**Title:** Comparative political economy of work  
**Author:** Marco Hauptmeier and Matt Vidal (eds.)  
**Pub Info:** Palgrave Macmillan, 2014  
**Subject:** Work--Political aspects  
Work--Social aspects  
**Call No:** HD4904.C66  
**Excerpt:** “We argue that comparative political economy has focused on institutional difference to the neglect of systemic capitalist processes, and on macro- and meso-level institutions to the neglect of the micro level, including labour process dynamics.”

**Title:** Consuming work: youth labor in America  
**Author:** Yasemin Besen-Cassino  
**Pub Info:** Temple University Press, 2014  
**Subject:** Youth -- Employment -- United States  
Part-time employment -- United States  
Youth -- United States -- Social conditions  
**Call No:** HD6273.B47  
**Excerpt:** “In this book, I aim to answer why youth choose to work in the United States while they are in school, from their perspective. The goal is to offer a sociological answer to the question of youth employment rather than reduce social behavior to a matter of economic gratification.”

**Title:** The Europeanization of workplace pensions: economic interests, social protection, and credible signaling  
**Author:** Alexandra Hennessy  
**Pub Info:** Cambridge University Press, 2014  
**Subject:** Pensions—European Union countries  
**Call No:** HD7091.H46  
**Excerpt:** “We show that the EU influences national pension policy choices, and that national pension regimes have shaped the European single pension market. Pension policy developments at the national and EU levels are linked in two ways: debt and deficit constraining treaties, such as the Maastricht Treaty, exert pressure ‘from above,’ compelling European governments to overhaul their costly public pension systems.”

**Title:** Financialization, new investment funds, and labour: an international comparison  
**Author:** Howard Gospel, Andrew Pendleton, and Sigurt Vitols (eds.)  
**Pub Info:** Oxford University Press, 2014  
**Subject:** Mutual funds -- Social aspects -- Cross-cultural studies  
Corporations -- Finance – Social aspects -- Cross-cultural studies  
**Call No:** HG4530.F56  
**Excerpt:** “This book focuses on the impact of new investment funds on labour and employment and evaluates the contention that these funds have secured returns at the expense of labour. We present the results of a programme of research which brought together scholars from a range of countries to assess the effects of investment funds on employment work, and industrial relations.”

**Title:** Fueling the Gilded Age: railroads, miners, and disorder in Pennsylvania Coal Country  
**Author:** Andrew B. Arnold  
**Pub Info:** New York University Press, 2014  
**Subject:** Coal miners  
Labor unions
“Coal production and distribution were unautomated, unmechanical, and unorganized. Coal miners dug coal out of the earth one lump at a time. Railroad managers, coal operators, and coal miners all tried and failed to bring order to the coal industry. The story of coal explains The Gilded Age triumphs from their least glamorous perspective.”

Title: *Indispensable and other myths: why the CEO pay experiment failed and how to fix it*
Author: Michael B. Dorff
Pub Info: University of California Press, 2014
Subject: Chief executive officers -- Salaries, etc.
Executives – Salaries, etc. -- United States
Compensation management - -United States

“Our faith in corporations seems especially well placed when they are negotiating their CEOs’ payment packages. What could be a more important decision than how a company motivates its leader? Surely with so much at stake, and with so much sophistication and intelligence applied to the task, corporations and their CEOs must negotiate the most effective and efficient compensation packages possible, designed to inspire just the right actions.”

Title: *Introduction to labor law, 3rd ed.*
Author: Michael Evan Gold
Pub Info: ILR Press, 2014
Subject: Labor laws and legislation -- United States

“Most Americans believe that legislatures make the law and that courts apply the law to individual cases. As any lawyer well knows, this belief is more false than true. It is somewhat true because legislatures do enact statutes, which the courts interpret and apply. But the belief is false because most law is actually made by the courts and by administrative agencies of the National Labor Relations Board.”

Title: *Labor relations in the public sector, 5th ed.*
Author: Richard C. Kearney and Patrice M. Mareschal
Pub Info: CRC Press, 2014
Subject: Collective bargaining -- Government employees -- United States
Employee-management relations in government -- United States

“The strategic choices made – and not made – by union leaders have contributed to union decline. Some critical choices made decades ago, including the rejection of ideological approaches to labor’s relationship to government and the failure to mount a labor party to compete for a legitimate voice in government, have debilitated labor’s political power and influence today.”

