How Class Works – 2016 Conference Schedule

(May 4, 2016)

Wednesday June 8, 2016

Wednesday 2:30 – 5:30 0.0 Working Class Studies Association Steering Committee Meeting

Wednesday 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

0.1 Graduate Student and New Participant Meet and Greet, hosted by **Michele Fazio, Jackie Gabriel, and Colby King**, Hilton Garden Inn, Shirley Kenny Room

Wednesday 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

0.2 Party: open mic music and spoken word, Hilton Garden Inn, Shirley Kenny Room

Thursday June 9

Thursday, 10:30 - noon

1.1 Workers' Experiences - SAC 303

Kadambari Chheda and **Anuradha Patniak**, University of Mumbai: Analyzing the Life of Construction Workers in India: Case-Study of Mumbai City

Tracy Lynn Vargas, Syracuse University: Dollar Daze: Exploitative Labor Extraction in Discount Retail

Jacqueline Ross, CUNY Graduate Center: Changing Class Relations: Tipping and Servility in Long Island Restaurants

1.2 Pop Culture - SAC 305

Liz Guiffre, University of Technology Sydney: How Class Works in Comedy: Australia's Great Dame Edna, Housewife Superstar

Kathy Dobson, Carleton University: The Production of Ignorance Through Memes: Representations of Poverty, Class, and Welfare Online

Sarah Attfield, University of Technology Sydney: Rejecting Respectability: On Being Unapologetically 'Mouthy' and Working Class

Andrew Manno, Raritan Valley Community College: Poker, Masculinity, and Casino Capitalism: How America's Most Popular Card Game Trains Men to Live in a Winner-Take-All Culture

Thursday, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

2.1 Building Global Labor Solidarity Around the World – SAC 306

Kim Scipes, Purdue University North Central: KMU (Philippines) Efforts to Build Global Labor Solidarity

Immanuel Ness, Brooklyn College CUNY: Labor Solidarity Initiatives in India **Katherine Nastovski**, McMaster University: Canadian Workers and the Boycott, Divest, and Sanctions (BDS) Movement

2.2 The Big Squeeze: How Labor Market and Housing Policies Turned America's Working Class into the Working Poor – SAC 305

Ofronama Biu, The New School: Job Polarization: Where Did the Middle Go? **Kea Fiedler**, The New School: On the Failure of Labor Market Policies **Lena Simet**, The New School: The Cost of Housing and Lousy Jobs

2.3 Enterprise Unionism, Austerity, and the Rank-and-File Upsurge – SAC 312

Amy Bromsen, Wayne State University Mark Brenner, Labor Education and Research Project, *Labor Notes* Bill Parker, Past-president, United Auto Workers (UAW) Local 1700 (Chrysler)

2.4 Surveillance in a Time of Misery – SAC 311

Ian Rocksborough-Smith, St.Francis Xavier University, The Chicago Police Department's Red Squad Writes Up the Black Cultural Front in Cold War Chicago **Daniel Chard**, UMass Amherst, Reading "Science Workers" History in the FBI's *Science for the People* File, 1970-1974

Robert Zecker, Red Joy and Subversive Laughter in a Time of McCarthyite Misery

2.5 Class and Pedagogy – SAC 303

Sharon Szymanski and **Richard Wells**, Empire State College SUNY: Teaching Inequality

Julie Raulli, Wilson College: What's on Your Plate? Using Food to Teach Social Inequality

Christie Launius, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh: Working-Class Pedagogy: A Literature Review

Thursday, 3:45 – 5:15 p.m.

