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Workers' Memorial Day in Los Angeles

On campus:

Over 100 students, staff and faculty attended UCLA-LOSH's first Workers' Memorial Day event on campus. "I had no idea thousands of workers die on the job every year," remarked James Resos. "It's something you never hear about." Resos, a student in the public health class taught by UCLA-LOSH Director Linda Delp, helped organize the campus event.

UCLA Center for Health Policy Research Director E. Richard Brown linked the New York Triangle Shirtwaist Fire, which killed 146 mostly young, immigrant garment workers 100 years ago, to groundbreaking public health and labor reforms and the critical need to protect them today. Panelists Luz Elena Oseguera and Chloe Osmer from LA's CLEAN carwash campaign, Altagracia Garcia from the Domestic Worker Coalition, Ricardo Hidalgo from the Teamsters and Sabrina Bornstein from the Don't Waste LA campaign highlighted innovative campaigns to improve conditions for immigrant workers today. "We are committed to protecting the health of all workers in the state," asserted keynote speaker Ellen Widess,



Photos of Fallen California Workers Make Statistics a Reality

at her first public appearance as newly appointed Chief of Cal/OSHA. On the 40th anniversary of OSHA, she stressed the challenges of meeting the needs of California's large workforce, which has grown by 2.8 million since 1994 while the number of inspectors has remained constant, and the importance of campaigns in Southern California (*see the recent IRLE-LOSH Policy Brief*). The event was cosponsored by the Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, the Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, the Center for Health Policy Research and the School of Public Health, and endorsed by the History Department and the Education and Research Center.

In the community:

"One of the hardest things for a mother is to lose her son... and it is even harder when it is so needless." Julie Butcher, long-time Los Angeles labor leader, called for action to stop the violence that killed her son Matthew, who was shot during a robbery of the medical marijuana dispensary where he worked. A crowd of more than 200 gathered at UCLA's Downtown Labor Center at the annual event sponsored by SoCalCOSH and UCLA-LOSH. They heard moving testimony from Julie and from the sons of Martimiano Carreon Morales, who paid tribute to his life and his work. *(continued on page 3)*

Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis Visits Southern California



U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis with LOSH Staff

We were honored to organize Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis' visit to a SoCal recycling facility to kick off a nationwide campaign to prevent heat-related illness and

fatalities as we head into the summer season. Solis stressed the importance of labor-management collaboration as she toured the large Material Recycling Facility and Transfer Station in Anaheim where workers sort products that move rapidly along conveyor belts near looming piles of trash collected from the huge metropolitan region. "We need green jobs," Solis asserted, "to recycle our products instead of sending them to landfills. But we must be sure those green jobs are also safe jobs." She stressed employers' responsibility to provide "Water, shade, and rest," themes from [California's heat illness prevention regulation and educational campaign](#).

UCLA-LOSH continues to work with our partners at UCB-LOHP and the Department of Industrial Relations on this year's heat campaign. We are scheduling *Train the Trainer* programs throughout the region and, through our Susan Harwood OSHA grant, expanding our work in the waste/recycling industry in LA and Orange Counties to make the Secretary's dream a reality.

Preventing Indoor Heat Illness in the California Desert

A new contract between the ILWU and Rite Aid goes beyond the requirements of Cal/OSHA's outdoor heat illness prevention regulation. Groundbreaking language protects some 500 warehouse workers from indoor heat in a region where temperatures can soar to well over 100 degrees. Workers had previously attended the 2009 Workers' Memorial Day event, concerned that heat had