Title: *Missing class: strengthening social movement groups by seeing class cultures*
Author: Betsy Leondar-Wright
Pub Info: ILR Press, 2014
Subject: Social classes--United States
Social movements--United States
Speech and social status--United States
Class consciousness-- United States
Intercultural communication-- United States

“Class-culture differences often hamper movement buildings in ways more subtle than outright interclass clashes or misunderstandings. Lack of class awareness prevents activists from noticing how class dynamics play out and so keeps them from effectively bridging class differences.”
**Title:** Mobilizing against inequality: unions, immigrant workers, and the crisis of capitalism  
**Author:** Lee H. Adler, Maite Tapia, & Lowell Turner (eds.)  
**Pub Info:** ILR Press, 2014  
**Subject:** Foreign workers -- Labor unions -- Organizing -- Case studies  
Minority labor union members -- Case studies  
Labor movement -- Case studies  
**Call No:** HD6490.R2 M63  
**Excerpt:** “Labor markets in the Global North today have reached new levels of fragmentation, stagnant in the middle, with expanding low-wage workforces not benefiting from any kind of collective representation.”

**Title:** The National Federation of Women Workers, 1906-1921  
**Author:** Cathy Hunt  
**Pub Info:** Palgrave Macmillan, 2014  
**Subject:** Labor unions -- Great Britain -- History  
Labor unions -- Political activity -- Great Britain -- History  
**Call No:** HD6079.2.G7 H86  
**Excerpt:** “With a lifespan of just 15 years and a membership that, at its height, represented at very best no more than 10 percent of all organized women and 2 percent of all working women, historians examining late 19th and early 20th century trade unions could perhaps be forgiven for either affording it little space in their work or omitting it altogether.”

**Title:** The next crash: how short-term profit seeking trumps airline safety  
**Author:** Amy L. Fraher  
**Pub Info:** ILR Press, 2014  
**Subject:** Aeronautics -- United States -- Safety measures -- Finance  
Aircraft accidents -- United States -- Prevention -- Finance  
Airlines -- Employees -- Salaries, etc. -- United States  
Airlines -- United States -- Finance  
**Call No:** HE9803.A5 F73  
**Excerpt:** “Cutting across several business disciplines including corporate social responsibility, ethics, leadership, sustainability, and organization studies, I adopt a critical theory approach to question the wisdom of accepting the virtue of management as self-evident or unproblematic, and to challenge managers’ single-minded pursuit of short-term profits above all else.”

**Title:** Revolutionizing retail: workers, political action, and social change  
**Author:** Kendra Coulter  
**Pub Info:** Palgrave Macmillan, 2014  
**Subject:** Retail trade -- Employees  
Labor movement  
Social change  
**Call No:** HD8039.M39 C68  
**Excerpt:** “Retail workers’ voices are essential to understanding the realities of retail work, including its challenges and possibilities, and the potential for transforming the sector. Frontline workers’ perspectives are enlisted throughout this text and provide insightful, valuable data.”

**Title:** Save our unions: dispatches from a movement in distress  
**Author:** Steve Early  
**Pub Info:** Monthly Review Press, 2013  
**Subject:** Labor unions -- United States  
Labor -- United States  
Industrial relations -- United States  
Strikes and lockouts -- United States
“Now, as in the past, the best starting point for broader labor revitalization is not pie-in-the-sky blueprints that have little connection to current reality. Rather, it’s the actual worker organizing and strike activity that defies recent labor-relations trends and demonstrates, by example, that another way is possible.”

>Title: Time, work and leisure: life changes in England since 1700
>Author: Hugh Cunningham
>Pub Info: Manchester University Press, 2014
>Subject: Leisure -- England -- History
>Work-life balance -- England -- History
>England -- Social conditions

“The politics of time, particularly for leisure, intermesh with those of space, for somewhere to spend it. Time is also bound up with class and the power relationships that go with it for the legitimacy of ways of spending time has never been free of legal, governmental and cultural constraints.”

>Title: What works for workers? Public policies and innovative strategies for low-wage workers
>Author: Stephanie Luce, Jennifer Luff, Joseph A. McCartin & Ruth Milkman
>Pub Info: Russell Sage Foundation, 2014
>Subject: Unskilled labor--United States
>Working poor--United States
>Minimum wage--United States
>Labor policy--United States

“The fluidity of labor markets and ‘flexible’ work can pose methodological challenges; policymakers and scholars, for instance, do not have a consensus definition of what counts as ‘low-wage work’ or agreement on what the primary target of public policy should be.”

>Title: Workers and labour in a globalized capitalism: contemporary themes and theoretical issues
>Author: Maurizio Atzeni (ed.)
>Pub Info: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014
>Subject: Labor and globalization
>Capitalism

“Considering the renewed importance of labour and workers studies, the aim of this book is relatively straightforward: to provide a comprehensive set of theories, themes and issues coming from different disciplines that can help reflect upon the centrality of labour within the contemporary process of globalization.”