2017 WORKING-CLASS STUDIES ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

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About the WCSA

Welcome to the annual conference of the Working-Class Studies Association. The association was formed in 2003 to promote the study of working-class people and their culture. We are a group made up of academics, activists, teachers, writers, poets, journalists, practitioners, students, artists and a wide range of others interested in developing the field of working-class studies. We hold an annual conference as well as other events to promote the field through a variety of awards and act as a discussion forum for working-class issues. We have members in North America, Europe and Australia and our conferences draw a world-wide audience. We have recently launched a new journal for the field in the past year and are always looking for new people to become involved in the field and contribute to the discussion.

Get Involved!

If you are interested in the field and want to join the Association, please visit the membership page. We would encourage members to come to the annual conference as well as organize in your communities. We look forward to meeting you.

What WCSA does

- Promotes awareness, growth, and legitimacy of working-class studies internationally
- Promotes models of working-class studies that actively involve and serve the interests of working-class people
- Promotes critical discussions of the relationships among class, race, gender, sexuality, nationality, and other structures of inequality
- Promotes interdisciplinary, multi-disciplinary, and disciplinary approaches to studying and teaching about the lived experience of working-class people
- Provides opportunities for academics, artists, activists, workers, independent scholars, students, and others to share their work, make connections with colleagues and professional organizations, and learn about resources
- Facilitates conversations and critical debate engaging diverse intellectual and political approaches to scholarship, teaching, and outreach in working-class studies
- Creates partnerships that link scholarship with activism in labor, community, and other working-class social justice organizations
Committee Members

Program Director
Joseph Varga, Indiana University

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Co-Sponsoring Organizations
IU Labor Studies Department
IU School of Social Work
IU College of Arts and Humanities Institute
IU Cinema
IU Dept. of English
IU Dept. of History
South Central Indiana Jobs with Justice

Technical Specialists:
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Bruce McCallister, Indiana University School of Social Work
Micol Siegel, Indiana University Department of American Studies
Deborah Warnock, SUNY Cortland Department of Sociology
Wednesday

12PM Noon  Registration, WEB Lobby

1:00 PM- 4:30 PM  "Labor History Tour," Debs House
Who: Lisa Phillips
Where: Meet at WEB lobby for bus to Terre Haute, IN

5:30 PM- 7:15PM  "Meet and Greet," All Welcome
Who: WCSA Steering Committee
Where: Nick's English Hut, 423 E Kirkwood Ave

7:30PM  Film Screening, "The Killing Floor
Who: Joseph Varga
Where: IU Cinema, 1213 E. 7th St.

Thursday

8:45 - 10:15 AM (Session 1)

1A Aesthetic Pipelines: Working Class and First Nations
Interventions Into an Economy of Poison
Who:
- Ryan Poll, Northeastern Illinois University
- Terrie Albano, People's World
- Tim Libretti, Northeastern Illinois University
Where: WEB 1004

1B The Brexit Generation
Who:
- Lisa McKenzie, London School of Economics
- Valerie Walkerdine, Cardiff University
- Darren Nixon, Leeds Beckett University
Where: WEB 1006

1C Class On Campus: The Student Experience
Who:
- Colby King, Bridgewater State University
- Allison Hurst, Oregon State University
- Debbie Warnock, SUNY Cortland
- Lindsey Clifton, Kent State University
Where: WEB 1084

1D Labor History I: Organizing Migrants and Prisoners
Who:
- Nathaniel Bryant, California State University-Chico
- Laura Westhoff, University of Missouri-St. Louis
- Deborah Cohen, University of Missouri-St. Louis
Where: WEB 1201
10:30PM - 12:00PM - KEYNOTE: Trumpism before Trump: Rust Belt Populism during the 2008 and 2012 Elections
Who: Josh Pacewicz, Sociology, Brown University
Where: Wright Auditorium

12:15PM - 1:30PM Graduate Student Meet and Greet
Who: Katherine Kidd
Where: WEB Lobby

1:45PM - 3:15PM (Session 2)
2A Film Screening: "Liberal Arts Defenders"
Who: Marc DiPaolo, Southwestern Oklahoma State University
Where: WEB 1006

2B Working Class Voters and the Trump Election
Who:
• Michael Zweig, SUNY Stony Brook
• John Russo, Georgetown University
• Sherry Linkon, Georgetown University
Where: WEB 1084

