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# UNIONS UNDER FIRE

UNDERSTANDING THE NATIONAL ASSAULT ON PUBLIC EMPLOYEES  
AND HOW IT HURTS ORDINARY AMERICANS

**March 15, 2012**

**11:00 am—12:15pm**



**David & Lorraine  
Cheng**

**Library Auditorium**

**Light Lunch**

**Reception and Q & A**

**12:30 Friends Room**

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## **DR. GORDON LAFER**

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***ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF OREGON***

**G**ordon Lafer is a political economist at University of Oregon's Labor Education and Research Center who has written widely on labor law, collective bargaining, union organizing, job creation policy, employment training, and labor standards in international trade treaties. Dr. Lafer recently served as **Senior Labor Policy Advisor** to the **U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Education and Labor** (2009-2011).

Lafer has testified as an expert witness before the **U.S. Senate**, the **House of Representatives**, the **National Labor Relations Board** and numerous **state legislatures**. He served as economic policy analyst for the **Office of the Mayor** in New York City and is the author of *The Job Training Charade* (Cornell University Press, 2002). Lafer is a founding co-chair of the American Political Science Association's *Labor Project* and currently serves as Research Associate with the Washington D.C. think-tank, **Economic Policy Institute**.

***Faculty encouraged to BRING CLASSES!***

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Additional Session with Dr. Lafer:

Graduate Students Q&A: 6:30 –7:30pm, Raubinger 403

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