

## IAM ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

Rachel Bernstein (New York University) and Traci Drummond conducted oral history interviews with fifteen retired IAM Executive Officers in December 2011 for inclusion in the Archives of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers. Since December, they've interviewed an additional seven participants. These interviews provide insight into the operations of the union from the mid-century through the early 2000s, and each interviewee brings a different perspective to the work of the IAM. As of August 2012, the following participants have been interviewed:

Alex Bay  
Jay Bormann  
James Brown, Jr.  
Coet Combs  
Michael Dorsey  
William Engler  
Dean Girardot  
Robert Gregory

Ed House  
Thomas Hurd  
George Kourpias  
Roger Nauyalis  
Bud Melvin  
Justin Ostro  
Lee Pearson  
John Peterpaul

George Poulin  
Bill Scheri  
Roe Spencer  
Fred Waggoner  
Frank Waldner  
Donald Wharton



Oral history participants at Placid Harbor, December 2011. L to R: Gregory, Waldner, Hurd, Combs, Kourpias, Pearson, Brown, Nauyalis, Wharton, Poulin.

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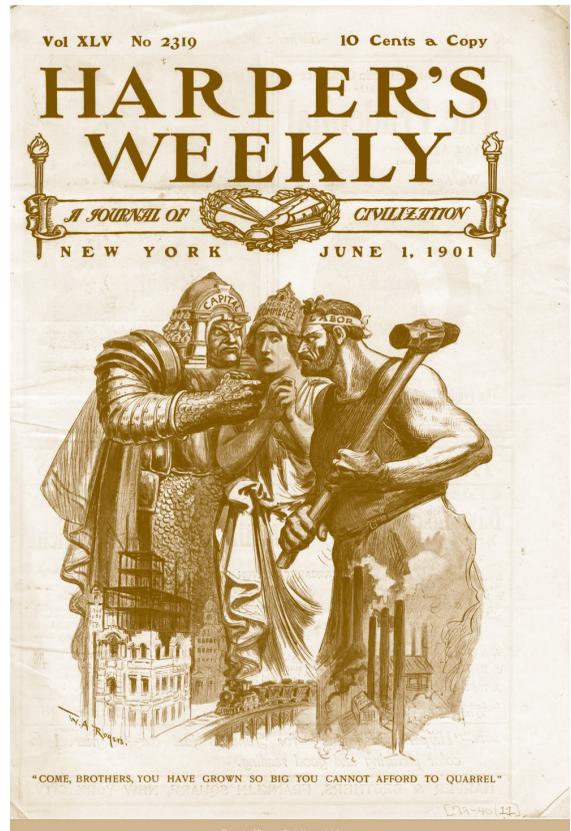
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Sandra Fink	Charlie and Victoria Key
Mary B. Fink	Bob Kiel
Georgia AFL-CIO	Philip A. LaPorte
International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers	Marlene and Ron Palmer
International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers retired executive officers (see listing on cover)	Tom Pesnicak
International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers,	Richard Ray
	Merl E. Reed
	Mark Show
	Marie Tedesco
	Robert H. Woodrum



Personification of Commerce between Labor and Capital. From Harper's Weekly, June 1, 1901. Personification of Commerce between Labor and Capital. From Harper's Weekly, June 1, 1901.

## SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD RECIPIENTS

Morgan Mahone is the 2012 recipient of the Joseph Jacobs Labor Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00. Morgan's parents are both members of the American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO.

Joey Fink, a PHD candidate at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, has been awarded the 2012 Reed Fink Award in Southern Labor History. The amount of her award is \$500, to be used for travel and other costs associated with research on "The Many Norma Raes: Working-Class Women in the Struggle to Unionize J.P. Stevens, 1963-1980". She will present at GSU on her topic in the coming year.

