

**Southwest Labor Studies Association 35th Annual Conference
California State University East Bay
May 14th and 15th, 2009**

Call for papers, workshops, and presentations

The Southwest Labor Studies Association is holding its 35th Annual Conference at California State University East Bay on May 14-15, 2009. The working theme of this conference is

From the Bottom Up: Labor Role's at the Grassroots

We invite proposals from students, scholars, and community activists for panels, interactive workshops, performances, displays, art, film, and music that explore the local and global impacts of these processes and how workers and communities are challenging them at the local level as well as other historical or contemporary labor themed projects.

Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Historical and contemporary discussions of working class movements
- Organizing working people in the East Bay and beyond
- Immigrant worker organizing
- Resistance to neoliberal policies
- Labor education
- Gender, race, and sexuality in organizing
- Youth and student activism

Proposal deadline is March 1, 2009. Please send a short (1-2 paragraph) proposal and the name and contact information of the participants to Kim Geron at kim.geron@csueastbay.edu For further information contact Kim Geron at 510-885-3860.

We are looking for co-sponsors and financial support to provide food to participants and other conference related expenses. If you would like to co-sponsor the conference or make a contribution please contact Kim Geron.

The Southwest Labor Studies Association (SWLSA) is an organization of academics, labor unionists, and community activists. The purpose of the SWLSA is to explore and promote public understanding of both the labor movement's heritage and current undertakings and of workers' experiences on the job and in the community.