

Snapshots of Local Labor Activities in 2008



1. Labor Day 2008 in Manhattan was celebrated by thousands of union members and their families, like those of IBEW Local 3 (above) marching up Fifth Avenue on September 6th. [Photo credit: *Regional Labor Review*].



2. Nurses marched in the Labor Day Parade in support of universal health care, a major issue in the fall presidential campaign in which they and most other unions played an active role [Photo credit: *Regional Labor Review*].



3. Joanna Grossman, Professor and Associate Dean at Hofstra Law School, spoke on April 22nd as part of Hofstra's annual "Pay Equity Day." Prof. Grossmann critiqued the Supreme Court's "Lily Ledbetter Decision" as a narrow ruling that created unreasonable obstacles to employees seeking protection from pay discrimination. Nine months later, in one of his first acts in office, President Obama signed the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act to remove such obstacles. Her talk was organized by CLD and Hofstra's Labor Studies Program.



4. On May 1st, Hofstra's seventh annual film festival "MayDay At The Movies: Comedy & Tragedy At Work." showcased new and classic feature films about working lives and working class issues around the world. Among faculty introducing each film were: Veronica Ouma (Geography Dept.) and Bhaswati Sengupta (Economics), above left; and Conrad Herold (Economics) and Zilkia Janer (Romance Languages), above right.

“THE WHITE HOUSE and WORKING AMERICA: WHAT THE ELECTION MEANS FOR OUR JOBS,” brought a variety of authors and activists from academia, government, journalism, and the labor movement to Hofstra on November 12. Before overflow audiences of students, staff, faculty and guests, they debated the economic implications of the previous week’s national elections. The event also celebrated the 10th anniversary of *Regional Labor Review*, published by the conference organizers, CLD and the Hofstra Labor Studies Program.



5. Dr. Herman Berliner, Hofstra University Provost, opened the conference (above left)

6. Steven Greenhouse (right), senior labor reporter, *New York Times*, and author of *The Big Squeeze*.



7. David Sirota, nationally syndicated columnist and author of the best-selling book *The Uprising: The Populist Revolt Scaring Wall Street and Washington* [Photo credits this page: Phil Marino]



8. Teresa Ghilarducci, a New School University economist and author of *When I'm 64: The Plot Against Pensions and the Plan to Save Them*, and US Congressman Timothy Bishop, a Long Island member of the House Committee on Education and Labor. (above left)

9. John Durso (above right), President of the Long Island Federation of Labor, and President, Local 338 of RWDSU/UFCW



10. Panel discussion led by *New York Times* labor reporter Steven Greenhouse (at lectern), featuring economist Teresa Ghilarducci and Congressman Timothy Bishop. [Photo credits this page: Phil Marino]