



Center for Study of Working Class Life
How Class Works—2010: Conference Schedule
A Conference at SUNY-Stony Brook
June 3-5, 2010

Wednesday, June 2

Wednesday, June 2, 8:00pm

0. Opening Party, University Café, Student Union
Music, Poetry, Cash Bar

Thursday, June 3

Thursday, June 3, 1:45-3:15pm

1. Concurrent Sessions

1.1. New Media in Labor Studies and Working Class Studies

Alyssa Lenoff, Center for Working-Class Studies, Youngstown State University: *New Media: Implications for Working-Class Americans*

Joseph B. Atkins, Journalism, University of Mississippi: *Giving Voice to Southern Workers: The Development of "Labor South"*

John Russo, Center for Working-Class Studies, Youngstown State University: *The Uses of New Media at the Center for Working-Class Studies: A Two-Year Assessment*

1.2. Class and Gender

Francine Moccio, Former Director of the Institute for Women and Work at ILR School at Cornell University: *Live Wires For a Labor Cause: Women Electricians in New York City*

Hester Eisenstein, Sociology, Queens College: *Feminism Seduced: How Global Elites Use Women's Labor and Ideas to Exploit the World*

M. Thandabantu Iverson, History Labor Studies, Indiana University-Northwest: *Beyond Reductionism: Seeing Class Through Race and Gender in Black Healthcare Workers' Lives*

Melda Y. Öztürk, Economics, Ondokuz Mayıs University and **Özgün Akduran**, Public Finance, Istanbul University: *Women's Labor in Tobacco Producing: Before and After Privatization*

1.3 Pedagogy of Class I

Sarah Ryan and **Emily Lardner**, The Evergreen State University: *Social Class as a "Night School" Theme: Two quarters at The Evergreen State College*

Heather A. Howley and **E.R. Carlin**, University of Akron, Wayne College: *Empathy: The Placebo Effect*

Joel Saxe, Communication, University of Massachusetts-Amherst: *Generational Debt: catalyst to social change and critical class(room) consciousness?*

Raymond A. Mazurek, English & American Studies, Penn State University, Berks Campus: *Students Gaze in a Working-Class Mirror: Teaching the Working-Class Experience in America*

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1.4 Country Studies I

Mariano Féliz, Universidad Nacional de La Plata: *Public policies, class conflict and the capitalist state in the periphery. Argentina's experience since 2003*

Ozgun Narin, Economics, Ondokuz Mayıs University and **Ozgun Mutlu Ulus**, Acibadem University: *Alpagut Factory Occupation: First Experience of Workers' Self Management in Turkey*

Tara Martin, Sociology, University of New Mexico: *Crosscurrents of Memory: Myth, Rank and File Memory, and Britain's Winter of Discontent*

Hugo Chesshire, Political Science, Brock University: *In Hostile Waters: The 2009 Concessions of the Canadian Autoworkers Union*

Thursday, June 3, 3:30-5:00pm

2. Concurrent Sessions

2.1. Class Dynamics in Higher Education and the Professions

Amy E. Stich, Sociology of Education, SUNY Buffalo: *Working-Class Reputation and the Syntax of Rusted Space: A Damaging Discursive Practice within Higher Education*

Kristin Cipollone, Sociology of Education, SUNY Buffalo: *When College is the Only Choice: Post-Secondary Selection Processes of Middle- and Upper Middle-Class Students Attending an Affluent Public High School*

Julie Withers, Butte College: *Class Act: Negotiating class dynamics at a rural community college*

Yvonne Groseil, Hunter College: *Professionalism and Class*

2.2. The Working Class after Neoliberalism

Colm Breathnach Geography and Sociology, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow: *Mapping the Global Working Class Today*

Neil Davidson, Geography and Sociology, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow: *Theory and 21st Century Workers: Definitions, Boundaries, Interests*

Patricia McCafferty, Geography and Sociology, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow: *From Workshop of the World to Service Sector Central: Glasgow's East End Today*

2.3. Class and Popular Culture

Janice Kelly, Communication, Molloy College and **Millie Burns**, Art, Manhattan College: *Conflicting Messages: Hip Hop Reality TV shows Moguls' Formula For Success, Class, and Culture*

