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Bruno, Robert. *Labor in the Age of Finance: Pensions, Politics, and Corporations from Deindustrialization to Dodd-Frank* by Sanford M Jacoby, *Labor Studies Journal*, 48, 2, March 2023.

Bruno, Robert. *Living and Dying on the Factory Floor* by David Ranney, *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, 73, 3, May 1, 2020.

Bruno, Robert. *Beaten Down, Worked Up: The Past, Present, and Future of American Labor* by Steven Greenhouse, *Perspectives on Work*, 23, 2019.

Bruno, Robert. *Political Economy of Labor Repression in the United States*, by Andrew Kolin, *Labor Studies Journal*, 44, 1, March 2019.

Bruno, Robert. *We Are the Union: Democratic Unionism and Dissent at Boeing*, by Dana Cloud for *ILR Review*, 65, 3, July 2012.

Bruno, Robert. *Working Words: Punching the Clock and Kicking Out the Jams*, edited by M. L. Liebler for *Labor Studies Journal*, 37, 2 June 2012.

Bruno, Robert. *The Gospel of the Working Class: Labor's Southern Prophets in New Deal America* by Erik Gellman and Jarod Roll, *Working Class Studies Association Newsletter*, Fall 2011.

Bruno, Robert. *Why Is There No Labor Party in the United States?* by Robin Archer, *Labor Studies Journal*, 34, 1, March 2009.

Bruno, Robert. *Soul Power: Culture, Radicalism, and the Making of a U.S. Third World Left* by Cynthia Young for *Labor Studies Journal*, 33, 3, September 2008.

Bruno, Robert. *The Great American Jobs Scam: Corporate Tax Dodging and the Myth of Job Creation*, by Greg LeRoy for *Labor Studies Journal*, 33, 1, March 2008.

Bruno, Robert. *Visions of Belonging*, by Judith E. Smith, *International Labor and Working-Class History*, 69, Spring 2006.

Bruno, Robert. Film Review of *The Democratic Promise: Saul Alinsky and His Legacy*. Produced by Media Process Educational Films and Chicago Video Project, for *Labor Studies Journal*, 29, 2, Summer 2004.

Bruno, Robert. *State of The Union: A Century of American Labor* by Nelson Lichtenstein for the *Journal of Industrial Relations*, 45, 1 March 2003.

Bruno, Robert. *The Working Class Majority: America's Best Kept Secret*, by Michael Zweig, for *Labor Studies Journal*, 27, 2, Summer 2002.

Bruno, Robert. *Striking Steel: Solidarity Remembered*, by Jack Metzgar for *Labor Studies Journal*, 26, 4, Winter 2002.

Bruno, Robert. *Nonunion Employee Representation: History, Contemporary Practice, and Policy*, Edited by Bruce E. Kaufman and Daphne Gottlieb Taras, for *Labor History*, 42, 2, May 2001.

Bruno, Robert. *Wars of Attrition: Vietnam, the Business Roundtable, and the Decline of Construction Unions*, by Marc Linder, for *Labor Studies Journal*, 25, 4, Winter 2001.

Bruno, Robert. *The Business of Employee Empowerment: Democracy and Ideology in the Workplace*, by Thomas A. Potterfield, for *Labor Studies Journal*, 25, 4, Winter 2001.

Bruno, Robert. *The Myth of the Powerless State*, by Linda Weiss, for *Labor Studies Journal*, 25, 4, Winter 2001.

Bruno, Robert. *The Unions and the Democrats: An Enduring Alliance* by Taylor E. Dark for *Labor Studies Journal*, 25, 3, Fall 2000.

Bruno, Robert. *Running Steel, Running America* by Judith Stein for *Labor Studies Journal*, 25, 3, Fall 2000.

Bruno, Robert. *In the Workers' Interest: A History of the Ohio AFL-CIO, 1958-1998* by Warren Van Tine, C.J. Slanicka, Sandra Jordan and Michael Pierce for *Labor History*, 41, 2, May 2000.

Bruno, Robert. *Socialist Cities: Municipal Politics and the Grass Roots of American Socialism*, by Richard W. Judd, for *Labor Studies Journal*, 24, 4, Winter 2000.

