## **NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Southwest Labor Studies Association Conference. The meeting will take place at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, on April 24–26, 1998. "Organizing: Past, Present, and Future" is the conference theme. Panels will examine working-class culture and activism, international labor movements, regional labor organizing, and the relationship between labor and the academy. Information: Kathleen A. Brown, Dept. of History, St. Edward's University, 3001 South Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78704 USA; e-mail kathyb@admin.stedwards.edu.

Work, Difference, and Social Change. The conference, scheduled for May 8–10, 1998, at State University of New York, Binghamton, will occur on the twentieth anniversary of Binghamton's "New Directions in the Labor Process" conference, which set agendas for a generation of research on relationships between class, gender, race, and the organization of production. Participants will include Edna Bonacich, Michael Burawoy, Bryan Palmer, and Erik Olin Wright; topics will include "Production, Reproduction, and Households"; "Work, Work Space, and Work Time"; and "Environmental Justice: Ecology, Labor, and Politics." Information: Conference Committee, Department of Sociology, SUNY–Binghamton, Binghamton, NY 13902-6000 USA; phone (607) 777-2585; fax (607) 777-4197; e-mail pkraft@binghamton.edu.

Radical Cultures, 1815–1851: From Romanticism to Victorianism? The conference (July 13–15, 1998) will be held at the Leeds Centre for Victorian Studies at Trinity and All Saints College. Papers by Isobel Armstrong, Drummond Bone, Malcolm Chase, Rebecca Scot, Dror Wahrman, and others will examine shifts in mentality, cultural practice, and material condition in Britain over these years. Information: Martin Hewitt, Leeds Centre for Victorian Studies, Trinity and All Saints, Brownberrie Lane, Leeds, LS18 5HD UK; phone (0)113 283–7231; e-mail M.Hewitt@tasc.ac.uk.

Making History, Constructing "Race." The conference (October 23–25, 1998) will gather historians and other scholars of race to the University of Victoria to share theoretical and empirical research on the construction, contexts, and effects of race. Information: "Making History, Constructing Race Conference," Dept. of History, University of Victoria, P.O. Box 3045, Victoria, BC, V8W 3P4 Canada; fax (250) 721-8772; e-mail pahonen @uvic.ca; World Wide Web http://web.uvic.ca/~pahonen/MRCH.html.