

“You Don’t Know What You’ve Got Till it’s Gone”

How Labour Unions can help Save Public Education



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Some of her more recent talks and publications include:

- “Igniting the Union Inspiration”,
- “From Heroes to Zeros: the War on Unions and the Public Sector”,
- “Lighting Fires vs Putting Them Out: Creating a Union Organizing Culture,; and
- Social Justice Unionism: Labour as a Political Force”



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12:00 noon —1:30 pm

Room 112 (Theatre) , Downtown Campus

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

11:45 am—1:15 pm

Room 1228, Broadway Campus