

Fighting for Life: Class, Community and Care in Labour History

DAY 1: Friday 22nd April (La Trobe University Campus, Edwards Road, Bendigo)

11am – 12pm	Optional Bendigo City Walking Tour with A/Prof Charles Fahey (resident local historian!). <i>N.B. Meet at the Bendigo Trades Hall on View Street (Bendigo CBD).</i>
1pm – 5pm	Registration Desk Open (<i>Library Gallery, La Trobe University Campus, Edwards Road, Bendigo</i>)
2 - 3 pm	Dja Dja Wurrung Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony (<i>Library Plaza, La Trobe Bendigo campus</i>)
3 – 3.30 pm	Afternoon Tea (<i>Library Gallery and Plaza, La Trobe Bendigo campus</i>)
3.30 – 5pm	Opening Plenary Panel: ‘Class, Community and Caring’ (<i>Library Gallery, La Trobe Bendigo Campus</i>) CHAIR: Diane Kirkby Speakers: Alison Pennington (Centre for Future Work); Mishel McMahon (Aboriginal Rural Health Coordinator, La Trobe University); Tim Sullivan (Australian Services Union, President Bendigo Trades Hall).
5 - 6.30 pm	Reception Event. Sponsored by Janey Stone and Interventions Publishing Launch by Michael Hamel-Green of Bobbie Oliver, <i>Hell No! We Won't Go! Australian Resisters to National Service and the Vietnam War.</i> (<i>La Trobe Library Gallery, La Trobe Bendigo campus</i>).

DAY 2: Saturday 23 April (Bendigo CBD: La Trobe Art Institute (LAI) and Bendigo Trades Hall, View Street)

N.B. All morning teas, lunches and afternoon teas will be served in the La Trobe Art Institute Courtyard, View Street

8.30 – 9.15 am	Registration (<i>Bendigo Trades Hall, View Street</i>)
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9.15 – 10.45am	Parallel Session No.1		
	1a. Women’s Labour <i>Venue: La Trobe Art Institute (LAI)</i>	1b. Political Ideology and Action <i>Venue: Trades Hall Council Chambers</i>	1c. Region, Community, Culture <i>Venue: Trades Hall Unity Hall</i>
	Chair: Phillip Deery	Chair: Verity Burgmann	Chair: Chris Monnox
	Joe Stanley ZOOM: (12.15a.m. GMT) ‘women and children in Yorkshire collieries ...’	Rhianne Grieve, [ZOOM ACT] ‘The intersection of political and medical thought in early British socialism.’	Jennifer Beacham, ‘The Great Depression and the Rise of the Ballarat Communist Party’
	Kate Fitch, ‘Telling stories: Herstories of 20 th C. Australian PR work’	Peter Prince, ‘Were they really aliens? South Australia and the <i>Northern Territory Mining Act 1903</i> ’	Harry Tan, ‘Chinese indentured labour in colonial Aust. 1838- ...’
	Emma Robertson, ‘Transporting Traditions of Gendered Labour: Women Bus Conductors in Interwar Melbourne’	Diane Kirkby, ‘Picket lines and colour lines in maritime labour history’	Janey Stone and Lisa Milner, ‘...the Australasian Book Society’
10.45 – 11.15am	Morning Tea (<i>La Trobe Art Institute (LAI) - Courtyard</i>)		
11.15 – 12.45 pm	PLENARY KEYNOTE (La Trobe Art Institute, View Street): Chair: Jennifer Jones Victoria Haskins (University of Newcastle), ‘Sickness and Slavery: Aboriginal domestic workers and disease in Australian history’		
12.45 – 2 pm	Lunch (<i>LAI</i>)		
2 – 3.30pm	Parallel Session No.2		
	2a. Gendering Work and Workers <i>Venue: LAI</i>	2b. Theory and History <i>Venue: Trades Hall Council Chambers</i>	2c. Unionism and Work Safety <i>Venue: Trades Hall Unity Hall</i>
	Chair: Lee-Ann Monk	Chair: Owen Bennett	Chair: Kate Murphy
	MV Shobhana Warriar, ZOOM (8.30a.m.India): ‘Gendering the workplace: Women workers ...in colonial Tamil Nadu’	Toby Boraman ZOOM (4-5.30pm NZST) Combining Global Labour History with an expanded history-from-below	Alexis Vassiley, ‘Unionism and Occupational health and safety in the Pilbara iron ore industry –then and now.’

