

# Still Fighting for California's Future

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A union-sponsored legal and professional issues conference for local presidents, treasurers, staff and other CFT leaders and activists

## 2012 CFT Leadership Conference

### Westin LAX

5400 W. Century Boulevard  
Los Angeles, California 90045

### Schedule At-A-Glance

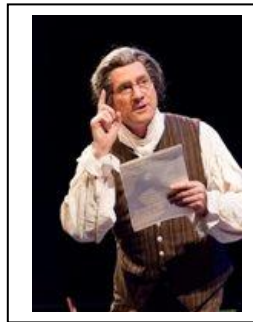
#### Thursday, February 9

- 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Breakfast  
Registration Opens
- 9:30-11:00 a.m. Workshops: Round One
- 11:15-12:45 p.m. Workshops: Round Two
- 12:45-1:45 p.m. Lunch
- 1:45-3:15 p.m. General Session
- 3:30-5:00 p.m. Workshops: Round Three
- 5:30-7:00 p.m. Reception

#### Friday February 10

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast  
Registration Opens
- 8:30-10:00 a.m. Workshops: Round Four
- 10:15-11:30 a.m. General Session
- 11:30-1:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00-4:00 p.m. Workshops: Round Five

### Featuring



**Ian Ruskin** is a graduate of the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London. He has worked extensively in the theatre, television and film in England and Los Angeles. His most recent work is a new one-man play, **To Begin the World Over Again: the Life of Thomas Paine** about the one truly radical founding father. Paine's *Common Sense* sold 200,000 copies to a population of two million -- the equivalent of selling 30 million copies today -- and was read by just about everyone

who could read. It was, literally, the spark of the American Revolution. His writings and inspiration kept Washington's troops in the fight. Paine supported universal male suffrage, with no slavery, in 1776. His book, *The Rights of Man* was the philosophical basis of the French revolution.

Ian's life-long interest in social justice led him to found The Harry Bridges Project in 2000. Since then, he has gone on to produce radio and film documentaries. The film version of his one-man play, *From Wharf Rats to Lords of the Docks: the Life and Times of Harry Bridges* has aired on PBS for the last three years.

CFT has invited Ian to perform his newest work at the 2012 CFT Leadership Conference.

**Jonathan Kaplan is a Senior Policy Analyst for the California Budget Project.** He has authored various studies on educational policy and funding in California, including analyses of how proposed state policies would impact funding for public K-12 and postsecondary education and how California's school funding compares to that in other states. The CBP has worked to make the CA State Budget more understandable and to shed light on how budget and related policy decisions can affect the lives of low-and middle-income Californians. Other CBP recent research examines who pays taxes, who doesn't, and how California's tax systems compare to those of other states. Prior to joining the CBP, Jonathan taught law and United States history for seven years in Martinez, California.

## Track #1

### Workshops

- Understanding Your State Teachers' Retirement System: what it is and why "they" want it
- A Primer on PERS: understanding your pension and keeping it
- Talking Taxes 2012
- Fat City: Dealing with the District's high ending balances in difficult times
- Candidate Academy: training political candidates on labor issues
- Charter Schools: the landscape ahead
- The Courage Campaign: who, what, where, when, why and how
- EC, K-12 Legal and Budget Updates
- Classified Legal Update
- Community College Faculty Legal Update
- Community College Budget Update

### Half-day Workshops

- Public Sector: an update on legal issues
- How Employment Law Works
- Retiree Power: protecting your retirement through activism

## Track #2

### Training for Treasurers – **New this year**

This comprehensive two-day training will put you at ease and give you a grasp of the roles and responsibilities of the local's treasurer. It is designed specifically for AFT Treasurers of all levels of experience whose responsibilities include the union's financial records and reports. Using a hands-on format, accounting experts will share examples of best practices essential in union administration. Sign up now.

## Accommodations

**Important!** Registration for the conference does not reserve a hotel room. You must make your hotel reservation separately by contacting the Westin LAX.

To make your hotel reservation, call the Westin LAX reservation line at **(800) 937-8461**. Please be specific and make sure you say you are with the **California Federation of Teachers and reserve by Wednesday, January 18, 2012** to receive the special room rate of \$110, for a single or double room. This rate includes internet access in all guestrooms.

**Parking** Daily rates  
Parking rate is \$10 per day.

### Transportation: By Plane

If you fly in to Los Angeles International Airport, the hotel will provide a complimentary shuttle service. The shuttle runs to and from LAX every 15 to 20 minutes. To access the shuttle proceed to the baggage claim area and look for the red hotel pickup sign. Guests should seek the blue shuttle with Westin Hotel/Four Points LAX. No reservations are required.

### Meals

CFT will provide a continental breakfast (with protein) and lunch on both Thursday and Friday.

### Childcare

**There will be Childcare provided at the 2012 CFT Leadership Conference at the following times:**

Thursday, February 9	9:15 am to 5:15 pm
Friday, February 10	8:15 am to 4:15 pm

**The cut-off date for registering for Childcare is Wednesday, January 18. See registration form.**