3.1 Class Encounters - SAC 303

Dennis O'Neil, New York City: How A Prep School Scholarship In 1963-4 Taught A Kid From Rural New England About Class, In Real Time And In Retrospect **Hagai Eytan**, Hebrew University of Jerusalem: In the Taxi: an analysis of micro inter-class inter-actions

Colin Bossen, Harvard University: To Grow Our Souls: Grace Lee Boggs Conceptions of Class

3.2 Class Dynamics in Turkey – SAC 312

Esra Sengör Senalp and **Gürsan Şenalp**, Atilim University: The Role of Finance Capital Groups in the Making of Recent Turkish Foreign Policy Openings in the Middle East

Isil Erdinc, Sorbonne University: Being a trade union activist in Turkey during the AKP (Justice and Development Party, *Adalet ve Kalkınma Partisi*) rule: Practices, identities, labor representation and fractures among the working class **Ayse Arslan**, University of London School of Oriental and African Studies: State, Ethnicity and the Working Class in Turkey

3.3 Policing Workers and Working Police: Can Cops Act in Solidarity with Workers? – SAC 305

Joseph Varga, Indiana University: Civil Rights and Tired Cops: Order-Maintenance Policing and Alienated Labor

Erik Fink, Elon University School of Law: Are Union Contracts Bricks in the Blue Wall?

Gary Jones, American International College: The State Made Visible: The Formation of the Pennsylvania Department of State Police, 1890-1917

Stephen Thornton, 1199/SEIU and Shoeleather History Project: Are Black Cops Workers? Confronting the Blue Wall as Cops in Hartford

3.4 Working in Class – SAC Ballroom B

A roundtable discussion among contributors to Working in Class: How Our Social Backgrounds Affect Our Teaching, Scholarship, and Work in the Academy Allison Hurst, Oregon State University (co-editor)

Anison Hurst, Oregon State University Sara Appel, University of Pittsburgh Lynn Arner, Brock University Dwight Lang, University of Michigan Andrea Lewis, Spelman College Jessi Streib, Duke University Michael Svec, Furman University Debbie Warnock, SUNY Cortland

3.5 The Work of Waste - SAC 311

Carl Zimring, Pratt Institute: Dirty Work Reconsidered: On Race and the Waste Trades in the United States

Robin Muhammed, Ohio University: Smoke on the Water: Land Waste Workers and Shipbreaking Labor in Comparative Perspective, 1960-2000

Courtney Pina Miller, Brandeis University: The Lazy and Toothless Anse Bundren: Examining White Trash in Faulkner's As I Lay Dying

3.6 Developing Working Class Strategy to Challenge Corporate Social Domination – SAC 306

Bob Muelenkamp, former 1199SEIU Executive Vice President and Teamsters organizing director, **Bill Fletcher, Jr.,** talkshow host, writer & activist

Michael Zweig, SUNY Stony Brook

3.7 Lived History: Moments and Movements in American Working-Class Literature – SAC 302

Nick Coles, University of Pittsburgh: Working the Land: Pastoral Meets Realism Sherry Linkon, Georgetown University: Narrating Deindustrialization Paul Lauter, Trinity College: Why Work?

4.0 Thursday, 7 – 9 p.m. Opening Provost Lecture – SAC Ballroom B

Sam Pizzigati, editor, Too Much

Chrystia Freeland, author of *Plutocrats*, Canada's Minister of International Trade (acceptance, subject to final availability)

Plutocrats: Understanding the 0.1%

5.0 Thursday 9:30 p.m. -

Party – Hilton Garden Inn

Friday June 10

08:00 – 09:00 a.m. continental breakfast – SAC Ballroom A

6.0 Friday, 9:00 – 10:30 Plenary – SAC Ballroom A Race, Class, and Environmental Justice

Joe Uehlein, Executive Director, Labor Network for Sustainability Jacqueline Patterson, Climate and Environmental Justice Program Director, NAACP Carla Lipsig-Mummé, Institute for Research and Innovation in Sustainability, York University

Friday, 10:45 - 12:15

7.1 Deindustrialization and Memory - SAC 302

Geoff Bright, Manchester Metropolitan University, **Mark James,** Unite the Union, South Yorkshire Community Branch, and **Max Munday,** community broadcaster: Working in 'Ghost Labs': Developing a process-space for critical creative/political/ community practice.

