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DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire welcomes James Green, professor of history and labor studies at the University of Massachusetts, to discuss "Bringing the People's History to the Public" Tuesday, April 17, 2007.

The lecture begins at 4 p.m. in the Memorial Union Building, Theater I. It is free and open to the public, and is the second in a two-year long series, "The Historian and the Public," sponsored by the Museum Studies Program of the Department of History. The lecture series brings to campus historians, museum professionals, filmmakers, and others to discuss ways to bring the best in historical scholarship to a public eager to know its past.

Green is a distinguished scholar who has published several books on the history of U.S. workers, including the most recent, "Death in the Haymarket: A Story of Chicago, the First Labor Movement, and the Bombing that Divided Gilded Age America." It tells the story of the bomb explosion at a labor rally in Chicago in 1886.

The Museum Studies Program in the Department of History trains students to work with museums, historical societies, and similar public history institutions. The department recognizes that many Americans are more likely to learn their history in museums, or from documentary films, than from the publications of scholars.

A discussion and reception will follow Green's lecture. Copies of "Death in the Haymarket" will be available for purchase and signing.