



The **American Labor Studies Center (ALSC)** is a labor-supported nonprofit organization whose central mission is to provide high quality teaching materials and resources on the study of the labor movement and its history to K-12 teachers nationwide. It is the only organization of its kind in the United States and reaches thousands of teachers every week. The ALSC advances this important mission in a number of ways.

Award-Winning Web Site. The magic of the Internet allows the ALSC to make available a rich array of curricula and teaching resources to the nation's 3 million teachers via its web site www.labor-studies.org. The newly redesigned site includes complete course outlines, lessons, a bibliography, biographies, filmography, glossary, documents, policy issues, labor songs, chronology, cultural and artistic resources, union histories, special sections on Black labor history, women's labor history and religion and labor and a variety of relevant links for teachers and students.

America History Textbook Study The ALSC joined with the Albert Shanker Institute to produce "***American Labor in U.S. History Textbooks: How Labor's story is distorted in high school history textbooks.***" The study concludes that labor's role is often misrepresented, downplayed, or ignored. The study makes a series of recommendations to the publishers of American history textbooks to insure a more accurate, complete and fair treatment of labor in future editions.

Curriculum Development. The ALSC creates unique and innovative curriculum materials such as its widely acclaimed standards-based unit ***Hardball and Handshakes*** tracing the history of labor-management relation in Major League Baseball. The project was jointly developed by the ALSC and the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. It is available on the web sites of both organizations and the Hall of Fame provides implementation of the lesson either through direct school visits or video conferencing.

Bargaining Simulations. Teachers can engage students in classroom simulations on union organizing and collective bargaining by accessing the projects developed by the United Teachers of Los Angeles (UTLA), an affiliate of the AFT and NEA, in cooperation with the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service via the ALSC web site.

Presentations and Workshops. The ALSC conducts workshops for teachers, apprenticeship directors and union education directors on strategies and resources for teaching labor history, exhibits at union and teacher meetings, and makes presentation to union, academic, community and other groups on the importance of labor history and the role that unions play in our nation's life.

National History Day. Each year, the ALSC sponsors a Gold Medal and a \$1000 prize for the best student entry on American labor history as a sponsor of the National History Day competition. In addition to the national prize, the ALSC sponsors a New York State prize at the middle and high school levels. The ALSC encourages unions to sponsor prizes at the local and state levels for the NHD competition.

Kate Mullany National Historic Site. Home of the young Irish immigrant who formed the nation's first bona fide all women's union – the Troy Collar Laundry Union in 1864 – the Kate Mullany National Historic Site was purchased and is being restored by the ALSC where it has its office. Additional information is available at www.katemullanyrhs.org.

Kate Mullany Musical. The ALSC produced a new musical on the life and times of Kate Mullany entitled ***Don't Iron While the Strike is Hot!*** The musical, presented at Bush Memorial Hall at Russell Sage College in Troy in May, focused on the Troy Collar Laundry workers successful 1864 strike. It is available on DVD on the Mullany web site.

Exhibits. Exhibits such as ***The Irish and Labor*** is sponsored by the ALSC and loaned to other organizations such as the American Labor Museum (Botto House) in Paterson, New Jersey for special showings.

Labor Merit Badge. The ALSC promoted the development of the Boy Scout Labor Merit Badge and encourages unions to sponsor events where scouts can complete the badge requirements.

In order to improve and advance its mission, the ALSC seeks support to promote its programs and provide funding from unions and federations at the national, state and local levels as well as a number of friends who support its goals.

We urge you to add your support to this very important organization by promoting it with your members and supporting its **2015 Annual Recognition Reception** by purchasing tickets and/or purchasing an ad in its commemorative journal.

This year, the ALSC in awarding the Kate Mullany Medal to state senator **Assemblywoman Patricia Fahey, Former National Labor College president Dr. William E. Scheuerman** and the **Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW)**.

Thank you very much for your commitment to insuring that the story of the American labor movement is told fully and fairly to both the current and future generations of workers.