## NOW AVAILABLE FOR RESEARCH

The following collections have been processed in the last year and are now available for research:

### **Organizational Records**

9to5 Atlanta Working Women; International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, District Lodge 143; Atlanta Postal Workers, Local 32; United Paperworkers International Union, Local 675; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 84; Textile Workers Union of America, Local 202; International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Local Lodge 480; International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers' Local Lodge History Project; Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union vs. Cannon Mills (scrapbooks).

### **Personal Papers**

Arch Bailey (PATCO), Randy Razook (PATCO), Ron Elliott Marlene and Ron Palmer (PATCO), J. W. Giles (IBEW).

Additionally, the following collections have been reprocessed for preservation and improved access: the M.H. Ross Papers and the Southern Labor Archives Photograph Collection.

## NDWU RECORDS TO BE DIGITIZED

Gale/Cengage Learning, an educational database company, is digitizing the National Domestic Workers Union records for inclusion in Archives Unbound, a vast resource of topically-focused digital collections of historical documents that support the research and study needs of scholars and students. Georgia State University Library will receive a free subscription to Archives Unbound during the term of the agreement which will be available to the GSU community and any on-site Library users. Researchers who choose to visit Special Collections and Archives will have access to the physical collection as well.



Faye Knight and Jimmy Carter, Georgia State AFL-CIO Convention, ca. 1975 [L1978-29\_49].

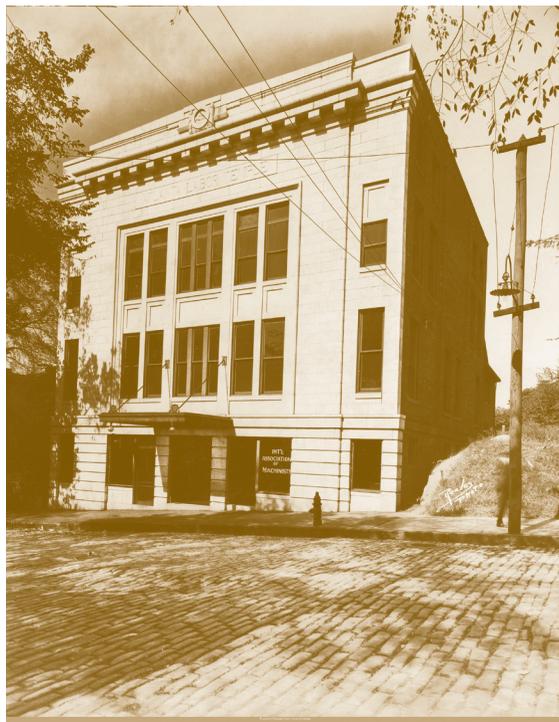
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If you are interested in donating your personal papers, or your union's or organization's records, please contact Traci Drummond, archivist for the Southern Labor Archives ([tdrummond@gsu.edu](mailto:tdrummond@gsu.edu)).

There are also several ways to support the work of the Southern Labor Archives. The Labor Archives Endowment allows the labor archivist to travel to visit donors, bring in collections, and present to unions and affiliated organizations. The Reed Fink Award in Southern Labor History allows the Southern Labor Archives to support out-of-town labor researchers who need assistance with travel expenses. The Joseph Jacobs Labor Fund provides scholarships to GSU students who are AFL-CIO affiliated union members (or are the children, grandchildren, or spouses of AFL-CIO affiliated union members) and also helps fund the creation of oral history interview transcriptions. If you would like to support us through a monetary donation, please contact Natalie Blake, Associate Director of Library Development ([nblake@gsu.edu](mailto:nblake@gsu.edu)).

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Second Atlanta Labor Temple building, erected 1916-1917 at 112 Trinity Avenue. [L1972-04\_03]

## GOT A QUESTION?

If you have a question about the Southern Labor Archives, please don't hesitate to ask! Contact us at 404.413.2880 or at [archives@gsu.edu](mailto:archives@gsu.edu). Find us on the web at: [library.gsu.edu/spcoll/labor](http://library.gsu.edu/spcoll/labor)