2C Labor History II: Organizing the Midwest
Who:
• Cory Haala, Marquette University
• Mara Fridell, University of Manitoba
• Joshua Murray, Vanderbilt University
• Michael Schwartz, SUNY Stony Brook
Where: WEB 1201

3:30 - 4:45 PM (Session 3)
3A Social Movements in Theory and Practice
Who:
• Simon Lee, University of California-Riverside
• Tim Libretti, Northeastern Illinois University
• Frederik Egefur, Lund University
• Megan Osborn, Virginia Commonwealth University
Where: WEB 1004

3B Making the WCSA Flourish: Action Gathering One
Who: Michele Fazio, Sara Appel, Scott Henkel, Ken Estey and Allison Hurst
Where: WEB 1006

3C Notches in the Rust Belt
Who:
• James Rhodes, University of Manchester
• Jackie Gabriel, Western State Colorado University
• Colby King, Bridgewater State University
• Laura Crommelin, University of New South Wales
Where: WEB 1084

3D Labor History III: Struggles in the Mines and at the Forge
Who:
• Joel Woller, University of Carlow
• Marcelo Bezerra, Universidade Federal Fluminense
• Michael Bailey, University of Essex
Where: WEB 1201
5:15 - 6:30 PM The State of Working Class Studies

Who:
- Terry Easton, University of North Georgia
- Christie Lanius, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh
- Tim Strangelman, University of Kent
- Michele Fazio, University of North Carolina-Pembroke

Where: Wright Auditorium

7:00 PM Film Screening, "Exit Zero" Who:

Who: Christine Walley

Where: Wright Auditorium

*Discussion to follow screening

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Where: Wright Auditorium

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8:45AM - 10:15AM (Session 4)

4A Book Discussion: Bronx Migrations - Michelle Tokarczyk

Who:
- Sarah Attfield, University of Technology-Sidney
- Christie Lanius, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh
- Cherie Rankin, Heartland Community College

Where: WEB 1004

4B Unions, Workers, and the Ballot Box

Who:
- Laura Bucci, Indiana University
- Allison Hurst, Oregon State University

Where: WEB 1006

4C Working Class Solidarity, Capitalist Fragmentations

Who:
- Maka Suarez, Goldsmiths, University of London
- Denise Lynn, University of Southern Indiana
- Andrew Kolin, Hilbert College

Where: WEB 1084

7:45AM - 8:30AM Registration and Breakfast

Who: WCSA

Where: WEB Lobby
4D Multiple Conceptions of Workers and Struggle

Who:
- Lew Caccia, Kent State University at Stark
- Jeremy Baker, Columbus State Community College
- Brooke Beloso, Butler University
- Ercie Offre, Bridgewater State University

Where: WEB 1201

10:30 AM- 12:00 noon - KEYNOTE - Working Class U: Possibilities for the Future of Public Higher Education

Who:
Sara Goldrick-Rab, Temple University, School of Education

Where: Wilkie Auditorium

12:15 - 1:30 PM WCSA Membership Meeting

Who: WCSA

Where: WEB 1004

*All Welcome and Encouraged to Attend

1:45 - 3:15 PM (Session 5)

5A Roundtable Book Discussion: White Trash

Who:
- Neil Roos, University of the Free State (South Africa)
- Jason Ward, Mississippi State U
- Sakina Hughes, Univ. of Southern Indiana

Where: WEB 1004

5B Bringing a Working Class Revolution to Higher Education

Who:
- Sara Goldrick-Rab, Temple University
- Fabio Rojas, Indiana University
- Jessica Calarco
- Jessie Streib, Duke University

Where: WEB 1006

5C Gender Trouble I: Violence and Masculinity

Who:
- Deon Harrell, University of North Carolina-Pembroke
- Ben Clarke, University of North Carolina-Greensboro
- Sarah Attfield, University of Technology-Sidney

Where: WEB 1084

5D The Russian Revolution a Hundred Years Later: Relevances for the 21st Century Part I

Who:
- Harry Targ, Purdue University
- Paul Krehbiel, CCDS
- Gary Hicks, Bay Area Housing Advocate

Where: WEB 1201

5E Student Poster Session

Who:
- Michele Fazio, University of North Carolina-Pembroke
- Deborah Warnock, SUNY Cortland

