

**Beyond the Borders:  
The Legacy of the IWW, Organized Labor  
and the Multiracial Community Today**

**Providence, R.I., March 4 and 5, 2005**

A conference sponsored by the Rhode Island Labor History Society; the Institute for Labor Studies and Research; and Brown University (Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, American Civilization Department, John Nicholas Brown Center for the Study of American Civilization, and the Dean of Students office), with support from the Student-Labor Alliance, DARE (Direct Action for Rights and Equality) and English for Action. This is the sixteenth annual Rhode Island Labor History Conference.

**Friday, March 4**

- 5:00-7:00      Release party for Paul Buhle and Nicole Schulman's book, *Wobblies! A Graphic History* and for the new CD, *I Dreamed I Heard Joe Hill Last Night* by John Pietaro and the Flames of Discontent. **John Nicholas Brown Center, Nightingale-Brown House, 357 Benefit Street.**
- 8:00-11:00      Hootenany with Mike Honey and John Pietaro. **Andrews Hall, Pembroke Campus, Brown University.**

**Saturday, March 5**

- 9:00-9:30      Coffee and greeting. Introduction to the Industrial Workers of the World by Paul Buhle (Brown University), and a song by Mike Honey (University of Washington-Tacoma). **MacMillan Hall, Brown University, Thayer & George Streets**
- 9:30-1:00      *Back and Forth Across the Border.* Devra Weber (University of California Riverside), Barry Carr (University of Latrobe, Australia), and Gabriel Melendez (University of New Mexico) on labor history back and forth across the border and its significance today. Matt Garcia (Brown University) chairs. **MacMillan Hall, Brown University**
- 1:00-2:00      Buffet lunch will be served. **MacMillan Hall, Brown University**
- 2:00-4:00      *The IWW in Rhode Island and its Legacy for the Labor Movement.* Scott Molloy, Joe Sullivan, Bob Sherman (R.I. Labor History Society). Paul Buhle chairs. **MacMillan Hall, Brown University**
- 4:00-6:00      *Activism Today.* Bill Fletcher, Jr. (TransAfrica Forum); Sara Mersha (DARE); and students from the Student Labor Alliance. Warren Heyman (UNITE HERE) chairs and comments. **MacMillan Hall, Brown University**
- 7:00-9:00      *Wobbly Comics and Posters.* Opening reception for an exhibit curated by Sara Agniel (Gallery Agniel), en route to a national tour. For more information, see [www.wobblyshow.org](http://www.wobblyshow.org). Rhode Island Wobbly memorabilia will also be on display. **Aldrich House, Rhode Island Historical Society, 110 Benevolent Street**

Directions to the four sites are on the reverse. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the sponsors will make reasonable accommodations to ensure program access. All sites are fully handicapped-accessible, except for the John Nicholas Brown Center. Anyone requiring special arrangements should contact Paul Buhle at 401-863-3994 or [Paul\\_Buhle@Brown.edu](mailto:Paul_Buhle@Brown.edu) at least a week in advance of the conference.

**Free and open to the public**

## **Directions to *Beyond the Borders: The Legacy of the IWW*, Providence, R.I., March 4 and 5, 2005**

All four conference sites are on or near the Brown University campus. On-street parking should generally be available near the sites. All directions are from the Van Wickles Gates, the ceremonial entrance to Brown University.

**From the north, south, or west:** take I-95 to exit 20, I-195 east. Take exit 1 for downtown Providence (which comes up in a hurry). With the new traffic pattern coming off the ramp, make a right at the light, onto Memorial Drive. Then cross the second bridge over the river, making a right onto College Street. After three blocks, at the top of the hill, you will be facing the Van Wickles Gates.

**From the east:** take I-195 to exit 2. Go straight off the ramp onto South Main Street. At the first light (seven blocks), make a right up the hill onto College Street. After two blocks, at the top of the hill, you will be facing the Van Wickles Gates.

**To the John Nicholas Brown Center:** At the Van Wickles Gates, make a right onto Prospect. Make the first right on George. Make the first left on Benefit Street. The John Nicholas Brown Center is three blocks down on the left (just past the John Brown House) in the Nightingale-Brown House, 357 Benefit Street.

**To Andrews Dining Hall:** At the Van Wickles gates, make a left onto Prospect Street. Proceed five blocks and make a right on Cushing Street. After one block, Cushing Street goes into the Pembroke campus of Brown University. Proceed on foot into the Pembroke campus, bearing about 30° to your left. Once you get into the main courtyard, Andrews Dining Hall will be in the building on your left, on the ground floor.

**To MacMillan Hall:** At the Van Wickles Gates, make a right on Prospect Street, then make the first left on George Street. Make the first left onto Thayer Street, and MacMillan Hall will be the first building on your right at 167 Thayer Street. It is just south of the Science Library, the tallest building on the Brown campus.

**To Aldrich House:** At the Van Wickles Gates, make a right on Prospect Street, then make the first left on George Street. Pass the main Brown campus on your left, cross three streets, then make a right onto Cooke Street. The Aldrich House will be on your right at the end of the block, at 110 Benevolent Street.

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