Michael Seltzer, Oslo and Akershus University College: Death by Box – The Destruction of Working Class Community on a European Waterfront Victor Chen, Virginia Commonwealth University: The Rise of Meritocratic Morality: A Study of Unemployed Autoworkers in the US and Canada Tim Strangleman, University of Kent: Images of Workers and Photographing Work:

Changing Visions of Work and Class in Post War England

7.2 Labor Militance - SAC 303

Cagatay Edgucan-Sahin, Ordu Uiversity, and **Pekin Bengisu Tepe**, Ankara University: The Wildcat Strike Wave of May 2015: Is the Turkish Metal Workers Insurgency Breaking the Fear Barrier?

Kim Scipes, Purdue University North Central: U.S. Labor Solidarity with Labor Militants around the World

Derek Seidman, D'Youville College: The History (and Future) of the Fight for 15 **Marc Kagan**, CUNY Graduate Center: Workers Fighting Austerity: The 1980 New York City Transit Strike

7.3 Re-class-ification – SAC 312

John Welsh, University of Helsinki: The Shadow: New Class Configuration in the University

Victoria Hill, St. Edwards University: You Listen to What Working People Are Saying Loud and Clear": Two Mid-Century Challenges to Middle-Class Normativity in Psychology

Lukas Pfäffle, University of Heidelberg: The Cultural Foundation of the German Middle Class

Udayan Chandra Roy, Ram Narayan Roy Foundation: Class struggle and caste dynamics in India

7.4 Lead Smelting: Historical and Contemporary Issues in Environmental Health, Class, and Social Justice – SAC 305

Christopher Sellers, SUNY Stony Brook, and **Marianne Sullivan**, William Paterson University: Toward a History of Occupational Lead Standard in The United States **Gita Nandan**, Pratt Institute and Red Hook (NY) Rising Community Reconstruction Planning Committee: Legacy Lead and Sustainability in Red Hook

Jay Turner, Wellesley College: Closing the Loop? The History of Lead-Acid Battery Recycling and Implications for the Future

Jack Caravanos, Hunter College CUNY: Lead Poisoning in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: International Case Studies

7.5 Working Class Formations in China – SAC 306

Katie Quan, UC Berkeley: Reaching for Power: Models of Working Class Organizing in China

Gaochao He, Sun Yat-sen University: Where's the Class? Rethinking Class Formation in Contemporary China

Eli Friedman, Cornell University: Alienated Politics and Class Formation in China

7.6 Who Says Nobody Talks about Class in America? Listening for and Making Class Speak in Political and Cultural Discourse – SAC Auditorium

Tim Libretti, Northeaster Illinois University: How Class Is Spoken in the Languages of Sexuality and Race: Alienation as the Sickness of Class Society

Teresa Albano, *People's World*: Finding Labor's Presence and the Working-Class Voice in Social Justice Reporting

John Kane, SUNY Stony Brook: Organized Labor as the New Undeserving Rich? Mass Media, Inverted Class Rhetoric, and Anti-Union Sentiment in the U.S

Reece Peck, College of Staten Island CUNY: Usurping the Usable Past: How Fox News Remembered the Great Depression during the Great Recession

7.7 Pathways of Capitalist Class Influence on State Policy – SAC 311

Joshua Murray, Vanderbilt University: Beyond Inter-Corporate Networks: Finance Capital at the Center of Corporate Political Activity

Kevin Young, UMass Amherst: Capital Strikes as Corporate Political Strategy **Jennifer Heerwig**, SUNY Stony Brook: The Partisanship and Ideology of the Corporate Inner Circle

8.0 Friday 12:45 - 1:55

Working Class Studies Association Membership Meeting – SAC 311

Friday, 2:00 - 3:30

9.1 Class Consciousness – SAC 302

Najate Zouggari, University of Lausanne: Artist vs. Artisan vs. Worker : Markers of Class in Cabinet-making in France and French-speaking part of Switzerland Peter Ikeler and Jill Crocker, SUNY College at Old Westbury: Services and Solidarity: Class Consciousness in the Postindustrial Workplace Caroline Pari-Pfisterer, Borough of Manhattan Community College CUNY: Getting Above Your Raisin': Working-Class Encounters with the Academy Ken Estey, Brooklyn College CUNY: Working Class Pride and its Discontents

