ETHNIC STUDIES 495: HAWAIIAN LABOR HISTORY
SPRING 2004
Syllabus

Time: 2:30 - 5:00 pm (Tues.)  Place: George 301 (Manoa)
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Office Hours: 1:30-2:30 pm, Tues. (or by appointment)
Website: http://homepages.uhwo.hawaii.edu/~clear/ES495.htm

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
In this course we will study the conditions of work under varying political, social, and
economic transformations in Hawai'i; anthropological, sociological, and historic data.
We will read and analyze major texts and documents of Hawaiian Labor History and
conduct historical research in archival and oral history records available throughout the
State.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:
This is a “writing-intensive” course. Prerequisites are: HIST 151 and HIST 152. Students
will be expected to attend scheduled lectures, read assigned material, write and hand in
all exercises assigned. Other major assignments include an in-class essay, an interview
with a local union leader, a research paper and a final examination. Students also are
expected to participate fully in class discussions.

GRADING:
- Exercises, & pop quizzes 20%
- Research Paper 20%
- Interview paper 10%
- Midterm Exam 20%
- Final Exam 20%
- Class attendance and participation 10%

TEXTS:
Fuchs, Lawrence H.  Hawaii Pono: An Ethnic and Political History. Honolulu: The

Beechert, Edward.  Working in Hawaii: A Labor History. Honolulu: University of

Honolulu: University of Hawai‘i, Center for Labor Education and Research, 1986.

Honolulu: University of Hawai‘i, Center for Labor Education and Research, 1989.
RECOMMENDED READING*:


*See also posted liste at: http://homepages.uhwo.hawaii.edu/clear/ES495rreading.htm

SCHEDULE:

Tues 1/13 Introduction & Course Preview

Tues 1/20 Masters & Servants
reading: Fuchs *Hawaii Pono*, Chapter 6, pp. 153-181
reading: Beechert *Working*, Chapters 1-3, pp 1-57

Tues 1/27 The Rise of Sugar and the Big 5: 1850-1900
reading: Fuchs *Hawaii Pono*, Chapter 7, pp. 182-205
reading: Eagan Report (handout)

Tues 2/03 Post Annexation and Early Strikes
reading: Fuchs *Hawaii Pono*, Chapter 6, pp. 153-182
reading: Beechert *Working*, Chapters 5-8, pp 118-176

Tues 2/10 Ethnic/Racial Unionism
reading: Fuchs *Hawaii Pono*, Chapter 8, pp. 206-225
Tues 2/17  Paternalism & Welfare Capitalism  
   reading: Beechert Working, Chapter 12, pp 233-247  
   reading: Stern Aloha Trade, pp. Parts II & III, 38-68  
   reading Stern Rutledge Unionism, Part II, pp. 29-56 and pp 75-85  

Tues 2/24  Review  

Tues 3/02  MID TERM EXAM  

Tues 3/09  A New Deal Organizing after the Wagner Act  
   reading: Fuchs Hawaii Pono, Chapter 9, pp. 226-240  
   reading: Beechert Working, Chapters 13 and 14, pp 248-295  
   reading: Stern Aloha Trade, Part I, pp. 12-37  
   reading Stern Rutledge Unionism, Part I, pp 1-27  

Tues 3/16  Post-War Strikes: 1946 Sugar and 1947 Pineapple  
   reading: Beechert Working, Chapters 15 and Conclusion, pp. 296-332  
   reading: Stern Aloha Trade, pp. Parts II & III, 38-68  
   reading Stern Rutledge Unionism, Part II, pp. 29-56 and pp 75-85  
   Interview Paper Due  

Tues 3/23  NO CLASS [Spring Break]  

Tues 3/30  The great Hawaiian Dock Strike of 1949  
   reading: Fuchs Hawaii Pono, Chapter 15, pp. 354-376  
   [Rice & Roses video]  

Tues 4/06  Red-baiting, the Hawai’i 7, & Statehood debates  
   reading: Fuchs Hawaii Pono, Chapter 17, pp. 406-449  

Tues 4/13  Unionization of Building Trades and Hotel Workers, part I  
   reading: Beechert Aupuni, pp. 1-40  

Tues 4/20  Unionization of Building Trades and Hotel Workers, part II  
   reading: Beechert Aupuni, pp. 41-ff  

Tues 4/27  Unionization of the Public Sector  
   readings: TBA  
   Research Paper Due  

Tues 5/04  Unions and Politics in Hawai'i  
   reading: Fuchs Hawaii Pono, Chapters 13 and 14, pp. 308-353  

Tues 5/11  Final Exam  

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