Lisa Delmonico, Women's Studies, Farmingdale State College: *"Cheap and Vulgar": Working-Class Marginal Characters in Hollywood Romantic Comedies*

Pepi Leistyna, Linguistics, University of Massachusetts: *The Discovery Channels' New Look at Labor*

2.4. Class Issues in History

Gregory Wood, History, Frostburg State University: *Smokes on a Train: Smoking and Class Struggles on the New York City Subway, 1904-1913*

John Lloyd, History, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona: *Crowds, Class and Community: The Pittsburgh 'Mob' and the Strike of 1877*

Peter S. McInnis, History, St. Francis Xavier University: *Incident at Reesor Siding: Bushworkers and the Historical Memory of Violent Confrontation*

Vilja Hulden, History, University of Arizona: *The payoffs of class privilege: The National Association of Manufacturers vs. labor in Congress, 1902-1914*

2.5. Calling the Labor Movement to Discover the Working Class

Bob Fitch, Former Union Organizer, Author

Joseph B. Atkins, Journalism, University of Mississippi

Martin Fishgold, Editor, The Unionist, AFSCME

Steve Early, Writer, Organizer

2.6. Country Studies II

Frido Wenten, Political Science, Free University Berlin: *Changing class relations and labour struggles in post-1978 China*

Kati Launis, Finnish Literature, Academy of Finland: *The Making of the Finnish Working-Class*

Kurtuluş Cengiz, Sociology, Abant İzzet Baysal University: *The New Industrial Class of Turkey between Community and Market: A Cross-Section from an Anatolian City/Kayseri*

Ugo Palheta, Sociology, Sciences-Po Paris: *Class Struggle, Struggling Classes. The Social Stratification of the "anti-CPE" Movement in France (2006)*

5:00pm Registration Begins at in the Student Activities Center (SAC) Lobby

3. Opening Plenary Session: Larry Cohen, International President, Communications Workers of America: "Economic Crisis, Political Paralysis: What's the Working Class to Do?"

Provost Lecture Series, open to the public

Student Activities Center Auditorium Thursday, June 3, 7:00pm

Friday, June 4

Registration reopens 8:00am-5:00pm SAC lobby

Continental Breakfast SAC Ballroom A, 8:00am

Friday, June 4, 8:00-9:00am

Annual Meeting of the Association of Working Class Academics

Friday, June 4, 9-10:30am

4. Plenary Session: Right Wing Populism and the Working Class

Bill Fletcher, Jr., Executive Editor, blackcommentator.com

William K. Tabb, City University of New York

Friday, June 4, 10:45am-12:15pm

5. Concurrent Sessions, Student Union

5.1. Immigrant Class Identities

Anilyn Díaz-Hernández, Communication, UMass Amherst: *Morphing into Childhood: Changes, Chances and Choices in the Life of a Middle-Class Man*

David Avishay, Communication, UMass Amherst: *Class Journeys? The Role of Class in the Identity Formation of an Israeli "Good Girl"*

Liliana Herakova, Communication, UMass Amherst: *Journeys of Belonging*

Swati Birla, Sociology, UMass Amherst: *A Question of Privilege*

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5.2. Class Dynamics in Brazil

Berenice Abreu, Social History, Universidade Estadual do Ceará: *The Ship Sail on: the Politics of Class and Brazil's Northeast Fishermen's Movement*

Frederico de Castro Neves, Labor History, Universidade Federal do Ceará: *Working Class Protest and Revolt in Rural Brazil*

William Mello, Labor Studies, Indiana University: *The Legion of Workers: Class Formation and Right Wing Labor Organizations in Northeast Brazil*

Antonio Bosi, *The capitalist organization of "informal" work: The recycled garbage pickers case*

5.3. Rank and File Research from the National Labor College

Eduardo Rosario, National Writers Guild: *Dismantling The Manufacturing Clause: Another Victim of Deregulation*

Joe Potestivo, International Union of Elevator Constructors: *The Case of the I.U.E.C., Local One New York City: Succeed Together or Fail Individually*

