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## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** All ILWU Locals and Affiliates  
**FROM:** Edwin R. Ferris, International Secretary-Treasurer  
**SUBJECT:** ILWU Educational Webinar Series  
**DATE:** August 31, 2026

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On behalf of the ILWU Titled Officers, I am pleased to announce that the ILWU will be hosting a webinar series as part of our leadership education program. These webinars provide an accessible way to learn more about your union's history and structure and will feature officers, historians, and rank-and-file activists. ***Attendance in at least one of our educational webinars will be a prerequisite to attend the next ILWU Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) Conference.***

The webinars will run from 6-7:30 PM via Zoom and are open to people within the ILWU family, with priority given to active members. Webinar topics and dates are listed below:

**Harry Bridges and the Origins of the ILWU** Thursday, October 1, 2026

**How Our Union Works** Wednesday, November 4, 2026

**ILWU Solidarity: The Ten-Year Anniversary of Standing Rock** Wednesday, December 6, 2026

**The ILWU's Culture of Union Solidarity: The Story of Len Greer** Tuesday, January 5, 2027

**Ah Quon McElrath: The Struggle Never Ends** Tuesday, February 2, 2027

Those interested in attending may register online at <https://www.ILWU.org/Education>.

***Attendees must register separately for each webinar they wish to participate in. Please register online for webinars no later than one day prior to the session you wish to attend.*** Questions may be addressed to Educational Services Director Robin Walker at [robin.walker@ilwu.org](mailto:robin.walker@ilwu.org).

***Please register online at [www.ILWU.org/Education](http://www.ILWU.org/Education)***

# ILWU WEBINAR SERIES



**THURS. OCTOBER 1ST**

## **Harry Bridges and the Origins of the ILWU**

Discussion with Historian Robert Cherny, author of *Harry Bridges, Labor Radical, Labor Legend*

**WEDS. NOVEMBER 4TH**

## **How Our Union Works**

The ILWU's structure and Democratic Process with International Secretary-Treasurer Ed Ferris

**WEDS. DECEMBER 2ND**

## **ILWU Solidarity: The 10 Year Anniversary of Standing Rock**

ILWU Activists share their experience in support of the Standing Rock Sioux

**TUES. JANUARY 5TH**

## **The ILWU's Culture of Union Solidarity: The Story of Len Greer**

A conversation with historians Andrew Klein and Al Broussard

**TUES. FEBRUARY 2ND**

## **Ah Quon McElrath: The Struggle Never Ends**

Documentary film screening and conversation with filmmakers Victoria Kneubuhl and Joy Chong-Stannard

