

Study at the Murphy Institute: Progress for New York. Progress for you!

- **Advocate** for labor rights, stronger communities, and social justice
- **Explore** the dynamics of urban life, and community and labor organizations
- **Prepare** to become an effective agent of change
- **Advance** your professional and personal goals in a supportive environment and expand your career options

The **Murphy Institute** at CUNY/SPS was created to support working adults, union members, and traditional-aged students as they attain their educational goals. We're also a resource center to labor, academic, and community leaders seeking a deeper understanding of labor and urban issues. Our programs encompass four main areas:

Urban and Community Studies

Urban Studies draws on the traditions of political science, economics, sociology, history, public policy, and public administration to examine cities and the urban experience. We offer both theoretical and practical approaches to the field and provide a strong emphasis on the importance of cities and the value of urban policy that reflects the needs of all city dwellers.

Labor Studies

Labor Studies draws from the traditions of political science, sociology, history, economics, law, and industrial relations to examine the world of work, workers and worker organizations. We offer both a theoretical and a practical approach to the field.

Worker Education/Workforce Development

The Murphy Institute collaborates with CUNY colleges, unions, and labor-management education funds to offer college programs that meet both the educational needs of workers and workforce development sectors. These programs provide workers with the intellectual and technical skills they need for occupational advancement.

The Labor Center

The Center brings together union activists, academics, & community leaders to focus on issues & policies that impact workers & their communities. The Center conducts research & publishes articles, books, and the journal, *New Labor Forum*. It holds monthly forums, national conferences, offers educational & leadership development programs, & provides venues for dialogue and debate on issues of particular concern to working-class communities.

Our Academic Programs:

- **M.A. Urban Studies:** -Courses in social and economic policy, urban theory, political economy, & social science methods. Specializations in Public Administration, Health Care Policy, & Urban Workforce
- **B.A Urban & Community Studies:** -Courses in social movements, urban policy, & community organizing. Concentrations in Urban Studies, Community Studies, & Labor Studies
- **Certificates in Public Admin. & Health Care Policy** -Available at the graduate (12 credits) and undergraduate (16 credits) levels

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- **M.A. in Labor Studies:** -Courses include globalization, organizing and labor history and labor law
- **Certificates in Labor Relations/Studies:** -Available at the graduate (12 credits) and undergraduate (16 credits) levels, Undergraduate Labor Relations in partnership with Cornell School of Industrial and Labor Relations
- **Union Semester Internship:** -Intern with a union or worker organization with stipend, Labor Studies classes (16 credits)
- **Center for Worker Education at Queens College** -Provides opportunities for workers and union members to enroll in academic programs offered at Queens College with additional student support services
- **CUNY –wide Leap to Teacher Program:** -LEAP to Teacher is a program that enables working paraprofessionals for the NYCDOE to advance their careers in teaching or any other field of study. It is offered at Queens College, Lehman College, Brooklyn College and the College of Staten Island
- **Community Semester:** -Introduces a new generation of students to community organizing in NYC and trains the next generation of community leaders to create and advocate for urban policy innovations that address real community needs

Full Time Faculty:

Kafui Attoh, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Urban Studies, is a geographer focusing on transit’s role in the political economy of cities, the livelihoods of the transportation disadvantaged, and the role of urban social movements (including the labor movement and the Right to the City movement) in shaping mass transit policy. His work has appeared in *Progress in Human Geography*, *New Labor Forum*, *The Journal of Cultural Geography*, *Urban Studies*, *Antipode*, and *Space and Polity*.

Michael Javen Fortner, Ph.D., is Assistant Professor and the Academic Director of Urban Studies. His work studies the intersection of American political development and political philosophy—particularly in the areas of race, ethnicity, and class. He co-edited a volume on city politics, *Urban Citizenship and American Democracy: The Historical and Institutional Roots of Local Politics and Policy* (SUNY Press, Forthcoming). He is also the author of *Black Silent Majority: Urban Politics and the Rockefeller Drug Laws* (Harvard University Press, Forthcoming).

Penny Lewis, Ph.D., is the Academic Director of Labor Studies Programs and an Assistant Professor of Labor Studies, specializing in social movements. She is an officer of the CUNY faculty union and is the author of *Hardhats, Hippies, and Hawks: The Vietnam Antiwar Movement as Myth and Memory*.

Stephanie Luce, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Labor Studies, has earned international recognition for her research on low-wage work. She is active in living wage campaigns and is researching the prospects for a regional wage floor in Asia. She is the author of *Fighting for a Living Wage*; and *Labor Movements in a Global World*.

Ruth Milkman, Ph.D. is the Research Director of the Murphy Institute and a Professor of Sociology at the CUNY Graduate Center. Her distinguished publications include: *Gender at Work*; *L.A. Story: Immigrant Workers and the Future of the U.S. Labor Movement*; *Unfinished Business: Paid Family Leave in California*; and *New Labor in New York*.

Ed Ott, Distinguished Lecturer in Labor Studies, has 40 years of labor experience, most recently as Executive Director of the New York City Central Labor Council. He is co-editor of the 2014 book *New Labor in New York*.

Additional faculty includes experienced practitioners such as labor lawyers, policy specialists, government leaders, social activists, and researchers.

To get more information or to apply, please contact a Murphy Institute representative:

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