John Graham, United Brotherhood of Carpenters: *Health Impact of Emergency Response and Recovery Work at the World Trade Center Following 9-11*

Lainie Kitt, International Brotherhood of Teamsters and American Federation of Teachers, Adjunct Professor, National Labor College: *Post-Traumatic Stress among Housing Authority Workers in New York City after 9-11*, Chair

Leah Rambo, Sheet Metal Workers International Association: *Embracing Diversity: The Key to Building Strong Unions*

5.4. What Do Working Class Students Need in Higher Education? - a roundtable discussion

Sherry Lee Linkon, Center for Working-Class Studies, Youngstown State University

Chynna Haas, Working-Class Student Union

Jack Metzgar, Chicago Center for Working-Class Studies

Nancy Berke, English, LaGuardia College, City University of New York

Tim Francisco, Journalism, Youngstown State University

5.5. Mothering from the Margins

Alexis Pauline Gumbs, English, Duke University: *Mother Ourselves: The Pathology of the Black Mother and the Meaning of Survival in Economic Crisis*

Kinohi Nishikawa, Literature, Duke University: *Sons and Mothers: Broken Family Narratives in the Post-Civil Rights Moment*

Leigh Campoamor, Cultural Anthropology, Duke University: *"Who Are You Calling Exploitative?" Child Laborers, Sacrificial Mothers, and the Uncaring State in Lima, Peru*

Sara Appel, Literature, Duke University: *Safely in the Net: Interdependence and the Working-Class Superhero in Katherine Arnoldi's The Amazing 'True' Story of a Teenage Single Mom*

5.6. The Construction of Class Consciousness

John P. Beck, Labor and Industrial Relations, Michigan State University: *Murdering Labor?: How Contemporary Unions Have Fared in the American Mystery Novel, 1979 – 2009*

Karen Veitch, Literature, University of Sussex: *The Poetics of Class-Consciousness: Reading Genevieve Taggard in the Context of New Masses*

Lita A. Kurth, English, Santa Clara University, De Anza College: *Internalized classism?: the special difficulties and strategies of personal servants in Aaravind Adiga's The White Tiger*

Magnus Nilsson, Comparative Literature, Malmö University: *Swedish Working-Class Literature and the Construction of Class*

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5.7. Class and the LGBT Experience

Jeff A. Cabusao, English, Bryant University and **Todd Shaw**, Political Science, University of South Carolina: *Barriers Beyond Stonewall: Class, Race, and the LGBT Economic Justice Movement*

Kim Palmore, University of California at Riverside: *Classing Queers: Heteronormativity, Culture, and Queer Conventions*

Sara R. Smith, University of California, Santa Cruz: *Gay and Lesbian Teachers and the Struggle Against the Briggs Initiative, 1976-1978*

Yvette Taylor, Sociology, Newcastle University: *Lesbian and Gay Parents: intersecting spatialities of class and sexuality*

Friday, June 4, 2:00-3:30pm

6. Concurrent Sessions

6.1 Class and Law I

Ahmed A. White, University of Colorado School of Law: *Law, Liberalism, and Class Violence: The Legacy of the "Little Steel" Strike of 1937*

Anne Marie Lofaso, West Virginia University College of Law: *The Role of Employee Voice in Protecting Collective Job Security*

Carla D. Pratt, Penn State University Dickinson School of Law: *Race, Class, and the Formation of Law and Legal Systems*

6.2 Why Is There No Socialism in America? Reflections from Hubert Harrison and Ted Allen

Jeff Perry, Historian

Sean Ahern, New York City Teacher and Independent Scholar

6.3 Telling Labor Stories

Betty Wilson, Curriculum developer for the City of New York, UAW Local 1981, National Writers Union, DC37: *Mr. Jefferson's Piano and Other Central Harlem Stories*

Jane LaTour, DC37 AFCSME: *Sisters in the Brotherhood, working women organizing for equality in New York*

Sue Doro, National Writers Union SF Bay Chapter; UALE, Retired IAM, Retired AFGE: *Home, Heart & Hard Hats, Blue Collar Goodbyes*

Timothy Sheard, Assistant Director, Infection Control & Epidemiology, SUNY/Downstate Hospital, Brooklyn, UAW Local 1981, National Writers Union New York Chapter Steering Committee: *The Lenny Moss mysteries*