9.2 Labor Migration - SAC 306

Sylvia Hahn, University of Salzburg: Labor Migration, Class, and Ethnicity in Austria Since the 1960s

Sonila Danaj, University of Jyväskylä, and **Ines Wagner**, University of Duisburg-Essen: Constructing the underclass of '*poverty migrant*': discourses on labour migration and welfare policy in Germany and the UK

Sylvain Bordiec, University of Bordeaux: To Keep People There: The Settlement of Foreign Workers in "World of Wine" in Medoc (France)

Verena Lorber, University of Salzburg: Left to fend for themselves? Yugoslavian labor migrants in Austria in the 1960s and 1970s

9.3 Precarity and Beyond – SAC 311

Jackie Gabriel, Colorado State University: Beyond Precarity: Lockouts and Worker Resilience in Industrial America

Jonathan Sale, University of the Philippines: New Forms of Workforce Flexibility and Unacceptable Forms of Work: Is the Philippine Kindergarten to Grade 12 Law shaping such outcomes?

9.4 Conceptions of Class, Work, Values, and Identity – SAC Auditorium

Barbara Jensen, Minneapolis Counseling Therapist Jeff Torlina, Utah Valley University

9.5 Issues in Environmental Justice – SAC 303

Irwin Sperber, SUNY New Paltz: Undermining Environmental Justice: The Cooptation of Environmental NGOs by the Ruling Class and Corporate Polluters **Marina Sitrin**, CUNY Graduate Center: The Recuperation of Work, Life, and Land **Eddie Rosario**, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 375, District Council 37: U.S. Labor Combating Environmental Injustices: organizing locally and globally

Alan Derickson, Pennsylvania State University: The United Steelworkers' Multifaceted Strategy for Controlling the Hazard of Coke-Oven Emissions

9.6 Aspects of Class Relations in Turkey - SAC 312

Melda Yaman, Ondokuz Mayis University: Restructuring Industrial Processes: Transforming Turkey into Europe's China

Özgür Öztürk, Ondokuz Mayis University: Made in Turkey ... by Syrian Refugees **Gürçag Tuna**, Tunceli University: The Relationship Between the Justice and Development Party (AKP) and Capital in Turkey

9.7 The Fight for Health Care: Contesting the Neo-liberal Assault on the Social Wage – SAC 305

Martha Livingston, SUNY Old Westbury Mark Dudzik, Labor Campaign for Single Payer Katie Robbins, Metro NY Chapter, Physicians for a National Health Program

Friday, 3:45 - 5:15

10.1 Alternative Labor Strategies – SAC 311

Dario Azzellini, Johannes Kepler University: Enterprise recuperations, networks and class recomposition

Jay Youngdahl, Oakland, Calif.: Workers' Capital?: Labor's Alliances with Financiers **Zane Curtis-Olsen**, Yale University: Sweat Equity, 'The Right to the City,' and the Reassessment of Neighborhood Labor in 1970s Philadelphia

Jean Harris, Highline College: Effect of Co-Cultural and Cross-Class Contact Initiated in a Multi-racial, Low-Income Public Housing Community, 1941-1966

10.2 Working on Earth: Class, Environment, Community, and Justice – SAC 303

Jen Westerman, Appalachian State University **Christina Robertson**, University of Nevada, Reno Edie Steiner, Centennial College

10.3 Rethinking Class: Roundtable Imagining Contemporary Working Class Studies – SAC Auditorium

Joseph Entin, Brooklyn College CUNY Jennifer Silva, Bucknell University Conor Tomás Reed, Brooklyn, NY Immanuel Ness, Brooklyn College CUNY

10.4 Profiled (a film)- SAC 312

Kathleen Foster, filmmaker Andrew Tilson, Workers Unite Film Festival

10.5 Media and the Working Class in the Election of 2016 - SAC 305

A Roundtable Convened by **Frank Emspak**, Diversified Media Enterprises, producer of *Workers Independent News*