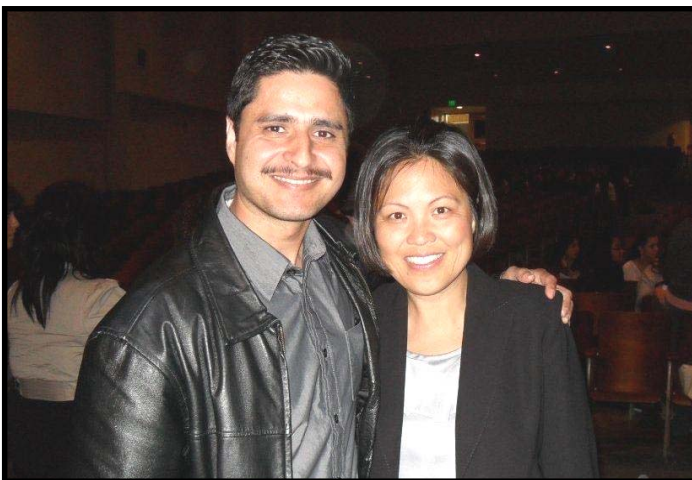
contributed to the death of a co-worker. LOSH staff met with workers and trained the negotiating team about heat illness, facilitating an action plan that led to contract language to monitor for heat and humidity, educate workers, provide access to water, and create an emergency medical care program. LOSH will continue to assist with labor-management efforts to create and maintain an effective program.

Welcome New LOSH Staff

We welcome new LOSH staff as we embark on major new initiatives.

- Tanya Akel: Educator and OSHA-Harwood Grant Project Manager
- Katy McNamara: LOSH Industrial Hygienist
- Samantha Quintero: Green Jobs Coordinator
- Fernando Tapia: Coordinator, Worker Occupational Safety and Health Training and Education Program (WOSHTEP)
- Flor Vasquez: WOSHTEP Administrative Specialist

See the [LOSH website](#) for additional information.



**Chief, Division of Labor Standards and Enforcement
Julie Su with new LOSH Staff**

Workers Memorial Day in Los Angeles (cont.)



Cal/OSHA Chief Ellen Widess and 2011 WMD Staff

Pulled into a wood chipper while clearing brush, he died despite valiant efforts by his son to rescue him. Mr. Morales is featured on the 2011 Workers' Memorial Day poster, created by Ernesto Yerena, and available from SoCalCOSH. This year's event, cosponsored with

SoCalCOSH, also featured keynote speaker Ellen Widess, Chief of Cal/OSHA, representatives from the Warehouse Workers United, SEIU 1877, Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice, and Labor Center staff Kent Wong and Victor Narro.



A Oaxacan Band Leads the Symbolic Funeral Procession

Good, Green, Safe Jobs

UCLA-LOSH is proud to receive a highly competitive minority worker training award from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS). Together with LA City and our workforce development partners, LOSH trained the first cohort of 40 workers in a comprehensive training program as part of the LA Green Building Retrofit and Workforce Development Program. Workers learned to identify potential hazards and use protective

equipment; they also learned principles of green jobs and environmental justice as they toured LA's toxic hot spots and green buildings with staff from Communities for a Better Environment and Tree People. "We worked hard to pass the Ordinance to create a sustainable program for LA workers and the community and want to see this program grow in LA and across the region," said Elsa Barboza, with SCOPE and the LA Apollo Alliance.

Women, Work and Health



Day of the Dead Altar Created for the 5th Congresso

"Women's Hidden Work", the opening article of a special journal issue, highlights recent organizing, research and

policy initiatives with health care, domestic, maquila and agricultural workers. Contributions from Brazil and Bolivia, from Mexico, the U.S. and Canada, and from Spain illustrate "...the persistence of gender inequality in paid and unpaid work, the disproportionate impact of work on key groups of women such as immigrant workers, the increasingly global reach of corporations and their production demands, and the threats facing women workers and consumers as critical government-funded health and social services are subject to escalating attacks." The articles emerged from the 5th International Congress on Women, Worker and Health in Zacatecas, Mexico and were edited by a tri-national team for the journal *New Solutions*.

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The **UCLA Labor Occupational Safety and Health (LOSH) Program** is a nationally recognized center with a special emphasis on serving the Southern California workforce. LOSH provides bi-lingual (English-Spanish) occupational health and safety education programs in the community; teaches UCLA courses; researches the conditions of immigrant, low-wage and young workers who are disproportionately impacted by job hazards; and provides input into public policies to improve worker health and safety.

LOSH is part of UCLA's Institute for Research on Labor and Employment (IRLE) within the College of Letters and Science and the Center for Occupational and Environmental Health (COEH) within the School of Public Health. Founded in 1978 and now celebrating more than 30 years of service, LOSH has established a strong presence in Southern California, with ties to local and international labor unions, community groups, schools, local and state governmental agencies, and community health providers.

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