Keynote Speaker

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“A Day’s Work”

“A Day’s Work” is a documentary film that examines the landmark workplace death of 21-year-old Lawrence DaQuan “Day” Davis through the eyes of his family and the analysis of experts. Day was an employee of a temporary staffing agency working at the Bacardi bottling plant in Jacksonville Florida in 2012. He was killed 90 minutes into the first day of the job - the first job of his life. The film introduces the perspective that the temporary staffing industry makes workplaces more dangerous, is used to hide the safety records of some of the biggest employers in the country, and makes the American Dream harder to reach for millions of working people. With thousands killed in preventable workplaces accidents every year in the US, the film provides a reminder of the cost of just one individual by vividly looking into the life and perspective of Day’s 17-year-old sister Antonia.

Biography

Dave DeSario is the Founding Member of the Alliance for the American Temporary Workforce (AATW), a member of the NIOSH NORA Services Sector Committee advising on government research priorities, and a former temp worker. He started his video production career as a freelance reporter for the New York Post website while working as a temp in the basement of an auto parts factory in Queens as it shut down operations and sent its equipment to China and Mexico. He built and maintains the leading online resource for information on the temporary staffing industry (www.TemporaryEmployees.org) and screens A Day’s Work as the centerpiece of efforts to raise awareness and create action for critical issues affecting working people.