John Anderson, Brooklyn College CUNY

David Katzman, Transport Workers Union (TWU) Local 100, NYC **Howard Kling**, Public Economic Information Services and University of Minnesota **Nicole Korkolis**, Office and Professional Employees International Union (OPEIU) Local 80, NYC

10.6 A New and Unsettling Force: Organizing Across Race for a Class-based New Poor People's Campaign – SAC 306

John Wessel-McCoy, Kairos Center for Religions, Rights, and Social Justice - Union Theological Seminary

Willie Baptist, Kairos Center for Religions, Rights, and Social Justice - Union Theological Seminary

10.7 Class on Campus - SAC 302

Colby King and **Sean McPherson**, Bridgewater State University **Deborah Warnock**, SUNY Cortland **Allison Calhoun** and **Christina Irvine**, Whitman College **Dwight Lang**, University of Michigan

11.0 Friday, 7 – 9 p.m. Banquet and Award Presentations – SAC Ballroom A

12.0 Friday, 9:30 p.m. -Party – Hilton Garden Inn

Saturday June 11

8 – 9 a.m. Continental breakfast – SAC Ballroom A

Saturday, 9:00 – 10:30 Plenary Session – SAC Ballroom A

The African-American Experience of Class

Bill Fletcher, Jr., talk-show host, writer & activist Steven Pitts, UC Berkeley Patricia Ford, Executive Vice-President, Service Employees International Union (retired)

Saturday, 10:45 – 12:15

14.1 Neo-liberalism - SAC 305

Stephen Philion, St. Cloud State University: Chinese Neo-Liberalism and Bases for Cross-Straits Labor Solidarity

Partha Banerjee, Joint Industries Board of the Electrical Industry, NYC: The New Global Economy, Colonization, and Slavery

Lekh Prasad Burlakoti, Center for Labor and Social Studies (CLASS Nepal): Class and Global Economy in Nepalese Context

Burcu Nur Binbuğa Kinik, Middle East Technical University: Gezi Uprising: Resistance to Neoliberal Authoritarianism

14.2 Representations of Class - SAC 302

Carol Quirke, SUNY Old Westbury: Arthur Leipzip's Representations of Work— When Is A Photo A Provocation for Change?

Maureen Curtin, SUNY Oswego: Socialism and Irish-American Literature in the 20th Century

Terry Easton, University of North Georgia: Singin' the Rez Blues: Lyricism of Hope and Despair in Sherman Alexie's Reservation Blues

Christiane Schlote, University of Basel: Class Topographies and Power Geometries in Dubai

14.3 Identity and Economic Place - SAC 306

Mathew Sparkes, Cambridge University: Borrowed identities: the role of credit in classificatory struggles

Peter Ikeler and Laura Limonic, SUNY College at Old Westbury: Class Structure and Class Geography in Neoliberal America: An Occupational Approach

David Smith, University of Greenwich, London, and **Margaret Greenfields**, Buckinghamshire New University: Gypsies, Travellers and Working Class Formation and Identity in London

14.4 Class, Community, and Environment: Place and Poverty – SAC 303

Tricia Stewart, Point Park University, and Michelle Pallermo-Biggs, Warner School of Education Mary Corey, SUNY College at Brockport JanRose Ottaway Martin, MSW

14.5 Class Conflict Among Already Organized Workers - SAC 311

Eddie Kay, veteran union organizer **Marc Kagan**, Transport Workers Union (TWU) Local 100 (2001-2005)

14.6 Heard It Through the Grapevine (a film) - SAC 312

Pat Hartley, filmmaker **Andrew Tilson**, <u>Workers Unite Film Festival</u>

14.7 Towards a Revolution in Labor History - SAC Ballroom B

Jeffrey B. Perry, T.W.Allen literary executor, Theodore W. Allen's *Invention of the White Race* – Towards a Revolution in Labor History

Saturday, 1:10 - 1:55

15.0 Plans for the Center for Study of Working Class Life Transition to the Center for Study of Class, Inequality and Social Justice – an introduction and informal discussion SAC 311

Robert Chase, SUNY Stony Brook **Lori Flores,** SUNY Stony Brook **Christopher Sellers,** SUNY Stony Brook

