SNAPSHOTS of Local Labor Events, 1999

1. "Latino Immigrants on Long Island," March 4 Hofstra conference organized by the Center for Study of Labor & Democracy (CLD) and New College Women's Studies Program. Opening session, L to R: Michael Hoffman (Director, Workplace Project); Sylvia Federici (New College Women's Studies); Gregory DeFreitas (Director, CLD); Patrick Young (Director, CARECEN) & Mario Murillo (Hofstra School of Communications & WBAI).

2. Al Davidoff (AFL-CIO Director for NY State) speaks at CLD's Hofstra Labor Breakfast on April 30.

3. "Pay Equity Roundtable Discussion," May 7 meeting organized by CLD and Women on the Job. L to R: Sandy Horowitz (CSEA, CLUW); Nick LaMorte (CSEA); State Senator Carl Marcellino; Jane D'Amico (CSEA, CLUW); State Assemblyman Tom DiNapoli.
4. Teachers join nearly 50,000 other NYC union members marching past City Hall on May 12. In one of the city's largest multi-union rallies in decades, the unions "sought to build bridges with all New Yorkers by calling for better services, better education, highways, health care and child care" at a time of large city budget surpluses (NY Times, 5/13/99).

5. Labor Day march on Sept. 1 to Central Park, where AFL-CIO President John Sweeney spoke on the day's theme, "Voice At Work Freedom to Choose A Union."

6. Leaders of Beijing's major labor organizations met with Long Island public sector union leaders in a CLD forum on "China – U.S. Labor Issues," at Hofstra on Dec. 8, L to R (front row): XiuZhen Shen (President, Beijing Municipal Government Trade Union) Hua Zang (Vice-President, Trade Union of the People's Political Consultative Conference); Gregory DeFreitas (Director, CLD); James Gaspari (Regional President, NYS United Teachers); Susan Borenstein (AFL-CIO Northeast Region Representative); Fengxia Zhou (President, All-Beijing Federation of Trades Unions); Jack Caffey (President, LI Federation of Labor); Sujuan Hu (Trade Union of the "Beijing Worker's Daily").