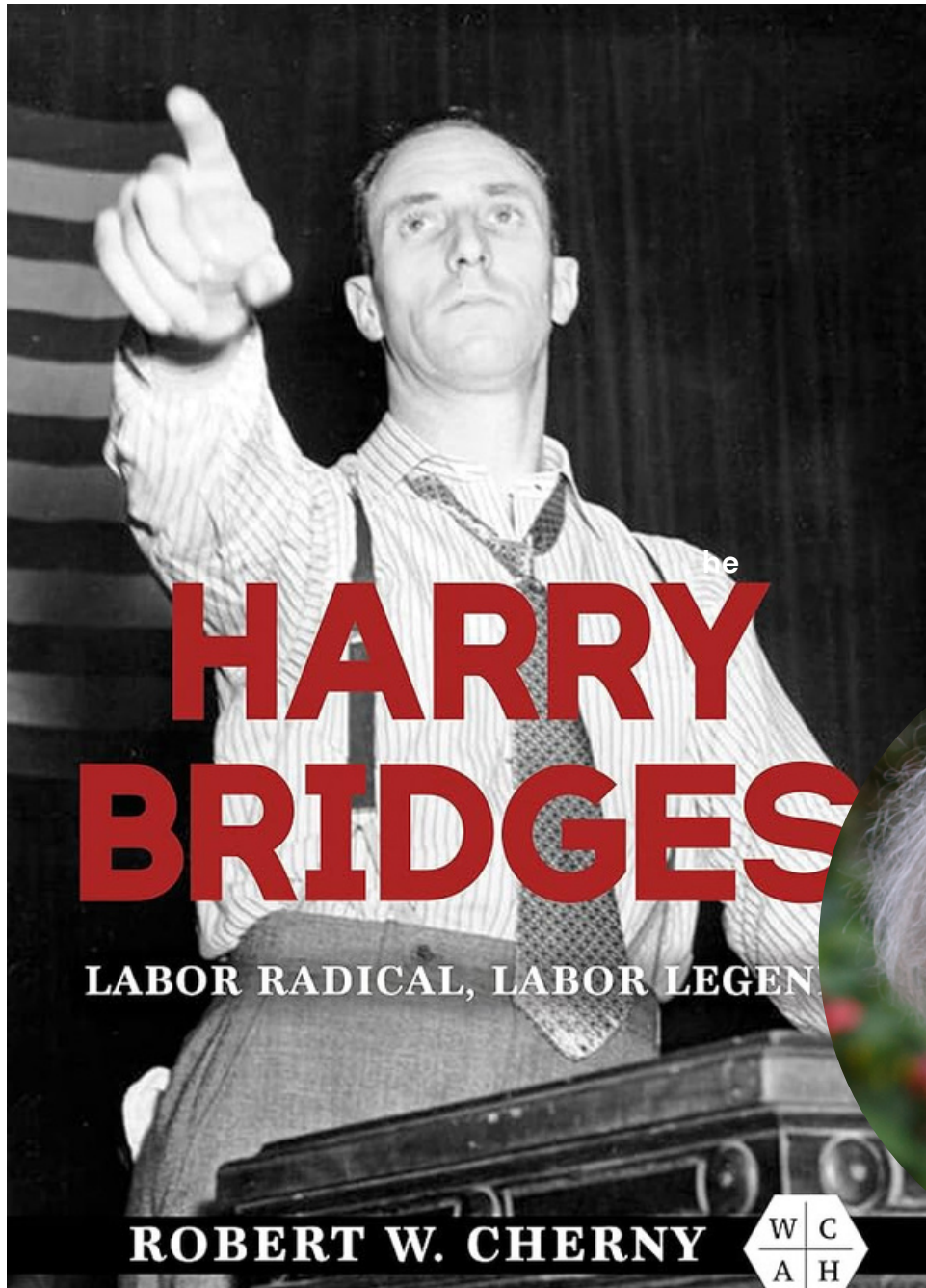
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ILWU Educational Webinar Series

# Harry Bridges and the Origins of the ILWU

with Historian Robert Cherny, author of  
*Harry Bridges: Labor Radical, Labor Legend*

Thursday,  
October 1, 2026  
6-7:30 PM PST



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ILWU Educational Webinar Series

# How Our Union Works

**The ILWU's Structure and Democratic Process  
with International Secretary-Treasurer Ed Ferris**



**International Longshore & Warehouse Union**

**Wednesday, November 4, 2026**

**6-7:30 PM PST**

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ILWU Educational Webinar Series

# **ILWU Solidarity: The 10 Year Anniversary of Standing Rock**

Rank and File ILWU activists talk about their support to the  
Standing Rock Sioux in their fight against the Dakota Access  
Pipeline

**Wednesday, December 2, 2026  
6-7:30 PM PST**



# **WATER IS LIFE**

Defend the Sacred

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ILWU Educational Webinar Series

# **The ILWU's Culture of Union Solidarity: The Story of Len Greer**

with Historians Al Broussard and Andrew Klein

**Tuesday, January 5, 2027**

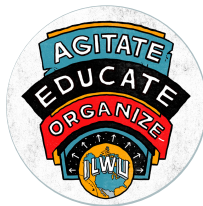
**6-7:30 PM PST**



**Greer, (right) meeting with ILWU International Vice  
President Bill Chester**



**Al Broussard**



**Andrew Klein**

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ILWU Educational Webinar Series

# Ah Quon McElrath: The Struggle Never Ends

Documentary film screening

Watch this incredible story about a labor leader and social justice activist who dedicated her life to the ILWU as a social worker for ILWU Local 142 in Hawaii



**Tuesday  
February 2, 2027  
6-7:30 PM PST**

Film will be followed by Q&A  
with filmmakers Victoria  
Kneubuhl and Joy Chong-  
Stannard



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