6.4 Class Dynamics in Europe

Bruno Monteiro, Portugal

Ariel Sevilla, France

Simon Charleworth, United Kingdom

Joao Queiros, Portugal

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6.5 Pedagogy of Class II

Anthony Tambureno, OISE University of Toronto and **Tony Michael**, Director, Institute for Labor Studies & Research, WVU Extension Service: *Bringing labor history to youth: Reflections on the West Virginia Labor History Project*

Emily Drabinski, Instruction Librarian, Long Island University, Brooklyn: *Teaching About Class in the Library*

Michelle B. Gaffey, English, Duquesne University: *A Pedagogical Response to, "I'm never shopping at Wal-Mart again!"*

Sharon Szymanski and **Dianne Ramdeholl**, The Harry Van Arsdale Jr. Center for Labor Studies: *Shock Therapy: Class Pedagogy for Electricians*

6.6 Studies in Service Work

Çağdaş Ceyhan, Communication Sciences, Anadolu University and **Mustafa Berkay Aydın**, Sociology, Middle East Technical University: *Retail Workers' Working Conditions, Opinions of 'Organization' and Culture : A Case Study From Ankara/Turkey*

Lou Martin, History, Chatham University: *Industrial Workers and the Shift to a Service Economy in West Virginia, 1950-1990*

Marquita Walker, Labor Studies, Indiana University School of Social Work: *Strength through cultural heritage: Lived experiences of hotel workers during a union organizing drive*

David Van Arsdale, Sociology, SUNY Onondaga Community College: *The Proliferation and Consequences of Temporary Help Work: A Cross-Border Comparison*

6.7 Screening and Discussion: *Pakathi – Soweto's "in the Middle" Class*

Mosa Phadi, University of Johannesburg

Friday, June 4, 3:45-5:15pm

7. Concurrent Sessions

7.1 Class in Action: Worker Centers and Organizing

Angela MacWhinnie, SEIU Organizer

Jack McKay, Director, Food and Medicine

James Haslam, Director, The Vermont Workers' Center

7.2 Class and Law II

Esta R. Bigler, Cornell University, ILR School: *Chair*

James Atleson, University at Buffalo: *The Capital Problem: The Legal Reaction to Capital and Labor Strikes*

Ellen Dannin, Penn State University Dickinson School of Law: *Not a Limited, Confined, or Private Matter – The Class-Based Definition of Who Is an "Employee" under the National Labor Relations Act*

James Grey Pope, Rutgers School of Law--Newark: *Race, Race Consciousness, and Constitutional Law in the Making of the American Working Class, 1787-1964*

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7.3 Class Consciousness and Worker Action

Christine F. Zinni, Filmmaker, SUNY Buffalo and **Ruth Meyerowitz**, SUNY Buffalo: *Round The Clock: Buffalo Workers and the Fight For Jobs With Justice*

Claire Ceruti, Classifying Soweto project, University of Johannesburg: *Striking against a politically explosive background: hidden possibilities in the 2005 - 2007 South African strikes*

Esra Dabağcı, Sociology, Ankara University and **Mustafa Kemal Coşkun**, Sociology, Ankara University: *Class Consciousness as Interpretation and Changing Act of the Social Life: The Case of Mineworkers in Turkey*

Rene Rojas, Sociology, New York University: *Bringing the Shop Back In: Politics of Production and Worker Militancy during the 2008-2009 Bronx Cookie Strike*

7.4 The Culture of De-industrialization

Christine J. Walley, Anthropology, MIT: *Deindustrializing Chicago: A Daughter's Story*

David Wray, Social Sciences, University of Northumbria: *Class or Collective Biography? : The influence of cultural remnants in post-industrial, single industry, communities*

Scott C. Silber, Union organizer and community organizer: *Sticks and Stones: Storytelling in the Traumatization of the Working Class and Recovery as Resistance*

7.5 Country Studies III

Irmak Karademir Hazir, Sociology, University of Manchester: *Different Facets of Middle Classness in the Turkish Context*