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	Rachael Cottle, 'Underpaid and at risk: the precarious role of women in the Victorian Railways'	John Sebesta, 'Australian 4th Internationalist Archives:...'	Alice Garner and Mary Leahy, 'Fighting for safe work: the role of union education'
	Katie Wood, 'Scrutiny or neglect: two tragedies in Melbourne's female explosives workforce, 1897 and 1923.'	Joshua Black, '...Flags, posters and the misuse of history in contemporary Austn. industrial relations.'	Judy Hughes, 'Anticipating the health costs of technological change'
3.30 – 4pm	Afternoon Tea (<i>LAI</i>)		
4 – 5.30 pm	Parallel Session No.3		
	Culture and Worker Protest <i>Venue: LAI</i>	Place, Class and Community <i>Venue: Trades Hall Council Chambers</i>	Workers' Health and Health Workers <i>Venue: Trades Hall Unity Hall</i>
	Chair: Judy Hughes	Chair: Bobbie Oliver	Chair: Kate Fitch
	Christos Stefanopoulos, ZOOM: (9a.m. EEST) 'The hunger strike as ...workers protest in post-war Greece,1950-67'	Chris McConville, 'Experimental city: Urban reform and social class in late colonial Calcutta.'	Lee-Ann Monk, 'Pittance for working patients: Campaigning against patient labour in Victorian mental hospitals'
	Lisa Milner, "Sing while you fight: working-class narratives from white-collar unionists.'	Fiona Gatt, 'Finding labor: the radical shift in identity and politics in late 19thC North Melbourne.'	Dino Concepcion, 'Voices of voice workers...occupational health and safety in offshore call centres.'
	Iain McIntyre, 'Beer strikes: Working –class community boycotts, 1880-1945'		James Watson, 'How asbestos injury was legalised: Class Race and justice in the Dust Diseases Tribunal NSW'
5.30 pm	Pre-Dinner Drinks at Rifle Brigade Hotel, View Street		
7.00 pm	Conference Dinner at Oya's Turkish Kitchen (Attendees should have paid in advance via the conference website)		

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DAY 3: Sunday 24 April (Bendigo CBD)

9.00 – 9.30 am	Registration (<i>Bendigo Trades Hall, View Street</i>)		
9:30 – 10:30am	Parallel Session No.4		
	4a. Class and Worker Activism <i>Venue: LAI</i>	4b. Labour's Political History <i>Venue: Trades Hall Council Chambers</i>	4c. Looking at Scullin <i>Venue: Trades Hall Unity Hall</i>
	Chair: Dmytro Ostapenko	Chair: Alexis Vassiley	Chair: Chris McConville
	Cybele Locke, ZOOM (11.30am NZST) 'Making Biography: Bill Andersen, a Communist Working-Class Life 1924-2005'	Verity Burgmann, 'It's Time to End the Turf Wars: Labor versus Greens and Climate Policy Disasters'.	David Lee, 'The Scullin govt. and Austn. Independence'
	Jack Fahey, 'The Varied Experiences of Workers at the Point of Production: General Motors-Holden during World War II'		Anne Beggs-Sunter, 'James Scullin and the agony of Irish independence in 1921.'
10-30 – 11am	Morning Tea (<i>LAI</i>)		
11 – 12.30pm	Parallel Session No. 5		
	5a. Workers in a Changing Workplace <i>Venue: LAI</i>	5b. Militancy and Community <i>Venue: Trades Hall Council Chambers</i>	
	Chair : Frank Bongiorno	Chair: Howard Nathan	
	Bobbie Oliver, 'Kill a worker. Go to jail'. Will WA's new work safety laws make worksites safer?	Vashti Fox, ZOOM (9am WA) 'Hating Hanson in the 1990s'	
	Charles Fahey, 'North Americans come to Sunshine - new ways of managing labour in a full employment labour market, 1958 to 1975.'	Janey Stone, 'The radical Jewish tradition'	
	Gok-Lim Finch (ZOOM WA, 10.30 am.) 'Labour conditions and self-determination on Christmas Island.'	Thomas Levick (ZOOM), 'Investigating the Socio-Cultural Factors influencing Governance of Aboriginal Co-operative Enterprises: Lessons for Self-Determination'	

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12.30 – 1.30 pm	Lunch (<i>LAI</i>)		
1.30 – 2.30pm	Parallel Session No. 6		
	6a. Peak Body Organising <i>Venue: LAI</i>	6b. Labour’s Past and Future <i>Venue: Trades Hall Council Chambers</i>	6c. Chinese History STARTS 1p.m. <i>Venue: Golden Dragon Museum</i>
	Chair: Anne Beggs-Sunter	Chair: Julie Kimber	Guided Heritage tour Chinese Museum
	Dmytro Ostapenko, ‘The ACTU against French nuclear testing in the Pacific.’	Judith McVey, Contradictory roles and sexism: revising theories of oppression for Australia’	NB. Register in advance as limited numbers You can register at the conference helpdesk if you did not register online
	Owen Bennett, ‘The ACTU abandons full employment, 1975-1983’	Tim Minchin, ‘The Factory of the Future: Historical Continuity and Labour rights at Tesla’	
2.30 – 2.45 pm	Afternoon Tea (<i>LAI</i>)		
2.45 – 4.15 pm	PLENARY (<i>LAI</i>): Chair: Emma Robertson Katharine McKinnon (Director of the Centre for Sustainable Communities, University of Canberra), ‘Who does the work of labour? Assemblages of care and the collectivity of childbirth’		
4.15 - 4.30 pm	ASSLH Prize Giving (<i>LAI</i>) – Hosted by Phillip Deery (ASSLH Treasurer)		
4.30 pm - 7.30 pm	CLOSING FUNCTION <i>Sponsored by NTEU</i> Drinks and Nibbles at the Rifle Brigade Hotel, View Street, Bendigo		