

- 1) **Cross-appointment with Political Science.** We are pleased that the Faculty of Social Sciences has recognized that our growth as a program requires additional faculty. Interviews for the position will take place early in the New Year.
- 2) **Political Economy Speakers' Series.** This series has enhanced the intellectual atmosphere on campus on topics of interest to Labour Studies' faculty and students. The attendance at the talks has been increasing and all talks have including a lively discussion period. I am confident that these visitors to Brock return with a very positive impression of the vitality of our program. Many thanks to Tim Fowler for his work in organizing this series. Stayed tuned for a full line-up in the winter term beginning with Meg Luxton in January.
- 3) **Women, Work, and Unions: An undergraduate conference.** This two day conference (November 24th, and December 1st) was organized by Amanda Coles to showcase the work done by her students in LABR 4P31. The conference gave students a real introduction to the rituals of academic conferences. Tim Fowler and I an attended both days and peppered panelists with challenging (but hopefully good-natured) questions. Thanks to Amanda for organizing a fantastic event.
- 4) **A selection of new publications:**

Patrias, Carmela. 2011. *Jobs and Justice: Fighting Discrimination in Wartime Canada, 1939-1945*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.

Savage, Larry and Dennis Soron. (2011) Organized Labor and the Politics of Nuclear Power: The Case of the Canadian Nuclear Workers Council? in *Capitalism Nature Socialism*, Vol 22. no.3, 8-29.

5) **Upcoming Labour Studies Conferences**

- a) The United Association for Labor Education (UALE) 2012 will be held in Pittsburgh, March 22-24, 2012. The theme of this year's conference is **SUBTERRANEAN FIRE: THE LABOR MOVEMENT IN HARD TIMES**. I know that Larry will be there, perhaps others too. More information can be found at <http://uale.org/2012-conference>

- b) New Voices in Labour Studies (held at Brock in 2008) will be held in Montreal in 2012 at UQAM on March 2nd and 3rd. The theme of the conference is **Looking back/moving forward: Challenges for labour organizing in an era of global austerity and economic crisis**. More information can be found at <http://newvoicesinlabour.mcgill.ca>