



The Black Men in Unions: North-Meets-South Conference is hosted by Savannah State University Foundation, in collaboration with leaders of the historic Black Men in Unions (BMIU) Institute in Michigan. It will be an educational and organizing experience, bringing together those who led in building equity and inclusion in historic northern labor strongholds, and those engaged today in the struggle for world class worker's rights in the South.

Every participant must select two workshops – Workshop A and Workshop B.

WORKSHOP A: (select one)

- A. Parliamentary Procedures:** All unions have some established processes to govern its meetings. The participants will learn standard parliamentary procedures with people from different union affiliations and many nationalities.
- B. Unionism 101:** What is a union? Why should I go to union meetings? Why should I be involved in the union? These and other questions will be answered in this workshop.
- C. Organizing in the 21st Century:** Organizing is the life blood of all union organizations. This workshop introduces and trains participants to be able to organize in an unofficial capacity.
- D. Grievance Handling:** All union contracts have some form of grievance handling. Participants will learn what grievance handling really is and how it should be handled.

WORKSHOP B: (select one)

1. Contract Language & Negotiations

How to explore, research, bargain and promote a Union contract.

2. Equity, Solidarity and Cultural Awareness

Developing strategies as workers in workplace that is free from all "isms" to create a better world.

Instructor:

3. New Challenges Facing Union Leadership - Post Covid 19

A workshop that will explore the new challenges and opportunities facing Union leadership and communication on strategies in Union governance.

4. Advanced Organizing in the 21st Century

What does organizing really mean? Learn how to be successful at external and internal organizing. How to mobilize around organizing and develop member organizers.

5. Faith, Community, and the Labor Movement

Explore the historical and contemporary struggles related to organizing for workers' rights, religious freedom, and our ecosystem. Participants will discuss the influence of religious institutions and the traditions of faith-based movements in unifying communities and labor rights activists in advancing public policy, human rights, and labor rights in the 21st century labor movement.

6. Building Social Justice Leadership, Developing Worker-Centered Power

The continuing need for grassroots organizing to help communities to fight for their/our human and civil rights; the urgency of diligent efforts to connect that community and movement organizing outside of workplaces with efforts to build worker power inside our workplaces and our unions.

7. Using Technology to Grow the Labor Movement

Harnessing technology to empower and unite workers Exploring how technology will strengthen workers' rights.

8. Global Warming and the Future of Work

Black, Indigenous, and persons of color have historically experienced the first and worst consequences of global warming and its impact on work. This workshop will explore strategies to successfully combat its effect on our communities.

9. Labor History: Tracing the Black Experience

The Union Movement and Civil Rights Movements have historic connections and lessons to be learned.

10. Rightwing Populism, Authoritarianism, and the Future of Organized Labor

The specter of right-wing populism haunts the USA. We have faced irrationalism, an authoritarian administration and a right-wing movement prepared to engage in terrorism, coups, and electoral obstruction. What is the role of organized labor in this unsettled moment? The class will focus on the nature of right-wing populism and the authoritarian danger in the future of democratic principles and organizing workers.

11. Advancing Black Strategist Initiative

A project that seeks a cohort of black economic justice and labor-focused strategists committed to leading, developing, and advancing policies and campaigns that support the collective power-building of working people, particularly in the South.

12. Young Adult Workshop (Future leaders)

This young adult workshop will be any 18-25 years old conference participant that is interested in understanding the direction of the youth in this 21st century labor movement.



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After a successful inaugural Black Men in Unions Institute: North-Meets-South the conference returns to Atlanta, Georgia, February 8-12, 2023.

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The *Black Men in Unions: North-Meets-South Conference* will begin with a commemorative ceremony "Calling Our Ancestors". This year we have added an additional day and a total of 18 hours of labor education.

We would like to extend an invitation to you to join us in this historical conference by placing a commemorative ad in the event souvenir program booklet and/or donating.

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