The WORK, LABOR, AND CITIZENSHIP INITIATIVE nurtures interdisciplinary study of the many fundamental trends now at play in the broad field of labor studies. Over the past four decades, the world has experienced a precipitous increase in income inequality, fueled in part by the global restructuring of labor markets and the collapse of organized labor. At the same time, rights and entitlements traditionally associated with employment have been undermined by a shifting worker/employer power balance, with effects on job security, benefits, pensions, and wages. Across the globe, labor markets are characterized by mass unemployment, extensive migration, and a burgeoning informal sector. These trends have direct implications for political participation and workers’ sense of their own citizenship.

We are pleased to announce a call for proposals for research grants of up to $3000. Faculty and graduate students from all academic disciplines working on a topic related to “Work, Labor, and Citizenship” are encouraged to apply. Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of their overall quality, their relevance to the broader initiative, and their projected impact.

Applicants should submit a single PDF that includes the following:

- A brief project proposal (no more than two single-spaced pages)
- A list of references (no more than 1 page)
- A detailed project budget that specifies how the funds will be used
- A current CV

Applications should be sent to Debbie Toole (datoole@syr.edu) with “Labor Research Grant” in the subject line. Applications are due by 4pm on April 29th and results will be announced in early May. All grantees will be expected to participate in the Labor Studies workshop series during the 2016-2017 academic year.