Domestic Worker Organizing, Multilingual Justice and the Translation of Digital Histories into Action

October 17, 2016
9-10:30 a.m.
Campus Center 103/104
Smith College
Free and Open to the Public

Monique Nguyen Belizario, Director and Julia Beebe, Community Organizer from MataHari, the Boston-based organization that helped to bring the Domestic Workers Bill of Rights to the state of Massachusetts, will be joined by Smith College faculty, staff and students to discuss the transformative role that new digital technologies, translation and multilingual justice practices are playing in domestic worker organizing. With a focus on the digital timeline of domestic worker organizing history being developed through a multi-course collaboration supported by the Smith College Steinem Initiative, they’ll discuss how they are turning history into action and creating multilingual, transnational frameworks to build individual and community-level capacities for advocacy, self-representation and labor justice.

MataHari: Eye of the Day "is a Greater Boston organization where women of color, immigrant women, and families come together as sisters, workers, and survivors to make improvements in ourselves and society and work towards justice and human rights. Our goal is to end gender-based violence and exploitation."

http://www.mataharijustice.org/

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