David Montgomery in Brazil

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David Montgomery's semester as a Fulbright lecturer at the State University of Campinas, Brazil, in 1986 proved quite memorable. Bela Bianca, a member of the anthropology department who had known David and Marty when she was on a postdoctoral grant at Yale, made the initial contacts. A few specialists here had read *Workers' Control in America* at the time, but his work was not yet widely known in Brazil. However, questions about the labor process and control over production had become subjects of lively academic debate, largely on the basis of works by social scientists. The labor historians then being read were primarily French and British.

David had just finished the manuscript of what was to become *The Fall of the House of Labor*, which he used as the basis for his seminars. For most of the considerable public who attended, this was their first contact with the new North American labor history. In particular, David's emphasis on the effect of the workplace in shaping consciousness and practice caused a number of those present to rethink what they were doing as historians. The effect of his Campinas seminar proved to be considerable, and his innovative ideas and publications continue to be important points of reference in the burgeoning field of Brazilian labor studies.

David's qualities as a lecturer are well known, and he managed to overcome language barriers with great aplomb, most memorably at a session of several hundred he addressed during a meeting of the São Paulo section of the Brazilian Association of University Teachers of History (ANPUH). His attentive and helpful suggestions in conversations about the ongoing work of students and faculty also impressed us all.

We should also register David and Marty's good-humored tolerance and the lively interest they showed in Brazil and at our university.

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