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## **Call for Papers:** Writing Across the Peninsula (WAP) Conference

Thursday, October 24-Saturday, October 26, 2013

Michigan Technological University

Department of Humanities

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### **Conference Title**

Revolutionary 'Riting:

Working-class Perspectives and the 1913-14 Michigan Copper Strike

### **Conference Themes**

1913-14 Michigan Copper Strike, working-class student writers, classrooms, and communities; new approaches to writing; women, writing, and the working-class; and writing/working across the disciplines

Michigan's Upper Peninsula has a storied working-class heritage and has been the setting for numerous passionate clashes between workers and management. One of the most significant of these conflicts was the nine-month long 1913-14 Michigan Copper Strike. As Michigan's Copper Country pauses to reflect on the centennial of this labor action in 2013, the fourth annual WAP Conference will consider one of the most important expressions of working-class heritage: WRITING.

From articles in union newspapers to diaries of domestics to the treatment of working-class immigrant children in "English" classrooms, the effect of "class" on writers is significant. The 2013 WAP Conference will reflect upon and add to the local, regional, national, and international examinations of these crucial intersections between writing and the working-class.

### **Features**

- Co-sponsor Michigan State University Press has agreed to publish proceedings of the conference and winners of the 2013 WAP Conference Attendee Writing Contest in one volume
- Keynote Dr. Dana Cloud, PhD in Rhetorical Studies, and current Professor of Communication Studies, University of Texas-Austin, will discuss writing her latest book ***We Are the Union***, Univ. of Illinois Press
- Friday night "Working-class Film Festival" with filmmakers from New York, Canada, and Michigan

### **Presentation Formats**

- Individual presentations of no more than fifteen minutes by one speaker
- Panel presentations of three to five people for thirty minutes

### **Submission Procedure**

A proposal that includes the title of presentation, individual or panel members' names, institutional affiliation, and contact information, which heads a 300 words (or less) narrative description of the presentation(s) that details how the topic is relevant to a single 2013 WAP Conference theme.

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**Please submit proposals as email attachments in a Word or Open Office document to [2013wap@gmail.com](mailto:2013wap@gmail.com) by **May 1, 2013**; questions re: WAP 2013 to [gakaunon@mtu.edu](mailto:gakaunon@mtu.edu)**

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