



**Call for Papers**  
**The Texas Center for Working-Class Studies**  
**Second Annual Conference**

**Living Legends Conference Center**  
**Collin College, Spring Creek Campus**  
**Plano, Texas**

**Thursday, March 31, 2016**

The Texas Center for Working-Class Studies, housed at Collin College, a two-year institution serving Collin County, is pleased to announce a one-day Working-Class Studies conference for interested scholars and students. The conference will consist of panels in a range of disciplines and on a variety of issues related to social class and labor issues, both historical and contemporary. The keynote speaker will be noted Working-Class Studies scholar Dr. Sherry Linkon, Professor of English at Georgetown University. Dr. Linkon is the author of several books, including *New Working-Class Studies*, *Steeltown U.S.A.: Work and Memory in Youngstown*, and *Teaching Working Class*.

Conference organizers invite scholars from all disciplines to take part in this conference and submit proposals for individual papers or full sessions. Graduate and undergraduate students, in particular, are encouraged to submit their work. Proposals for full sessions will also be accepted.

Potential topics might include:

- Working-Class Literature
- The Worker and the Modern Workplace
- Understanding Working-Class Studies
- The Future of Working-Class Studies
- Working-Class History
- Connections among Race, Class, and/or Gender
- Class Representations in the Media and Popular Culture
- The Complexity of Social Class
- The Pedagogy of Social Class

Those interested should submit an abstract of no more than 150 words to Dr. Lisa A. Kirby, Director of the Texas Center for Working-Class Studies and Professor of English, at [LKirby@collin.edu](mailto:LKirby@collin.edu), by **January 29, 2016**. Please write "WCS Conference Proposal" in the subject line. Abstracts should also include name, e-mail address, phone number, requests for technology, and a brief biography. For more information, please contact Dr. Kirby.