Growing Worker Power: Innovative Organizing Across the Food System

Saturday March 18, 2017, 9AM-4PM.
Room 1700, SFU Harbour Centre, 515 W. Hastings St.
Vancouver, British Columbia, Coast Salish Territories

Organizers: Anelyse Weiler and Gerardo Otero

9am-9:30am Welcome and settling in:
Alexander Dawson, Simon Fraser University, Welcome
Anelyse Weiler, Ice Breaker

Session 1: 9:30am-11:00am Restaurant and Fast-Food Workers
• Gabriela Pechlaner, University of the Fraser Valley, chair
• Geraldina Polanco, University of Waterloo, presenter
• Anthony Peeples, Restaurant Opportunities Center United Chicago, presenter
• Amy Coplen, Portland State University, presenter
• Amy Hanser, University of British Columbia, discussant

11am-11:15am Health break, coffee

Session 2: 11:15-11:45 Agricultural Workers
• Hannah Wittman, University of British Columbia, chair
• Anelyse Weiler, University of Toronto, Justice for Migrant Workers, presenter
• Robyn Bunn, Susana Caxaj, Luis Diaz, Amy Cohen, and Christine Mettler, Radical Action with Migrants in Agriculture, Okanagan, presenters
• Rebecca Fuentes and Kathleen Sexsmith, Worker Justice Center of New York, Workers' Center of Central New York, Cornell University, presenters
• Efe Can Gürcan, Simon Fraser University, discussant

12:45pm-2pm Lunch break

Session 3: 2:00pm-3:15pm Food processing workers and human trafficking discourse
• Jane Pulkingham, Simon Fraser University, chair
• Jill Bucklaschuk, University of Guelph, presenter
• Kendra Strauss, Simon Fraser University, presenter
• Gerardo Otero, Simon Fraser University, discussant

General Discussion (optional) 3:15pm-4:00pm, Gerardo Otero, facilitator