

November 6, 2019

Colleen Jordan, Chair
and Members of the Community Heritage Commission
City of Burnaby
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Dear friends:

**Re: Pacific Northwest Labour History Association
52nd Annual Conference – May 9-10, 2020, Vancouver**


Attached is a call for proposals for the above conference.

We are aware that the City of Burnaby has undertaken recent research on topics that could be of interest to conference attendees and has offered presentations on the history of protest and political resistance by unions, working people, and Indigenous peoples in Burnaby.

We strongly encourage the Community Heritage Commission support the event by initiating a proposal to highlight Burnaby's history as part of the conference program.

The deadline for submitting proposals is **December 2, 2019**. Please contact us if you require any additional information.

In solidarity,



Joey Hartman, Chair

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52nd Annual Conference of the Pacific Northwest Labour History Association with the BC Labour Heritage Centre and the SFU Labour Studies Program

Three centuries of migration to the Pacific Northwest

The impact on Indigenous economies and successive waves of labour

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS AND DISPLAYS

Indigenous peoples in the lands now known as the Pacific Northwest enjoyed strong and diverse relations of trade and exchange before contact with Europeans. Despite the vital role of Indigenous workers in early resource industries, ongoing colonization and commercialization eventually resulted in the systematic exclusion of First Nations from fishing, logging, trapping and other economic activity on their lands.

Immigration enabled these processes, but was also highly stratified. This conference will examine the methods and impacts of those measures, and how successive waves of migrants have been received through a lens of labour history, racism & exclusion, reconciliation and new forms of organizing.

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- First Nation economies – then and now
- Why they came – opportunities and broken promises
- Exclusion and attraction – political determinations around immigration and refugees
- The role of organized labour in giving welcome or advocating exclusion, and advancing equity
- Continued racism and discrimination – Farm workers, domestic workers, temporary foreign workers
- Reconciliation and de-colonization
- The connection between attacks on unions and precarious work
- Music, theatre, poetry, film, memorabilia and visual arts

We invite proposals for panels, individual presentations, academic research, workshops and other forms of presentation. Interactive sessions are preferred, and the reading of papers is discouraged.

Please send a short (1–2 page) proposal to Joey Hartman at joeyhartman@shaw.ca

- Summary of your workshop or presentation
- Anticipated duration (typically 30, 60 or 90 minutes)
- Presenter(s) name(s) and contact information, plus a short bio and vitae of presenter(s)
- Audio/Visual requirements

DEADLINE: December 2, 2019

We will respond by January 10, 2020

For more information:

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CONFERENCE DATES:

May 8–10, 2020 (Friday–Sunday)

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