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**GERBER TO SPEAK ON U.S. INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS FOR DISCOVER  
AUBURN SERIES**

Dr. Larry G. Gerber, professor of history at Auburn University and author of *The Irony of State Intervention: American Industrial Relations Policy in Comparative Perspective, 1914-1939*, will speak on Thursday, January 17, 2008, at 3 p.m. in the Special Collections and Archives Department of the Ralph Brown Draughon Library.

“An important and unduplicated contribution to the historical literature on U.S. industrial relations,” according to one reviewer, *The Irony of State Intervention* compares the labor histories of Great Britain and the United States between World War I and the Great Depression and argues that in the development of industrial relations policies, ideology was secondary to economic realities.

Gerber’s lecture is the first spring semester lecture in the Discover Auburn lecture series. The series is co-sponsored by the Auburn University Libraries, the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities in the College of Liberal Arts and the Auburn University Bookstore.

Other “Discover Auburn” programs scheduled for the semester include Angela Lakwete on “Inventing the Cotton Gin: Alabama Perspectives” on Feb. 12 and Tim Dodge on “The Influence of Gospel Music on Early Rock 'n' Roll” on April 16.

A reception will follow the program, and copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing. For more information on the program and the series, contact the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center at 334-844-4946.

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