

## [Micro-essays on labor rights for new book - fundraiser for The Poor People's Campaign](#)

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Dr. Rebecca Gayle Howell (University of Kentucky) and Dr. Chris Green (Berea College) are calling for micro-essays by writers- and scholars-of-color that think about our current moment of labor-rights crisis from personal or scholarly perspectives. The essays will be published in *We Hold America: Don West & Poetry of the New/Old Labor Movement*, a fundraiser for The Poor People's Campaign, to be published by University Press of Kentucky (2021).

[West was an early 20th century poet and labor rights activist throughout the South](#), who was a radical and pushed for working peoples of all backgrounds and identities to not allow themselves to be divided. [West, a close friend to Langston Hughes](#), would have been right beside Rev. Barber if he were alive today.

*We Hold America* will publish new poems and micro-essays that think about our current labor rights crisis, while honoring West's forgotten legacies. That said, this call is for essays about our current crisis; submissions do not have to mention West unless the scholar is especially interested in doing so.

For consideration, email pitches of 500 words or less to either Dr. Howell or Dr. Green before May 15, 2020: [rebecca.gayle.howell@uky.edu](mailto:rebecca.gayle.howell@uky.edu) or [greenchr@berea.edu](mailto:greenchr@berea.edu), respectively.

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