Program

8:30–9:00am  Light Breakfast

9:00–9:15am  Opening Remarks
Steven Tolman, President, Mass AFL-CIO
Darlene Lombos, Executive Director, Community Labor United
  Vice President, Greater Boston Labor Council

9:15–10:30am
Session 1:  Roundtable  (U-TEACH)
Workers' Rights and Organizing: Surviving Trump's Presidency
Chair: Rand Wilson, Communications & Policy Director, SEIU Local 888
Speakers: Barbara Madeloni, President, Massachusetts Teachers Association
  Larry Cohen, past President, Communications Workers of America and Board Chair, Our Revolution
  Elvis Mendez, Lead regional organizer, National Guestworker Alliance

10:40am–12:10pm
Session 2a:  State of Labor  (U-TEACH)
Workers and Earnings Inequality in the Boston Metro region
Randy Albelda, UMB, Professor of Economics
Aimee Bell-Pasht, Urata Blakaj, Trevor Mattos, UMB
State of Massachusetts Labor
Enid Eckstein
South Asian Working Class Women in New England
Jyoti Sinha, UMB, Labor Resource Center
Sex Work and the Carceral State
Bella Robinson, Executive Director, COYOTE, Rhode Island
Elena Shih, Assistant Professor of American Studies, Brown University
Session 2b: The Opposition in Boston (LRC)
Chair: Elaine Bernard, Executive Director, Labor and Worklife Program, Harvard Law School
The Consultants
Suren Moodliar, Encuentro 5
The Pioneer Institute and the Privatization Lobbies
Abby Scher, Institute for Policy Studies Program on Inequality and the Common Good
Community Planning and Regional Development
J. Philip Thompson, Associate Professor, Department of Urban Planning
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Power Elites in Boston: Then and Now
John Trumpbour, Research Director, Labor and Worklife Program, Harvard Law School

12:45–2:10pm

Session 3a: Organizing through Inequality (U-TEACH)
Chair: Philip Reason, Community-Labor United
Hospitality Worker Organizing and Boston’s Inequality Problem
Carlos Aramayo, UNITE HERE Local 26
Boston’s Immigrant Workers in the Shadow of Trump
Aviva Chomsky, Salem State University
Wage Theft and the Subcontracted Workforce
Darlene Lombos, Executive Director, Community-Labor United

Session 3b: Organizing in Higher Education (LRC)
Chair: Annetta Argyres, Labor Resource Center, UMB
Unionizing Adjunct Faculty at Private Universities
Amy Todd, UMass Boston
Militancy, Mobilization, and Autonomy in the NEA and MTA
Jamie Rinaldi, MTA
Labor’s Response to Corporatization of the Academy
Jeremy Thompson, SEIU, Local 509
Reflections on Labor Activism at UMass Boston
Joseph G. Ramsey, UMass Boston

2:15–3:15pm

Session 4: Labor Research/Education in the Age of Trump (U-TEACH)
Chair: Steve Striffler, Labor Resource Center, UMB
Rethinking Labor Research in the Age of Trump
Biko Koenig, Franklin and Marshall
Abby Scher, Institute for Policy Studies Program on Inequality and the Common Good
Union Education: Spurring Coalition-Building in the Age of Trump?
Eric Larson, UMass Dartmouth
Jeffrey Santos, Carpenters Local 94

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