Bruno, Robert. *On Hoboes and Homelessness* by Nels Anderson for *Labor History*, 40, 4, November 1999.

Bruno, Robert. *Privatization and Economic Performance*, edited by Matthew Bishop, John Kay and Colin Mayer, for *Labor Studies Journal*, 23, 1, Spring 1998.

Bruno, Robert. *State and Party in America's New Deal* by Kenneth Finegold and Theda Skocpol, for *Labor Studies Journal*, 21, 4, Winter 1997.

Bruno, Robert. *Segmented Labor, Fractured Politics: Labor Politics In American Life* by William form for *Labor Studies Journal*, 22, 1, Spring 1997.

Bruno, Robert. *The CIO: 1935-1955* by Robert Zieger for *Labor Studies Journal*, 22, 1, Spring 1997.

Bruno, Robert. *Who Built America? From Conquest to Reconstruction, Volume One*, edited by Steve Brier et al, in *Transformation*, March 1992.

Bruno, Robert. Film review of "Harry Bridges: A Man and His Union," for *Cineaste Magazine*, Spring 1995.

Popular

Bruno, Robert. "Unappreciated." *Illinois Issues*, essay on the attacks on public sector workers in Illinois September 1, 2012.

Bruno, Robert. "Caterpillars Win Over Union is Frightening for America." *Crain's Chicago Business*, Op-Ed essay on the significance of Caterpillar-Machinists contract settlement August 23, 2012.

Bruno, Robert. "What's Wrong with Labor?" *Chicago Sun-Times*, Op-Ed essay on the reasons behind the split within the AFL-CIO, August 15, 2005.

Bruno, Robert. "Who is Working Class?" catalogue for *throwing a spin* art exhibit printed by the Art Institute of Chicago, October 21, 2004.

Bruno, Robert. "Reach for Real Welfare Reform," *Z Magazine*, July/August 1992, 97-99.

Bruno, Robert. "When the Steel Mills Closed," *U.S. News and World Report* (Rostrum Column), 105-7, August 15, 1988.

Bruno, Robert. "On the Crime of Good Citizenship," *The New York Times* (Op-Ed), August 9, 1987.

FILMS PRODUCED

Bruno, Robert. Produced video for *United Food and Commercial Workers* union, 1996.

Bruno, Robert. Documentary of the childhood experiences of twenty welfare recipients titled, *Growing Up*, 1994.

Bruno, Robert. Documentary on working-class steelworkers titled, *Born at Work: A Rank & File Story*, 1995.

Bruno, Robert. Documentary on the social context of welfare reform programs titled, *Riding the Storm*, 1995.

Bruno, Robert. Co-Producer of labor play and video titled, *Illinois Labor Works*, 1996.

HONORS, RECOGNITIONS AND OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

Selected to participate in the Abraham Lincoln Historical Presidential Library and Museum Oral History Program. I was interviewed in 2020 as part of the Program series "Education is Key."

Labor and Employment Relations Association 2018 Fellows Award.

Robert Bruno and Steven Ashby. Best Published Labor Education Book 2016, United Association for Labor Education for *A Fight for the Soul of Public Education: The Story of the Chicago Teachers Strike*, Cornell University Press.

Robert Bruno and Steven Ashby. UALE Outstanding Contribution to Labor Education, 2012.

Robert Bruno. "Everyday Constructions of Culture and Class: The Case of Youngstown Steelworkers," *Labor History*, 40, 2, May 1999, 143-76, selected by journal's editors as the "1999 Best Article of the Year."

PRESENTATIONS/CONFERENCES

Bruno, Robert. "A Good Job, Not Just Any Job: Defining and Measuring Employment Quality in Illinois," Labor and Employment Relations Association Annual Meeting, Detroit, Michigan, June 1-4, 2023.

Bruno, Robert. Moderated panel on "The Effects of the McLaren Macomb," Labor and Employment Relations Association Chicago Chapter, April 25, 2023.

Bruno, Robert. "The Economic Outcomes of Women and Children in Illinois Compared to States that Have Banned/Likely to Ban Abortion," Glen Ellyn League of Women Voters, Glen Ellyn, Illinois, February 23, 2023.

Bruno, Robert. Keynote speaker on "The Future of Education Work" at the Large Unit District Association's (LUDA) Annual Conference on October 6, 2022, Naperville, Illinois.

