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CA Labor Course Particularly Relevant In Light of Recent Actions by Governor

West Los Angeles College, with the support of the Dolores Huerta Labor Institute has added a new course exploring the social and political history of working people in California through films, literature and poetry. The course, "English 275: California Literature in the California Labor Movement" is offered online and begins September 2, 2008.

"This course is particularly relevant in today's environment. The labor movement in California continues to face enormous obstacles," said Bruce Lebedoff Anders, WLAC Faculty Member. Anders was referring to the Governors recent actions taken in the midst of a stalemate with the legislature over the State budget, firing 10,000 part-time and temporary state workers and unilaterally reducing the pay of others to the Federal minimum wage. Additionally, he added, is the challenge faced by the inclusion and/or exclusion of undocumented workers.

The Dolores Huerta Labor Institute which aided in the development of the course is named after United Farm Workers Co-Founder Dolores Huerta. Huerta revolutionized the labor movement in the 1960's using tactics of non-violence and ultimately dedicating her life to the struggle for justice, dignity and a decent standard of living for one of our countries most exploited groups, farm workers. Today she serves as President of the Dolores Huerta Foundation

West Los Angeles College, a community college on Overland two blocks south of Jefferson, has been providing excellent university transfer and career training programs to the community for nearly 40 years. It is a recognized leader among Los Angeles community colleges in offering quality online courses. For more information on West, visit www.wlaac.edu. For more information on the course, contact Prof. Anders at (310) 287-4301.

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