



Call for Papers
The Texas Center for Working-Class Studies
Sixth Annual Conference

Collin College, Plano Campus
Living Legends Conference Center
Thursday, February 20, 2020

The Texas Center for Working-Class Studies, housed at Collin College, a two-year institution serving Collin County, is pleased to announce a one-day Working-Class Studies conference for interested scholars and students. The conference will consist of panels in a range of disciplines and on a variety of issues related to social class and labor issues, both historical and contemporary. The keynote speaker will be noted scholar Barbara Jensen, author of *Reading Classes: On Culture and Classism in America*. Jensen, also a licensed community and counseling psychologist, has been examining and teaching about working-class cultures and classism for over thirty years. A founding mother and past president of the Working-Class Studies Association, Jensen has been instrumental in establishing and building the field of Working-Class Studies in the United States.

Conference organizers invite scholars from all disciplines to take part in this conference and submit proposals for individual papers, full sessions, roundtables, or workshops. Graduate and undergraduate students, in particular, are encouraged to submit their work.

Potential topics might include:

- Working-Class Literature
- The Worker and the Modern Workplace
- Understanding Working-Class Studies
- The Future of Working-Class Studies
- Working-Class History
- Connections among Race, Class, and/or Gender
- Class Representations in the Media and Popular Culture
- The Complexity of Social Class
- The Pedagogy of Social Class

Those interested should submit an abstract of no more than 150 words to Digital Commons@Collin (<http://digitalcommons.collin.edu/txcwcs/>) by **Friday, November 15, 2019**. For more information, please contact Dr. Lisa A. Kirby, Director of the Texas Center for Working-Class Studies and Professor of English, at LKirby@collin.edu.