Paul Arnault, Sociology, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales: *The Making of the French Middle Class: Cold War Globalization and the Uses of American Social Psychology (1946-1965)*

Penelope Hayes, Business and Law, Auckland University of Technology: *The New Middle Class or the End of Class? An Empirical Investigation into the Changing Composition of New Zealand's Class Structure, 1896–2006*

Homayoun Poorzad, Network of Iranian Labor Unions: *Labor in the Islamic Republic of Iran*

7.6 Dynamics of Class Formation

Shannan Clark, History, Montclair State University: *Contesting the Social Frontiers of Class: White-Collar Unionism in New York City during the Mid-1940s*

Elizabeth Nisbet, Bloustein School for Planning and Policy, Rutgers University: *The State Role in Worker Stratification in the New York State Farm Industry*

Jean Alonso: *In Harm's Way: Class Traits and Problems Originating in a Defense Plant*

7.7 Class, Race, and Gender in the Building of a Progressive Majority – a roundtable discussion

Carl Bloice, The Committees of Correspondence for Democracy and Socialism

Harry Targ, Political Science, Purdue University, The Committees of Correspondence for Democracy and Socialism

Ira Grupper, The Committees of Correspondence for Democracy and Socialism

Mark Solomon, The Committees of Correspondence for Democracy and Socialism

Mildred Williamson, Illinois Department of Public Health, The Committees of Correspondence for Democracy and Socialism

8. Conference Banquet, Friday, June 4

8.1 Dinner

Student Activities Center, 7:00pm

Speaker: **Barbara Bowen**, President, Professional Staff Congress - CUNY, AFT 2334

8.2 Party with Live Band

University Café, Student Union, 10:00pm

Saturday, June 5

Registration reopens 8:00am-2:00pm SAC Lobby

Continental Breakfast at 8:00am

Saturday, June 5, 8:00-9:00am

Maria Maisto, President, New Faculty Majority "The Condition of Contingent Academic Labor"

Saturday, June 5, 9:00-10:30am

9. Plenary Session: AFT Response to Charter Schools

Gene Bruskin, Director of Strategic Planning, American Federation of Teachers

Leo Casey, United Federation of Teachers, New York City

Kamila Jarvis, Chicago charter school teacher/high school English

Saturday, June 5, 10:45am-12:15pm

10. Concurrent Sessions, Student Union

10.1 Crashing the Boys' Club: Women in the Skilled Trades

Amy Bromsen, Political Science, Wayne State University: *Driven over the Brink at Chrysler: The Struggle and Death of Linda Gilbert*

Amy Peterson, Nontraditional Employment for Women: *NEW: You learn more than just the basics*

Laurel Parker, IBEW Local 3, Empire State College: *Women Building Bridges in the Construction Trades*

10.2 Class in Literature I

Alisa Balestra, Miami University: *The Many Articulations of 'Working-Class' in Leslie Feinberg's Stone Butch Blues*

Sherry Lee Linkon, Center for Working-Class Studies, Youngstown State University: *Deindustrialization Lit: Stories from the Next Generation*

Tim Libretti, English, Northeastern Illinois University: *The Reconfiguration of Class Consciousness through Anti-Colonial Nationalist Politics in the Novels of Milton Murayama: Theorizing Working-Class Literary Studies in the Age of Cosmopolitanism*

Sarah Attfield, University of Technology, Sydney, Australia: *UK Grime and the Expression of Working Class Culture*

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10.3 Class Dynamics in Communities I

Alpkan Birelma, Ataturk Institute for Modern Turkish History, Bogazici University: *In search of the "working class": Workers' subjectivity and agency in a neighborhood of Istanbul*

Ajay Panicker, Sociology, Saint Cloud University and **Sudarshana Bordoloi**, Geography, York University: *Class formation and the Local/Global Dialectic: Explaining Proletarianization in Kerala, India*

Joseph Varga, Labor Studies, Indiana University of Bloomington: *Geographies of Class in South Central Indiana*

Fran Shor, History, Wayne State University: *U. S. Consumers and the Problematics of Solidarity with Global Sweatshop Workers*

