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Making Civil Rights Meaningful in a Human Capital Society



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As part of the World War II mobilization effort, federal officials set up a system of worker training so vast in scale that it had no precedent in American history. Gaining access to this extensive training system was a key area of wartime civil rights activism, though it is little studied compared to the contemporaneous struggles over fair employment. Using Houston as a case study, this talk examines the widespread and intense conflicts precipitated by African Americans' attempts to enroll in defense worker training.

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