Join union women from all over the South for four days of training and networking. Women representing a variety of unions, jobs, and backgrounds come together to develop organizing and leadership skills and to be energized and inspired for their work in the labor movement. Participants attend two workshops over four days, as well as general sessions on current economic, political and legislative issues affecting unions and workers. Instructors and speakers are university labor educators and union staff members. 

WHERE
The Arlington Resort Hotel & Spa
239 Central Avenue
Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901
(800) 643-1502 or (501) 623-7771
www.arlingtonhotel.com

WHEN
Registration begins at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, July 29. The program will open on Saturday evening at 6:30 p.m. and end by 1 p.m. on Tuesday, August 2, 2005.

REGISTRATION FEE
$320, which includes four breakfasts and three lunches, instruction and materials. No refunds can be made after June 30.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
June 29, 2005

LOCAL SITES AND ACTIVITIES
The William Jefferson Clinton Presidential Library and the Central High Visitors Center and Museum are located in Little Rock. The Hot Springs National Park includes historic bathhouses and spas.

SCHOLARSHIPS
A limited number of partial scholarships are available. You may apply for the scholarship on-line at www.aiea.ualr.edu/lep/ or call (501) 569-8483 to request an application form. Application deadline is June 1, 2005.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS
Not included in the registration fee. You must make your own hotel reservations. The conference room rate is $72 for single occupancy and $82 for double occupancy, plus tax.

Call 1-800-643-1502 and request rooms blocked under the Southern School for Union Women before June 29, 2005 to receive the special rate.

TRAVEL INFORMATION
Air travel to Hot Springs is through Little Rock National Airport, with a van shuttle to Hot Springs.

A confirmation letter with more details will be sent upon receipt of your registration.

QUESTIONS
Contact Monica Bielski at mlbielski@ualr.edu or Diane Thomas-Holladay at dlthomashol@ualr.edu or call (501) 569-8483.

Workshop Selection
You will attend one morning and one afternoon workshop for the entire four days. Fill out a separate form for each person. Women attending from the same local are encouraged to select different workshops so that their local will get the most benefit from the school.

Please indicate your FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD choice for morning and afternoon workshops. Workshops will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.

Workshops - Morning
Please indicate your FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD choice.

- Effective Grievance Handling
  Learn your legal rights and successful techniques in evaluating and pursuing grievances. The class will focus on gathering and presenting evidence, writing grievances, and negotiating grievances with management.

- Labor and Employment Law
  Learn about federal laws and how they affect union members. Topics will include the National Labor Relations Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, and the Family and Medical Leave Act.

- Don’t Work ’Till It Hurts: Protecting Our Health & Safety at Work
  Learn a “union approach” to workplace health and safety, including creative ways to identify and correct safety and health hazards and involve members at the same time.

Workshops - Afternoon
Please indicate your FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD choice.

- Politics, the Economy, and Working Families
  Discuss economic and legislative issues facing working families and better understand the larger political environment.

- Internal Organizing: Growing and Mobilizing the Union
  Membership numbers lower than they should be? Having trouble getting people involved with the union? Stuck with a weak contract because people can’t come together? Discuss ways to build your local union through organizing and action.

- Challenges Facing Public Sector Unions in the South
  Learn about the unique issues facing public sector unions in the South, including lack of legal protections, privatization, and cuts in government spending.