



**How Class Works Conference /Provost's Lecture Series hosting Larry Cohen  
on Thursday, June 3**

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To: Faculty and Staff

Dear Colleagues,

Please join us for the final event of our Spring 2010 Provost's Lecture Series. We are honored to welcome Larry Cohen, President of the Communications Workers of America (CWA), on Thursday, June 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Activities Center, Ballroom B. Larry will speak on "Economic Crisis, Political Paralysis: What's the Working Class to Do?" His lecture is the opening plenary session of the How Class Works Conference held from June 3 - 5, 2010, and hosted by the Center for Study of Working Class Life.

Since his election as president of the 700,000 member CWA in 2005, Larry Cohen has transformed the budgeting system of the union, giving districts and sectors greater flexibility while establishing clear accountability. He has built a highly respected and successful organizing program within CWA and has developed new strategies to help workers gain union representation in a broad range of sectors. He has worked to expand CWA, now representing workers in information technology and communications, print and broadcast media and publishing, health care, education and public workers, manufacturing and the airline industry. On the international scene, Cohen has expanded alliances with CWA's counterpart unions in Asia, Europe, and Latin America. In 2001, he was elected president of the Union Network International Telecom Sector, serving until 2007.

We are excited to host Larry Cohen, one of the most visionary and effective leaders in the labor movement. This lecture is open to the public and seating is limited, so please do arrive early. Feel free to pass along this invitation to students, colleagues, and members of your local community. For more information on the How Class Works Conference, please visit: [www.stonybrook.edu/workingclass](http://www.stonybrook.edu/workingclass)

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