Bruno, Robert. "The Future of Work Symposium," Center for Social and Behavioral Science, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, October 21, 2022.

Bruno, Robert. Presented on "*Current Labor Movement and Historical Perspectives*" on a panel titled "Momentum in the Labor Movement - Part I" as part of a Topics for 2022 Labor Relations Webinar Series by Franczek P.C. Law, September 19, 2022.

Bruno, Robert. "The Role of U.S. Labor Education and Worker Education in Revaluing Workers: Historical, Current, and Future Perspectives," Labor and Employment Relations Association Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon, June 13-16, 2020.

Bruno, Robert. Higher Education Industry Council Business Meeting and Panel "The Changing Place of Labor Studies in Higher Education," Labor and Employment Relations Association Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon, June 13-16, 2020.

Bruno, Robert. "Examining the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Free Trade Agreement (USMCA)," UIC John Marshall Law School Center for International Law, Chicago, Illinois, March 31, 2020.

Bruno, Robert. Moderated a panel on “The 2019 Chicago Teachers Strike: Lessons Learned and Unlearned,” at the Labor and Employment Relations Association Chicago Chapter Forum, Chicago, Illinois, March 18, 2020.

Bruno, Robert. Participated in a panel on the “Post Janus Effects on Public Sector Unionism,” sponsored by the Federalist Society and the American Constitution Society at the University of Illinois Law School, Urbana-Champaign, February 11, 2020.

Bruno, Robert and Frank Manzo. Presented a webinar on “Illinois’ Minimum Wage Law” to local government officials through the University of Illinois Extension Service, November 14, 2019.

Bruno, Robert. Participated in a debate on the “Impact of Raising the Minimum Wage to \$15,” sponsored by the Federalist Society and American Constitutional Society at the University of Illinois Law School, Urbana-Champaign, October 16, 2019.

Bruno, Robert. Featured speaker on “The Financial Impact of Legalizing Marijuana in Illinois at the Bridging the Gap Conference,” at University of Illinois at Chicago Institute for Minority Health Research, Chicago, Illinois, October 5, 2019.

Bruno, Robert. Featured speaker on a panel titled, “Janus and the First Amendment,” at the Cornell University, School of Labor and Industrial Relations, *Labor and the U.S. Constitution: Past, Present and Future Conference*, New York, New York, September 27-28, 2019.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled, “Historical Moments of Union Organizing,” *ARISE Chicago Immigration at Work: No Match Symposium*, Chicago, Illinois, July 25, 2019.

Bruno, Robert. Organized a Panel titled, “Labor Beyond RTW and Janus: Activism, Policy and Politics,” Labor and Employment Relations Association Annual Meeting, Cleveland, Ohio, June 13-16, 2019.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled, “The Future of the Labor Movement: A State Level Review of Policy Areas,” National Employment Lawyers Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois, June 25, 2018.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled, “The Triatic Use of Union Power in Public Sector Collective Bargaining: Case Studies from Illinois,” Labor and Employment Relations Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland, June 13-16, 2018.

Bruno, Robert. Featured Speaker on *Organized Labor and Janus v AFSCME* at Chicago Style: Organized Labor in 2018, Institute on Politics, University of Chicago, May 23, 2018.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled, "The Triatic Use of Union Power in Public Sector Collective Bargaining: Case Studies from Illinois," Taylor Law 50th Anniversary Conference, Albany, New York, May 9-11, 2018.

Bruno, Robert. Organized a Panel titled, "'Socialism and Labor: Theory and Praxis," the United Associations of Labor Educators Conference, Seattle, Washington, April 4-7, 2018.

Bruno, Robert. Participated in a debate on the "Right-to-Work Laws and the Janus v AFSCME Illinois Supreme Court Case," sponsored by the Federalist Society at the University of Illinois Law School, Urbana-Champaign, March 13, 2018.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled, "Bargaining for the Common Good: Teacher Unions and Political Imagination," at the Education Law: A Year in Review, The Education Law and Policy Institute at Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois, June 27, 2017.

Bruno, Robert. Organized a Panel titled, "Beyond Work-Life Balance: Intersections of Public Policy, Research, and Community Organizing," LERA 69th Annual Meeting, June 1-4, 2017, Anaheim, California.

