Emerging Issues in Occupational Safety & Health

Thursday, April 14, 2016

“All workers always have a right to a safe and healthy workplace,”

This year the Deep South ERC Emerging Issues Program will be focused on the safety and wellbeing of the underserved population of temporary workers. This year’s program features the Alabama screening premiere of a “A DAY’S WORK,”, which tells the tragic story of Day Davis, a temp worker who died on his first day on the job a Bacardi bottling plant in Florida. His life and death are the focus for a broader narrative about corporate America’s strategy to create a disposable workforce with little or no safety protections. With thousands killed in preventable workplaces accidents every year in the US, the film provides a reminder of the cost of just one individual by vividly looking into the life and perspective of Day’s 17-year-old sister Antonia.
There will be Q/A with the film producer, Dave DeSario following the screening. And Panel discussion to follow.

Later that day, Ron Hayes will join us to discuss his advocacy project FIGHT (Families In Grief Hold Together), he started after the tragic death of his son. With the Fight Project, Ron has advocated for 22 years for a safer workplace. He has worked with major corporations, government agencies, organizations and business's large and small to promote a safer and healthier workplace. Ron is the Special Advisor for the US Senate Labor Committee and has testified many times in the US House and Senate. Ron has won numerous awards for his work and has been featured in many TV, radio, magazine and print media outlets. He provides motivational workshops, proactive safety training classes and speaks at a variety of venues. Ron has helped over 800 families through the grief
process after an injury or death in the workplace.

We will round out the program with interdisciplinary presentations throughout the day by our ERC graduate students. This innovative interdisciplinary field studies program provides students in occupational safety and health/industrial hygiene, occupational health nursing, occupational safety and ergonomics opportunities to develop critical thinking and analytical skills, the experience in applying discipline-specific knowledge in a broad occupational health and safety context, and working in interdisciplinary teams. These team presentation will provide unique insight into potential workplace hazards and migration strategies.

The screening for “A Day’s Work,” is free, but you must RSVP to dsc@uab.edu by Friday, April 13, 2016. 

*If you would like to attend the entire day, the program cost is $25.00 (light breakfast and lunch included)*

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Alabama Theatre
1817 Third Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203.

Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

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