

Developing Better Models of Labor Relations for the 21st Century

Luncheon Program

**Noon – Wednesday, December 14, 2011
at the historic Woman's National Democratic Club**

Speaker

**Professor Joseph A. McCartin
Executive Director, Kalmanovitz Initiative for
Labor and the Working Poor at Georgetown University**

We are pleased to announce that Professor **Joseph A. McCartin**, Executive Director of the Kalmanovitz Initiative for Labor and the Working Poor at Georgetown University and author of a recently released book, [*Collision Course: Ronald Reagan, the Air Traffic Controllers, and the Strike that Changed America*](#), (Oxford University Press, 2011) will join us on December 14th to discuss a calamitous event in the history of labor unions in America: the 1981 PATCO strike. This conflict, he argues, transformed private sector labor relations. "When Reagan authorized the firing of the controllers, he was legally on solid ground, but he did that in the context of the federal sector," McCartin explains. Private sector employers began to emulate the president by breaking strikes. The results for organized labor were devastating. "It's hard to conceive of how a union can protect its workers if they don't have the ability to strike effectively." McCartin will share with us his vision of the future in which, as Executive Director of the Institute, he hopes to energize development of new models of labor relations to restore the constructive role of unions.

[Kalmanovitz Initiative for Labor and the Working Poor](#). This new initiative at Georgetown University, made possible by a \$5 million grant from the Kalmanovitz Charitable Foundation, is convening scholars and practitioners from labor and management in an effort to find just and equitable solutions to problems that beset labor today.

Please RSVP and join the discussion on Wednesday, December 14.

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- **Time:** Sign-in: 11:30; Lunch served: 12:00; ***Program: 12:15***; Adjourn 1:15.
 - **Price:** Members \$25, Non-members \$30
 - **Register:** Go to www.dclera.org to reserve and pay online, or **Email** name & contact info to Babbi Williams babbi.williams@bcbsa.com and pay at the door, or **Call** Babbi at **202-626-4815** to reserve and pay at the door.
 - **Location:** **Woman's National Democratic Club**, 1526 New Hampshire Ave. NW Washington, D.C. - located one block from Dupont Circle and its Red Line Metro station.
 - **Menu:** Our meal service includes a three-course menu served to your table, plus coffee/iced tea. Cash wine service will be available. Please let Babbi know if you need a vegetarian meal.