Bruno, Robert. Organized a Panel titled, "Why is Trump President? Labor and the 2016 Election?" the United Associations of Labor Educators Conference, Detroit, Michigan April 5-8, 2017.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation on "Unpredictable Scheduling" as part of a panel at The Illinois Attorney General's Symposium on Emerging Legal Issues in the Workplace, Chicago, Illinois, November 17, 2016.

Bruno, Robert. Organized a Panel titled, "What Happens the Day after Friedrichs and What is Labor Doing About it?" LERA 68th Annual Meeting, May 26-29, 2016, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Bruno, Robert. Organized a Panel titled, "Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association: What Happens Next?" the United Associations of Labor Educators Conference, April 15-17, 2016, Washington, D.C.

Bruno, Robert. Keynote Address on "Charting the Landscape and the Future of Public Sector Relations," at the 31st Annual Illinois Public Sector Labor Relations Law Conference, December 4, 2015, Chicago, Illinois.

Bruno, Robert. Moderated a Panel, titled, "Employment and Community Development in an Era of Austerity," at the City/Cite` Transatlantic Exchange, University of Illinois at Chicago, November 3, 2015, Chicago, Illinois.

Bruno, Robert. Organized, Chaired and Participated in Symposium titled, “The Worker Advocacy Movement and Labor Transformation,” Labor Employment Relations Association 67th Annual Meeting, May 28-31, 2015, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Bruno, Robert and Alison Dickson. Presented paper titled, “From War to the Workplace: Confronting Enemies at Home,” the United Associations of Labor Educators Conference, March 25-27, 2015, Orlando, Florida.

Bruno, Robert. Moderated a panel discussion on “BOYCOTT! The Art of Economic Activism,” at the, URI-EICHEN Gallery, Chicago, Illinois, September 12, 2014.

Robert. Presented on “Illinois Prevailing Wage Study,” at the Prevailing Wage Seminar, Iowa, Illinois and Indiana Foundation for Fair Contracting, Downers Grove, Illinois, September 11, 2014.

Bruno, Robert. Panelist from Illinois on “National Structures to Promote Employment and Job Development,” Sponsored by France’s National Institute for Labor and Employment and Vocational Training, Chicago, Illinois June 23, 2014.

Bruno, Robert. Organized, Chaired and Participated in Symposium titled, “Organized Labor and the Creation of Public Goods,” LERA 66th Annual Meeting, May 29-31, 2014, Portland, Oregon.

Bruno, Robert. Organized, Chaired and Participated in Symposium titled, “Education Reform and Teachers’ Unions: New Challenges, New Strategies.” LERA 66th Annual Meeting, May 29-31, 2014, Portland, Oregon.

Bruno, Robert. Organized, Chaired and Participated in Symposium titled, “Opening Up the Labor Movement: The View from the Building Trades,” LERA 66th Annual Meeting, May 29-31, 2014, Portland, Oregon.

Bruno, Robert. Organized and Chaired three panels on “New Forms of Worker Representation,” at the United Associations of Labor Educators Conference, March 25-27, 2014, Los Angeles, California.

Bruno, Robert. Chaired “Competitive Papers Panel,” LERA 65th Annual Meeting, June 6-9, 2013, St. Louis, Missouri.

Bruno, Robert. Discussant on panel “Placing Labor in the New Urban Economy,” LERA 65th Annual Meeting, June 6-9, 2013, St. Louis, Missouri.

Bruno, Robert. Chaired, Labor Union Interest Section Panel “Reports from the Field: The Realities of Organizing Low Wage Workers in the 21st Century,” LERA 65th Annual Meeting, June 6-9, 2013, St. Louis, Missouri.

Bruno, Robert. Organized, Chaired and Participated in Symposium titled, “John T. Dunlop Public Policy Panel: The Chicago Teachers Strike and the Fight for Public Education,” LERA 65th Annual Meeting, June 6-9, 2013, St. Louis, Missouri.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation on the “Chicago Teachers Strike” at the United Associations of Labor Educators Conference, Toronto, Ontario, April 16-20, 2013.