Where: WEB 1230
5:15 - 6:15 PM *Musical Performance: “Math is Hard”*

Who: Cynthia George, University of Richmond

Where: Wright Auditorium

6:30 - 8:30 PM *Awards Banquet*

Who: WCSA

Where: Neal Marshall Center Great Hall

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Saturday

3:30PM - 5:00PM (Session 6)

**6A The Russian Revolution a Hundred Years Later:**

Relevances for the 21st Century Part II

Who:
- Harry Targ, Purdue University
- Janet Tucker, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth
- Meta Van Sickel, College of Charleston
- Carl Davidson, Online University of the Left

Where: WEB 1004

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Who:
- Tim Strangelman, University of Kent
- David Netteingham, University of Kent
- Emma Pleasant, University of Kent

Where: WEB 1084

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**6C Gender Trouble II: Representations of Women and Work**

Chair: Michele Fazio, UNC Pembroke

Who:
- Andrew Burns, UNC Pembroke
- Sara Appel; Lewis and Clark College
- Carmen Hernandez, Georgetown University
- Asia Muhammad, UNC Pembroke
- Christopher Walker, UNC Pembroke

Where: WEB 1201

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8:45 - 10:15 AM (Session 7)

**7A The Specter of Downward Mobility**

Who:
- Carolyn Barnes, Duke University
- Allison Hurst, Oregon State University
- Betsy Leondar-Wright, Lasall College
- Jessi Streib, Duke University

Where: WEB 1004
**7B Class on Campus: The Faculty Experience**

**Who:**
- Ray Mazurek, Penn State University-Berks
- Lynn Arner, Brock University
- Charles Cunningham, Eastern Michigan University

**Where:** WEB 1006

**7C Textual Constructions of Race and Class**

**Who:**
- Scott Henkel, University of Wyoming
- Marc DiPaolo, Southwestern Oklahoma State University
- Jeremy Baker, University of New Mexico

**Where:** WEB 1230

**10:30AM - 12:00PM The State of the American Labor Movement**

**Who:** Kim Moody, Founding editor, Labor Notes

**Where:** Wright Auditorium

**12:15 - 1:30 PM (lunch)**

**1:45 - 3:15 PM (Session 8)**

**8A Work Decline, Loss, and Change: Exploring Working Class Deindustrialization in the ‘Garden of England’ Part II**

**Who:**
- Luke Shoveller, University of Kent
- Sophie Rowland, University of Kent
- Paul Cook, University of Kent

**Where:** WEB 1002

**8B Moving the WCSA Forward: Action Gathering Two**

**Who:**
Hosted by Colby King, Tim Strangleman, Terry Easton, Courtney Maloney and Katherine Kidd

**Where:** WEB 1004

**8C Constructing Ideologies**

**Who:**
- Jeff Torlina, Utah Valley University
- Benjamin Nestor, Marquette University
- Michael Pulido, Marquette University

**Where:** WEB 1006

**8D Making Class Visible**

**Who:**
- Courtney Maloney, Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design
- Deidre O'Neill, Inside Film Project
- Sean McPherson, Bridgewater State University

**Where:** WEB 1230

**3:30 - 5:00 PM (Session 9)**

**9A Socialism and Other Revolutions of the 20th Century**

**Who:**
- Scott Henkel, University of Wyoming
- Na'eeemah Webb, Purdue University
- Ben Balthaser, Indiana University South Bend
- Wesley Bishop, Purdue University

**Where:** WEB 1002
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9B The Poetry of Class and Struggle

Who:

• Jessica Femiani, SUNY Binghamton
• Willy Palomo, Indiana University
• Jeanetta Calhoun Mish, Oklahoma Poet Laureate

Where: WEB 1004

9C Workers and the Fight for Justice Today

Who:

• Lia Haro, Australian Catholic University
• Kirsi Anselmi-Stith, Harvard College
• Shuxi Yin, Peking University
• Gustavo Berrizbeitia, Northwestern University
• Berkay Aydin, Uludag University

Where: WEB 1006

9D Literatures of Class

Who:

• Clare Callahan, University of Texas at Austin
• Eric Kaufman. Ohio State University

Where: WEB 1230

5:30 PM Wrap-Up

Who: WCS ’17 Participants

Where: WEB Lobby