10.4 Class Conflict in the Ivory Tower

Cheryl Hyde, School of Social Work, Temple University and **Paul Dannenfels**, School of Social Work, Temple University: *Class Conflict in the Ivory Tower: The Case Study of a University Union Local*

Michelle M. Tokarczyk, English, Goucher College: *So You Think You'll Find Another Tenured Position?: The Case for Fighting Where You Stand*

Steve Street, Buffalo State College: *Class under Glass: The Two Faculty Tiers in Higher Education as a Microcosm of Class Dynamics*

Sharon O'Dair, English, University of Alabama: *Universal Access, Prestige-Driven Research, and the Creation of a Class System in the Academic Profession*

10.5 The Changing Labor Process and Working Class Experience

Ümit Akçay, Economics, Ordu University: *Young, Cheap, Flexible and Un-unionized: New Participants of Working Class, The Call Centre Workers*

Charley Richardson, Labor Extension Program, University of Massachusetts Lowell: *Working Alone: Isolation and Class Solidarity in the Modern Workplace*

Laura Clawson, Working America: *The Decline of Associationalism and Prospects for Working-Class Mobilization*

Nancy Lessin, United Steelworkers' Tony Mazzocchi Center for Health, Safety and Environmental Education: *Hiding the Injuries of Class: Management's Plan for Individualizing Harm, Destroying Solidarity and Hiding the Toll of Work-related Injuries and Illnesses*

10.6 Theories of Class

Hira Singh, Sociology, York University: *Class and Caste: Trajectory of an Erroneous Discourse from Max Weber to Louis Dumont*

Konstantinos Passas, National University of Athens: *Class Structure of Greek Society: A Comment on Productive and Unproductive Labor*

Ron Scott, Organizer, Founding Member of the Detroit Branch of the Black Panther Party: *Beyond Money: Towards a New Definition of Class*

Andor Skotnes, History, The Sage Colleges: *Paper: Rethinking Nicos Poulantzas and the Structural Determination of Class*

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10.7 Class Tracks in Language

Allison Butler, Communication, Western Connecticut State University: *Underserved & Inner City: Young People Understand and Make Meaning of Class-Based Labels*

Jacqueline Preston, English, University of Wisconsin-Madison: *Collective Rhetorics: Tropes, Schemes, and Ideographs in Two Rural Communities*

Julie A. Gorlewski: *Resistance Literacy: Embracing the Opposition of Working-Class Students*

Kim Hackett, English Composition, University of Akron: *Language Differences in a Juvenile Correctional Classroom: A Teacher's Experience*

Saturday, June 5, 12:45-1:45pm

Annual Meeting of the Working Class Studies Association

Saturday, June 5, 2:00-3:30pm

11. Concurrent Sessions

11.1 The Working Class in Contemporary U.S. Politics

Carl Davidson, Author, and Co-chair, The Committees of Correspondence for Democracy and Socialism

Harry Targ, Political Science, Purdue University, The Committees of Correspondence for Democracy and Socialism

Randy Shannon, Treasurer of Pennsylvania 4th Congressional District Chapter of Progressive Democrats of America, The Committees of Correspondence for Democracy and Socialism

Renee Y. Carter, Co-Chair, The Committees of Correspondence for Democracy and Socialism

11.2 The Academic Job Market in Working Class Studies – a roundtable discussion

Allison L. Hurst, Sociology, Furman University

Cherie Rankin, English, Heartland Community College

Christie Launius, English, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Debbie Warnock, Sociology, University of Washington

Michele Fazio, English, University of North Carolina-Pembroke

Sara Appel, Literature, Duke University

Terry Easton, English, Gainesville State College

11.3 The Arts in Working Class Activity

Erika Schneider and **Jon Huibregtse**, Framingham State College: *Art in Federal Buildings: Class struggles for an acceptable past*

Carol Quirke, American Studies, SUNY Old Westbury: *"A United Nations in One Union Shop:" Local 65 Distributive Workers Union and Representing Diversity*

Ruth Meyerowitz, SUNY Buffalo: *Channels: Stories From the Niagara Frontier: Three Years of Short Films about Effective Community Based Strategies to Deal with Issues of Class, Poverty and Public Policy*