Bruno, Robert. Organized a panel discussion titled “The UAW- Ford Partnership and the Future of the Auto Industry: Challenges and Opportunities” for Chicago LERA Chapter Forum, June 26, 2012, Chicago Illinois.

Bruno, Robert. Organized panel “Clean Cars and Dirty Work: Worker Exploitation in Chicagoland and Southern California Car Washes” at the United Associations of Labor Educators Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 22-24, 2012.

Bruno, Robert. Chaired the Labor Studies and Union Research Interest Section, “Efforts to Dismantle Teachers’ Union Collective Bargaining Rights,” LERA 64th Annual Meeting, January 6-8, 2012, Chicago, Illinois.

Bruno, Robert, Monica Bielski-Boris and Ariel Avgar. Presentation titled, “Analysis of Union Renewal Efforts: Politics, Voice and Organizing,” LERA 64th Annual Meeting, January 6-8, 2012, Chicago, Illinois.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled, “Portrayals of Work in Popular Culture: Many Hands make Light of Work and Workers,” LERA 64th Annual Meeting, January 6-8, 2012, Chicago, Illinois.

Bruno, Robert. Participated in a panel focused on my book, *Justified by Work: Identity and the Meaning of Faith in Chicago’s Working-Class Churches*, at the Working Class Studies Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois, June 24, 2011.

Bruno, Robert. Presented a paper titled, “Working Class Unionism and Labor’s Unrealized Identity” at the Labor@Wayne 2nd Annual “Labor Leaders on Labor Forum,” Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, April 7, 2011.

Bruno, Robert and Monica Bielski-Boris. Presented a paper titled, “From Phone Call to Street Heat: Union Representation Reconsidered” at the United Associations of Labor Educators Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 26, 2011.

Bruno, Robert. Chaired a panel titled “Organizing Outside of the NLRA,” Hot Topics in Contemporary Labor Relations Law Conference, Chicago-Kent College of Law, March 18, 2011.

Bruno, Robert, Monica Bielski-Boris and Ariel Avgar. Presented a paper titled, “Inside the Union Voice face: A Longitudinal Analysis of Employee Grievance Filing by

Members of a Large Local Union,” LERA 62th Annual Meeting, January 6-9, 2011, Denver, Colorado.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation on “Worker Empowerment Education and Hispanic Construction Workers,” at the United States Department of Labor and Construction Safety Council Construction High-Risk Worker Summit, Hillside, Illinois, October 26, 2010.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation on “Unionization and Civil Service Status,” at the Civil Service Forum of the Chancellor’s Committee on the Status of Blacks, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, October 25, 2010.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation on original research titled, “Majority Authorizations and Union Organizing in the Public Sector: A Four-State Perspective” at the Canadian Industrial Relations Association Conference, June 16-18, 2010, University of Laval, Quebec, Canada.

Bruno, Robert. Presented a book talk on *Justified by Work: Identity and the Meaning of Faith in Chicago’s Working-Class Churches*, at the “Our Daily Work/Our Daily Lives Brown Bag Series” April 16, 2010, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled, “Driven into Poverty: Chicago Taxicab Study of Income, Expenses and Lease Arrangements,” at the United Associations of Labor Educators Conference, March 24-27, 2010, San Diego, California.

Bruno, Robert. Organized and chaired a panel session titled, “Perspectives on the Fight for Labor Law Reform and the Employee Free Choice Act,” LERA 62th Annual Meeting, January 3-5, 2010, Atlanta, Georgia.

Bruno, Robert. Presented a paper titled, “The Social Impact of Taxi Cab Technologies,” LERA 62th Annual Meeting, January 3-5, 2010, Atlanta, Georgia.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation title, “A Study of Illinois’ Majority Interest Petition Provision 2003-2009” at the Public Sector Bargaining in Illinois and Missouri Gateway LERA Chapter Conference, November 4-5, 2009, Collinsville, Illinois

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled, “Steel on Strike: From 1936- to the Present,” at the Labor and Working-Class History Association Conference, May 28-30, 2009, Chicago, Illinois

Bruno, Robert. Chair of a panel titled, “Steelworkers: the Bellwether for America’s 20th Century Workers?” at the Labor and Working-Class History Association Conference, May 28-30, 2009, Chicago, Illinois

Bruno, Robert and Monica Bielski. Presentation titled, “Not Ready to Make Nice”: The Politics of Identity and Why Union Voters Wanted a Class Champion in 2008,” at the

United Associations of Labor Educators Conference, April 16-18, 2009, National Labor College, Silver Springs Maryland.

