

Who's Coming?

Keynote Speaker: bell hooks -

Former Professor of English at City College in New York and writer and consultant. Poor, black, and female—she attended segregated grade schools, and discovered the liberation pedagogy of Paulo Freire while an undergraduate at Stanford University. Her life's work has been about developing a teaching method integrating "anticolonial, critical and feminist pedagogies". She has authored over twenty books, the latest of which is *Teaching Community: A Pedagogy of Hope* (2003).

Theatre Production: Women of Heart and Steel

Swingshift College faculty, workers, advisors and staff support; we will share what we have learned over the past 10 years and pose problems for discussion.

Canadian popular educators. Two years ago, a series of conversations took place in Montreal, Toronto and Saskatchewan on popular education and anti-racist education in a global world. Participants from these gatherings will join us, including Barb Thomas and D'Arcy Martin, two experienced popular educators, Adriane Paavo, from the Centre for the Study of Education and work, Winnie Ng, CLC Director Ontario Province and Carol Wall, former executive vice-president of the Canadian

A Great Cast of Educators:

Among those who will help facilitate the conversation and bring their own experiences to share: Jojo Geronimo, SEIU Education, long-time popular educator; Harmon Lisnow, executive director of the Institute for Career Development, overseeing educational programs for steelworkers nationally; Melena Barkman, education director, USWA; John Russo & Sherry Linkon, Youngstown Center for Working Class Studies; Thandabantu Iverson, labor studies professor & activist, IUN; Skip Turner, Univ. of Michigan, Labor Center; and more...

Invited Guests include union educators from Brazil and South Africa.



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March 26-28, 2004



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JOIN THE CONVERSATION!

Be part of a critical dialogue on doing adult and worker education for social change!

We will share what we have been doing here in Gary through Swingshift College, a customized degree program for workers, offered through the IU Northwest campus and the Division of Labor Studies. Swingshift has now completed its first decade, with the support of hundreds of workers who have seized the opportunity to become active in shaping their own education and future.

Swingshift College took its inspiration from the Brazilian workers' schools, Highlander Folk School in the U.S., and other popular education models. Swingshift developed by merging a traditional labor education college program with a community-based learning-centered approach. Classes used problem-posing techniques, valued participants' experiences and encouraged collective work. The challenge was-and still is-to balance the learning process with the degree-driven format of a university.

We bring our experiences and questions to this gathering, as do you. We will all have much to talk about, and we have planned the conference so that we can work together exploring pedagogical or teaching approaches. Participants will have the chance to create their own conversations as well.

For anyone pursuing a college degree, this conference can be taken for one credit from Indiana University. The course will include readings from bell hooks and an analysis of the conversations and presentations. In-state tuition for a one-credit course at IU costs \$168, covering registration and fees. Credit students will not be required to pay the conference fee.

Registration for the course can be done anytime until March 18, 2004 through the Swingshift College Office.

When Should You Arrive?

The pre-conference session begins Friday at 9 am. The conference begins Friday afternoon at 3 PM and ends Sunday at 5 PM.

Where Will You Stay in Gary?

Casinos and sandy beaches do lure folks to the area!

For those arriving by plane, come either to Midway or O'Hare Airports in Chicago. Coach bus service will bring you to Highland Indiana (\$33 round trip) where you will be able to catch a complementary shuttle to the Trump Hotel. We will have shuttle service between the hotel and the campus on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Our package price per room, two double beds and breakfast is \$55. Please call 1-888-21TRUMP by March 5th to make your reservation. Tell them you're part of the IUN Swingshift College Conference.

Featuring Roundtable Discussions on:

Centering anti-oppression education in all our programs;

Finding a way to address content-process tensions, particularly in a university setting;

Approaches for evaluating learning;

Meeting short-term organizational needs while opening space for education on leadership & movement-building in a union context;

Globalization—a part of Everything Else: but how do we interpret it?

Best Practices Examined

We will also hear from educator/activists working on potentially path-breaking programs: AFL-CIO field service education for central labor councils, the USWA's 4-year leadership program; the CWA's Minority Institutes, Swingshift College, the Center for Working Class Studies, and more.

TAKE A STEEL MINI-TOUR!

Pre-Conference Activity

On Friday March 26th, we will hold a pre-conference set of activities, including a tour of one of Inland Steel's rolling mills, a lunch at Joblink 2000, the Bernie Kleiman Education Center for USWA local 1010 & Inland, catered by the best Mexican restaurant this side of the Rockies, and a chance to talk with faculty and students and advisory board members of Swingshift College.

Cost: \$25 per person

Time: 9 am to 2 pm