The responsibility of the state described by Plato, the contracts written by Shakespeare's Shylock, or the works delving into the plight of modern laborers all explore the intersections between Literature and Law. This conference will explore the way that literary renderings of labor concerns, broadly defined, have responded to or have influenced the law.

The 2015 John Jay College of Criminal Justice's Law and Literature Conference is especially interested in the following areas although all submissions will be considered.

- Slavery and the Law
- Armed Services (including mandatory national service/conscription/drafts) and military law
- Contract workers (day laborers) and migrant workers
- Sex Trade Workers and Health Care Rights
- Indigenous Rights and the State
- National Expansion and Immigrant Laborers
- Colonial Expansion and Bound Labor
- Unions and/or Contract Disputes
- “Open topics” loosely connected to the conference theme will be incorporated into panels when possible

Panel and Roundtable proposals should be submitted as in one email containing all participates emails as attachments

Papers are expected be 20 minutes in length

Panel will be limited to 3 speakers, plus Chair

Important Dates
- Submission Deadline: June 30th, 2015
- Notification of Acceptance: July 30th, 2015
- Early Registration: September 1st, 2015
- Conference Dates: October 30th, 31st, and Nov 1st

Please submit a 300-word abstract by June 30th
Please place 4LLC Abstract and your Last Name in the subject line.

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