Bruno, Robert and Monica Bielski. Presentation titled, “Not Ready to Make Nice”: The Politics of Identity and Why Union Voters Wanted a Class Champion in 2008,” at the Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Conference April 2, 2009, Chicago, Illinois.

Bruno, Robert. Organized and chaired a panel session on “Labor and Green Economic Development” at the Second Annual Green Jobs Summit, March 27, 2009, Kennedy-King College, Chicago, Illinois

Bruno, Robert. Organized and chaired a panel session titled, “The Politics and Policy of Better Organizing,” LERA 61th Annual Meeting, January 3-5, 2009, San Francisco, California.

Bruno, Robert. Chaired a panel titled “Neutrality and Card Check Agreements and Voluntary Recognition,” Hot Topics in Contemporary Labor Relations Law Conference, Chicago Kent College of Law, Chicago, Illinois, June 19, 2008.

Bruno, Robert. Served as Commentator on paper presented at The Newberry Library Seminar in Labor History, April 18, 2008.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled, “Evidence of Bias in the Chicago Tribune Coverage of Organized Labor: A Quantitative Study from 1991 to 2001” at the United Associations of Labor Educators Conference, April 8-11, 2008, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Bruno, Robert. Organized panel session titled, “Labor and Community Floor Raising: Revitalizing the American Dream from Below,” LERA 60th Annual Meeting, January 3-6, 2008, New Orleans, La.

Bruno, Robert. Commentator on the “Global Logistics Chain” at the *Consultation on Just Globalization*, Presbyterian Church USA, Cenacle Conference Center, Chicago, Illinois May 11, 2007.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled, “Labor’s Movement of Faith: What Union Members Believe about God,” UALE/AFL-CIO Education Conference, Silver Springs, Maryland, March 8-11, 2007.

Bruno, Robert. Chaired and organized a panel titled “Non-majority Unionism: Why Now? Why Not?” Labor Employment Relations Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, January 4-6, 2007.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled “Representations of Work, the Workplace and Workers in Popular Culture: Entertainment or Ideology?” at the Human Resource Management Seminar, *The Changing Nature Directions of Organized Labor: Its Impact*

on the University of Illinois, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, January 26, 2006.

Bruno, Robert. Participated in a roundtable discussion of “The Present and Future Status of the Steel Industry,” Calumet Heritage Partnership Steel Industry Conference at Governors State College, Chicago, Illinois, October 8, 2005.

Bruno, Robert and Lisa Jordan. Presentation titled, “Do the Organizing Means Determine the Bargaining Ends?” Labor Employment Relations Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 7-8, 2005.

Bruno, Robert. Participated in a roundtable discussion of “Class identity in the United States,” at the Art Institute of Chicago’s *throwing a spin* art exhibition, Chicago, Illinois, October 21, 2004.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled, “Union Building and Professionalism: The Chicago Teachers Union Campaign to Close the Educational ‘Governance Gap’,” United Association of Labor Educators/AFL-CIO Education Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 14-16, 2004.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled “Union Democracy and Teamster Reform,” Teamsters for a Democratic Union Convention, Detroit, Michigan, October 24-26, 2003.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled, “Media Bias in Labor Coverage,” Chicago Labor Education Program Labor and Media Conference, Chicago, Illinois, October 17, 2003.

Bruno, Robert. Participated in a roundtable discussion titled “Beyond Strikes and Scandals: Labor in the Media” at the Community Media Workshop’s Making Media Connections Conference, Chicago, Illinois, June 4, 2003.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled, “USWA Bargained and State Oriented Responses to the Re-Current Steel Crisis.” United Association of Labor Educators/AFL-CIO Education Conference, Bal Harbour, Florida, April 11, 2002.

Bruno, Robert. “Bargaining Through Cooperation: The Impact of Labor Management Teams on Steward Identity and Performance.” Industrial Relations Research Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. January 4-6, 2003.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled “Plumbers Industry Working Project,” at the 8th Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service Labor-Management Conference, Chicago, Illinois, May 29th, 2002.

