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Dear Friend/Colleague of David Montgomery,

David Montgomery, former president of the Organization of American Historians (1999–2000), passed away in December 2011. David was the Farnam Professor of History Emeritus at Yale University, and a leading figure in the modern field of labor and working-class history. He was also the tireless mentor to a generation of graduate students, first at the University of Pittsburgh and then at Yale. Moreover, he connected American historians to an international group of historians through his revival and expansion of the journal *International Labor and Working-Class History* in 1979.

Throughout his life, he worked to support the rights and working conditions of all workers. Thus, David received the first Distinguished Service Award for Labor and Working-Class History in 2007 from the Labor and Working Class History Association (LAWCHA). LAWCHA officers Cecelia Bucki and Shelton Stromquist asked then OAH President Alice Kessler-Harris to bring to the OAH Executive Board a request that, in collaboration with LAWCHA, an annual book award in Labor and Working-Class History be established in Montgomery's name. The OAH Board approved this request at its April 2012 meeting, as did the LAWCHA board.

As former students and colleagues of David, we now come to you for help in building the \$50,000 endowment needed to establish this prize. Some donations have already come in unsolicited, but we are now making a concerted call for donations.

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