”
- Oct 22 - [Studio guest on Iowa Press](#) program related to labor negotiations and strikes
- Nov 1 - [Live interview on River to River](#) re John Deere strike

Last fall, Paul Iversen was interviewed a total of 34 times. He had three live radio interviews, three live television appearances, one taped radio interview, eight taped television interviews, 16 newspaper interviews, and three magazine interviews.

The Labor Center On-call for Iowans:

Labor Center staff have assisted Iowa workers with information related to a broad array of worker rights such as wage payment rules, unemployment overpayment waivers, workplace fatigue research, and specific laws such as the Service Contract Act.
Over the last three years, the Labor Center has had to shift its budget to sources of funding external to the University. As general fund revenue disappeared, we have increased program fees and are increasingly reliant on grants to support our critical programs for Iowa’s workers, community members, and their organizations.

**Competitive Grant Awards**

- **CIRCA project (United Way of Central Iowa):** 11/2021-12/2023; **$119,892** ($19,982 for FY22)
- **U.S. DOL subgrant (NABTU):** 1/2021-9/2021 **$50,000** ($25,000 for FY22)
- **Iowa Women’s Foundation:** 2021 **$10,000**
- **IC Social Justice & Racial Equity:** 7/2021-6/2022 **$20,000** (FY22)
- **EARN in the Midwest subgrant (Common Good Iowa):** 2022-2023; **$30,000** ($20,000 for FY22)
- **Harvard Law School, Labor and Worklife Program subgrant (CWJ):** 2021; **$15,000** (FY22)
- **Iowa Women’s Foundation:** 2022 **$10,000**
- **Harvard Law School, Labor and Worklife Program subgrant II (CWJ):** 2022; **$14,500** (FY22)
- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation subgrant II (CWJ):** 5/2022-12/2022; **$20,200**
- **Prairie Meadows Community Betterment subgrant (IFL):** 7/2022-6/2023; **$75,000** (FY23)
70th Anniversary Celebration Highlights

250 Worker Advocates Attended

16 Amazing Speakers

24K Raised

[Images of event attendees and highlights]
Thank you to those who contributed to our work and 70th Anniversary Celebration!

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