Bruno, Robert. Presented a teaching workshop titled “The Politics of Confusion: The Rise of the New Right,” United Association of Labor Educators/AFL-CIO Education Conference, Los Angeles, California, April 12, 2002.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled "Plumbers Industry Working Project," Center to Protect Workers' Rights Conference, Silver Springs, Maryland, November 15, 2001.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled "Research Issues in the Construction Industry," Chicago Building Congress Forum, Chicago, Illinois, October 17, 2001.

Bruno, Robert. Participated in a panel discussion about industrial and steelworker culture at the Chicago Guild Complex/Chicago Labor and Arts Festival Event, Chicago, Illinois, July 11, 2001.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled "Teaching Class and Labor Struggles to Workers," Marxist Literary Group, National Conference, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, June 19, 2001.

Bruno, Robert. Presented session titled, "Doing Honest Labor" and gave *Keynote Speech*, "Looking Forward" at Institute for Career Development Ninth National Conference, Chicago, Illinois, June 14-15, 2001.

Bruno, Robert. Invited and participated in a *Special Authors* panel to discuss books on working class identity at the Pacific Sociological Association Conference in San Francisco, California, March 29-31, 2001.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled "Workplace Struggle, Union Democracy and The Politics of Transition." Industrial Relations Research Association Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 3-6, 2001.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled "A Steelworkers' Vision of Lifelong Learning: Evaluating Career Development at Burns Harbor." Institute for Career Development Ninth National Conference, Buffalo, New York, June 7-9, 2000.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled "Bargaining Through Cooperation: The Impact of Labor-Management Teams on Steward Identity and Performance." 7th Biennial Conference of the Bargaining Group; Michigan State University, Lansing, Michigan, May 12 - 13, 2000.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled "A Steelworkers' Vision of Lifelong Learning: Evaluating Career Development at Burns Harbor." Workplace Learning Fifth Annual Conference, Dearborn, Michigan, May 7-9, 2000

Bruno, Robert and Lisa Jordan. Presentation titled "Lean Production and the Discourse of Dissent." American Economics Association Annual Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, January 7, 2000.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled "DaimlerChrysler Small Car Platform and Work Satisfaction." International Research Network on Autowork in the Americas, Wayne State University, Detroit Michigan, November 4-6, 1999.

Bruno, Robert. Presented *Keynote* paper, titled “Voting the New Union Label: Illinois Labor and the Return of Class Politics.” Twenty-First Annual North American Labor History Conference, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, October 21-23, 1999.

Bruno, Robert and Lisa Jordan. Presentation titled “The Big Kissing Affair: Re-Defining the Message and the Language of Resistance.” Working-Class Studies: Class, Identity, and Nation, Youngstown, State University, Youngstown, Ohio, June 9-12, 1999.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled “Democratic Reform of a Teamsters Local and the Impact on Member Representation and Bargaining Outcomes.” Symposium on Union Governance and Democracy, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia, May 7-8, 1999.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled “Class Agency and Voting Your Union Card.” Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 15-17, 1999.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled “Re-Uniting Theory and Practice: Steelworker Interns and the Fight for Economic Justice.” University and College Labor Educators Association/AFL-CIO Education Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, April 8-11, 1999.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled “Work, Citizenship and Democratic Ideals.” Goethe-Institute Conference on the “Future of Work,” University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, October 9, 1998.

Bruno, Robert and Lisa Jordan. Presentation titled “From High Hopes to Disillusionment: The Evolution of Worker Attitudes at Mitsubishi Motors. Work, Employment & Society Conference, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, England, September 14-16, 1998.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled “Contract Campaigns, Union Organizing And Leadership Development: The Case Of Teamster Psychologists.” University and College Labor Educators Association /AFL-CIO Education Conference, San Jose, California, April 30 - May 2, 1998.

