

CALL FOR PROPOSALS



UALE 2021 Conference

University of Illinois at Chicago, May 24 - 27, 2021

“REIMAGINING WORKERS’ EDUCATION TO TRANSFORM THE WORLD”

The United Association for Labor Education (UALE), a community of educators dedicated to promoting education as an essential tool to worker training, leadership development, and equity in the workplace, welcomes your proposals for our 2021 conference at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Our conference will overlap with the Labor and Working Class History Association (LAWCHA) conference, May 26-28, 2021, allowing for shared programming and dialogue. LACHWA is an organization of scholars, teachers, students, labor educators, and activists.

This year’s theme is “Reimagining Workers’ Education to Transform the World.” The conference planning committee is seeking proposals that will explore the many challenges workers are facing in the midst of massive economic inequality, a global health pandemic, attacks on worker rights and labor organizations and increasing violence against people of color, immigrants, and LGBTQ folks. Is another world possible? How can labor education help to realize another world? How has the COVID pandemic exposed the unequal distribution of services, resources, and income? What does “essential” mean and how does society value work and workers? How do race, class, gender, and sexuality impact public health needs such as mask wearing, social distancing, and workplace changes? What actions must we take as labor educators to change the balance of power in the workplace and society? How do we teach and what do we teach?

We encourage panels and workshops that go beyond the borders of the United States either entirely or comparatively. We welcome proposals that include:

- traditional paper panel (3 people);
- curriculum demonstrations/teaching techniques workshop;
- roundtable discussion (5-6 people);
- performance art;
- film showing; &
- posters.

All sessions/roundtables MUST designate a chair/commentator or moderator separate from the panelists. While we will consider individual paper submissions, we STRONGLY encourage you to organize a full panel. To assist in finding additional panelists, we recommend submitting a query to the UALE listserv (ualelist@list.uale.org).

Instructions for submissions will be available soon and will be posted on the listserv, website (www.uale.org), and monthly e-newsletter.

Submissions will be accepted between August 30 until October 15, 2020. We plan to announce acceptance of submissions in December 2020. If you have any questions, please email ualeconference@gmail.com.