Sudeshna Banerjee, History, Jadavpur University: *Cultural Production of Class at a Festival of the Masses: Durgapuja in Contemporary West Bengal (India)*

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11.4 Country Studies IV

David R. Applebaum, History, Rowan University: *Workers and White-Collar Professional Unions in France: The Syndicat de la Magistrature – Creating “zones of information” to expose and eliminate “zone of non-law.”*

Erik Bengtsson, Economic History, University of Gothenburg: *Workers’ Party, Workers’ Politics? Blue-collar workers in the Swedish Social Democratic Party today*

Daniel Gordon, School of Social Sciences, Cardiff University: *Meritocracy and its Discontents: Working Class Graduates and the British Labour Market*

Hugo Ceron-Anaya, Sociology and Anthropology, Washington College: *Golf, Class, and Business in Mexico: A Case Study*

11.5 Class in Literature II

Vanessa Hall, New York City College of Technology: *Blue Collar Redux: Carver and the Working Class Renaissance of the 1970s*

Joan Clingan, Humanities and Sustainability Education, Prescott College: *Sustainable Justice: Considering Social and Ecological Justice through Literature*

Linda McCarriston, Creative Writing & Literary Arts, University of Alaska Anchorage: *Tillie’s Generation*

11.6 Class and Blackness

Gregory Caldwell, History of Consciousness, University of California, Santa Cruz: *The Division of Robert Beck: A Melancholic Performance of US-Style Patriarchy*

Omar Ricks, Theater, Dance, and Performance Studies, University of California, Berkeley: *“Boston, We Have an Attitude Problem”: The Skip Gates Incident, the Policing of Black Affect, and When Class Doesn’t Work*

Shanesha Brooks Tatum, American Culture, University of Michigan: *Embodiment and the Politics of Craft: Black Women’s Craft Communities*

Tracy Carpenter, Comparative Studies, Ohio State University: *African American Women and the Recovery Folk Movement*

Saturday, June 5, 3:45-5:15pm

12. Concurrent Sessions

12.1 Class Dynamics in Communities II

Beshon Smith, The University of Maryland-Baltimore County: *Caution at the Crossroad: The Intersection of Class and Culture for Upwardly Mobile, African American Families and their Neighborhood Choices*

David Smith, Applied Social Sciences, Canterbury Christ Church University: *The Post-Industrial Working Class: Class, Community and Change in South London*

Nathan D. Delaney, History, University of Toledo: *Community as Class*

Stefan Ramsden, History, University of Hull: *The remaking of working-class community 1945-2000*

12.2 Class, Religion, and Culture

Michael James Boyle, Graduate Center, City University of New York: *Evangelical Faith and Working-Class Politics: Forever at Odds?*

Pietro Basso, Sociology, Ca’ Foscari University: *The Attraction of Right Wing Populism and Racism on European Workers*

Joan C. Williams, University of California, Hastings College of the Law: *Culture wars as class conflict*

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12.3 Country Studies V

Cemil Boyraz, International Relations, Istanbul Bilgi University: *Working-Class Reactions against Neo-Liberalism: An Analysis of Privatization Process in Turkey after the 1980s*

Funmi Adewumi, Industrial Relations and Economics & Management Sciences, Osun State University: *Trade Unions in the Global Economy: The Challenge of Social Movement Unionism*

Tim Fowler, Political Science, Carleton University: *If you don't know where you're going, you'll end up nowhere: Canadian labour and strategic voting.*

Claire Ceruti, Classifying Soweto project, University of Johannesburg: *Are Soweto's Unemployed a Labour Reserve?*

12.4 The Language of Class in Politics

Betsy Leondar-Wright, Sociology, Boston College: *TALKING OFTEN VS. TALKING LONG Towards a Sociolinguistics of the Class Cultures of Activist Groups*

Robert M. Zecker, History, Saint Francis Xavier University: *"Do You Take us for Kaffirs or Zulus?" Race, Labor and Housing Competition as Seen in the Slovak Immigrant Press*

Steve McClure, Geography and Geo-information Science, George Mason University: *Actionable intelligence: zoning, land use and election outcomes in Prince William County Virginia*

Saturday, June 5, 5:30-6:00pm
Conference summary discussion