Bruno, Robert and Lisa Jordan. Presentation titled “From High Hopes to Disillusionment: The Evolution of Worker Attitudes at Mitsubishi Motors.” 6th Biennial Conference of the Bargaining Group, University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois, May 1 - May 2, 1998.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled “Democratic Presidential Labor Regimes From Truman to Clinton.” Industrial Relations Research Association Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, January 3-5, 1998.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled “Labor at the Ballot Box: Lessons in Populism or New Democratic Thinking.” Northeast Political Science Association Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 12-15, 1997.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled "Using Drama to Bring Working-Class History to Workers." Conference on Working Class Lives/Working Class Studies, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio, June 11-14, 1997.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled "Alternatives to the Strike: Case Studies and Theory Building." Industrial Relations Research Association Spring Conference, New York, New York, April 17-19, 1997.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled "When Striking is Not an Option: The 1992 Utility Workers, Local 1-2 Contract Campaign." Industrial Relations Research Association Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 4-6, 1997.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled "They were too big to fail": Freedom and Determinism in a Steel Mill Town." Eighteenth Annual North American Labor History Conference, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, October 17-19, 1996.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled "Property Rights of Entitlements: The Role of Collective Bargaining in Protecting What Workers Value." 5th Biennial Conference of the Bargaining Group, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 11-12, 1996.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled "A History The Workers Will Hear: *Illinois Labor Works* and the Advance of Consciousness." Southwest Labor Studies Conference, San Francisco, California, February 22-24, 1996.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled "Everyday Construction of Class or Why Christmas Is a Union Holiday." Seventeenth Annual North American Labor History Conference, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, October 18-21, 1995.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled "Who Does the Plant Belong To? Steelworkers and Class Ownership." Conference on Working Class Lives/Working Class Studies; Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio, June 9-11, 1995.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled "The Worker as Legislator" and served as Chairperson for a panel on Working Class Culture." Popular Culture Conference, Popular Culture Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 1995.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled "Working Class Citizenship Beneath the State." New York State Political Science Association; John Jay College, New York, New York, April 1995.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled "Cultural Convergence or How Class Universalizes the Particular: The Story of the Youngstown Steelworkers." Institute for Global Studies in Culture, Power and History, General Seminar, John Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, October 11, 1994.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled "Working Class Culture in Practice: Consciousness and the Implications for Historical Agency." Milton Plesur History Conference, State University at Buffalo, New York, April 30, 1994.

Bruno, Robert. Presentation titled "A Working-Class Construction of Citizenship; Industrial Labor and the Political Community." Fifteenth Annual North American Labor History Conference; Labor, Citizenship, and the State, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, October 14-16, 1993.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

University and College Labor Education Association
Labor and Employment Relation Research Association
Illinois Labor History Society
Labor Research and Action Network

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Current

Serve on WorkFour Advisory Board, 2024-Present.

Serve on the Illinois Full Day Kindergarten Task Force, 2023-Present.

Serve on the University of Illinois at Chicago's Center for Healthy Work's Advisory Committee, 2021- Present.

Co-Editor of *Illinois Public Employee Relations Report*, 2017-Present

Board of Directors, Illinois Economic Policy Institute, 2013-Present

Co-Editor of *Labor Studies Journal*, 2009-Present

Executive Board, Chicago Chapter of the Labor and Employment Relations Association, 2005-Present

Chair of Labor and Employment Relations Research Association, Labor Studies Section, 2003-Present.

Past

Serve as a member of the Advisory Committee of the Illinois Task Force on the Future of Work, 2021-2022.

Served on the Illinois School Board of Education's "Fall 2020 Learning Recommendations Task Force," 2020.

Served on Illinois Governor's JB Pritzker's "Job Creation and Economic Opportunity Transition Committee," 2018.

Served on Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel's "Working Families Task Force," 2016.

Served on the AFL-CIO's "National Advisory Council on Unions and Worker Centers," 2013.

Participant on AFL-CIO "Growth, Innovation and Political Action Convention Committee," 2013.

Participant on "Bargaining for the Future: Rethinking the Labor's Recent Past and Planning Strategically for Its Future," Working Committees at the Kalmanovitz Initiative for Labor and the Working Poor at Georgetown University's, 2013.

Board of Directors, AriseChicago, 2010-2015

Editorial Board of *Labor Studies Journal* and editor of "Innovations," a special section of *Labor Studies Journal*, 2007-2009

Editorial Advisory Board, *Perspectives*, Industrial Relations Research Association, 2004-2006

Co-Chair Chicago Consortium for Working-Class Studies, 2002-2008.