

## 27th Annual NNEC-SEIU Summer Labor Studies Institute

July 23-26, 2009

Franklin Pierce University, Rindge, New Hampshire

# Our Moment in History: What Will We Make of It?

**W**hat can we learn from history to help us regain our voice at work amid the greatest economic crisis since the Depression? At this year's Summer Institute, participants will take an interdisciplinary look at the moment we are in by looking back at the economic conditions and labor movement responses from the Depression forward. What were the conditions driving decision making at key moments in the 20th century? What was management up to and how did labor respond? What were the consequences, for better or worse, of those decisions? What are the challenges currently facing working people and unions? What do we, as unionists, need to do to improve the lives of working families and retired workers?

Participants will explore those questions and others on Friday, July 24 in a day-long discussion that will draw heavily upon music, film, small group discussions, and report backs.

On the institute's second day of instruction (Saturday, July 25), in classrooms, participants will focus on strategies and skill strengthening to effectively advocate for working families. These sessions will cover issues such as what each of us can do to help rebuild the middle class, what we as union members can do about globalization and its effect on our worksites, how to provide basic representational skills that are cornerstones of strong union worksites, and how to develop union members into leaders who consistently demonstrate their ability to organize workers into a strong and effective union.

The Northern New England Council of SEIU includes **SEIU Local 560** representing building services workers at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire; **SEIU Local 1984**, the State Employees Association of New Hampshire; and **SEIU Local 1989**, the Maine State Employees Association.

**TO SIGN UP FOR THE 2009 SUMMER LABOR STUDIES INSTITUTE**, register online at [www.mseaseiu.org](http://www.mseaseiu.org) (just click on the "Event Registration" link). If you don't have computer access, then please complete the registration form accompanying this flier and mail it back to us. Registration deadline is July 2. Questions? Call NNEC-SEIU Training Coordinator Tom Farkas at 1-800-452-8794.

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*Registration Form for the 27th Annual*  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Union \_\_\_\_\_

Positions in Union, if any (*Steward, Chapter Officer, Committee Member, etc.*): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Home E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

A limited number of scholarships are available for union members through their locals. Scholarships cover all meals and lodging, based on double-room occupancy, beginning with dinner on Thursday, July 23, through breakfast on Sunday, July 26. **Are you requesting a room-and-board scholarship? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

**I require lodging for the following nights on campus (check any or all that apply):**

- \_\_\_ Thursday night, July 23
- \_\_\_ Friday night, July 24
- \_\_\_ Saturday night, July 25

**Room-and-board scholarships are based on double-room occupancy.**

**Do you have a roommate? If so, who?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Single rooms are available for a \$50 fee. If you want a single room, check here:**

\_\_\_ I want a single room. I'm enclosing my check for \$50 payable to NNEC-SEIU.

***Please note this year we have just one dormitory (yes it is-air conditioned!) for institute lodging. As such, it will be especially important to respect the fact that some people turn in earlier than others.***

**Are you staying for breakfast on Sunday, July 26? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

**What size T-shirt do you want: S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ 2XL \_\_\_ 3XL \_\_\_ 4XL \_\_\_**

**Commuter scholarships are also available. Commuter scholarships cover everything but lodging.**

**Are you requesting a commuter scholarship? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

**Do you have any accessibility or other needs that we can accommodate? If so, explain:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special diets are easily accommodated. Please specify any needs:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday's dinner will be a barbecue. Tell us what you want (*check one*):**

- \_\_\_ **Barbecued chicken.**
- \_\_\_ **Hamburgers or cheeseburgers.**
- \_\_\_ **Grilled Italian sausage w/onions and peppers**
- \_\_\_ **Vegetarian Boca burgers made with soy.**

**COSTS:**

Institute Cost.....\$300 - includes meals, lodging and tuition

Commuter Cost .....\$200 - includes everything except lodging

Single Room, Extra Cost .....\$50

*(Note: Single-room registrations are processed only upon receipt of the single-room fee)*

**TOTAL ENCLOSED.....\$\_\_\_\_\_**

**Please make check payable to: NNEC-SEIU**

**Mail to: NNEC-SEIU, P.O. Box 1072, Augusta, ME 04332-1072**

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