Saturday, 2:00 - 3:30

16.1 Topics in Class and Race - SAC 305

Alison Dobrick, William Paterson University: One Town Over in Another World: Pre-Service Teachers in Urban Elementary Schools Develop Understandings of Class, Race and Gender

Scott Henkel, University of Wyoming: The Dynamics of Multiracial Cooperation in W. E. B. Du Bois' *Black Reconstruction*

Karen Gaffney, Raritan Valley Community College: Tipping Points in Recognizing Injustice: Reading *The New Jim Crow* at a Community College, a Prison, and a Church

16.2 State, NGOs and Class – SAC 312

Thomas Castillo, University of Maryland: The "Right to Work" in the Sunshine State, from the New Deal to Taft Hartley

Changling Cai, UMass Amherst: How Do Economic Structure and Labor NGOs Empower Working Class in China?

Jason Coupet, North Carolina State University: Class, power, and benevolence in Transition Coaching: Evidence from Chicago

16.3 Topics in Class Identity - SAC 303

Marc Szydlik, University of Zurich: Class, country, culture: How inequality is transferred from one generation to the next

MichelleTokarczyk, Goucher College: E. L. Doctorow's Working-Class Fiction **Camila Pulgar Machado**, Universidad Central de Venezuela: The collective archive: exploring class politics in the culture of post-Chávez Venezuela

Jill Schennum, County College of Morris: Transmission of Class Identities: the Children of Bethlehem Steelworkers

16.4 Green Gentrification and Urban Environmental Justice – SAC 311

Josiah Rector, Wayne State University Tammy Lewis, Brooklyn College CUNY John Arena, College of Staten Island CUNY Kenneth Gould, Brooklyn College CUNY

16.5 Sluts, Boozers, Bruisers, and Romance in Mass Culture – SAC 306

Leo Parascondola, William Paterson University: Cry Me a River: Women in Film, Romance, Ideology, and the Hollywood Production Code

James Phillips, Kingsborough Community College and York College CUNY: Boozers, Bruisers, Cons, and Redemption Among Dock and Factory Workers in American Film Tim Sheard, National Writers Union (UAW Local 1981) and Hardball Press: Was Cinderella a Slut? The Class bias Undergirding Children's Animated Movies in 2015 Tim Libretti, Northeastern Illinois University: How Mad Men Represents Class-Conditioned Alienation as the Obstacle to Social Liberation

Saturday, 3:45 - 5:15

17.1 The Presence of Class in History - SAC 303

Jim Wolfinger, DePaul University: Running the Rails: A History of Capital and Labor in the Philadelphia Transit Industry

Cherie Rankin, Heartland Community College: The German Workers behind the William Scully Empire

Shannon Kirkwood, Central Michigan University: Working Class Domesticity, Community Identity, and Political Activism in the U.S. and Britain, 1912-1922 **Donna Haverty-Stacke**, Hunter College CUNY: Radical Women and the Work of Class and Gender: The Case of Grace Carlson and Her Party Sisters

17.2 Youth - SAC 311

Gregory DeFreitas, Hofstra University: Young Workers, Blocked Futures **Jakob Hartl**, University of Bristol: The young working class' road to political alienation. Social differentiation and the decrease in political participation **Colleen Johnston**, Indiana University: Class, Race, and Gender Differences in US College Students' Sense of Subjective Class

17.3 Understanding Cross-Class Marriages – SAC 306

A roundtable discussion of Jessi Streib's *The Power of the Past: Understanding* Cross-Class Marriages

Jack Metzgar, Roosevelt University (emeritus) Allison Hurst, Oregon State University Barbara Jensen, Minneapolis counseling psychologist Betsey Leondar-Wright, Lasell College Jeff Torlina, Utah Valley University Jessi Streib, Duke University

17.4 Language, Memoir, and Intergenerational Cross-Class

Mobility: Kathy Dobson's *With a Closed Fist: Growing Up in Canada's Toughest Neighborhood***– SAC 305**

Herbert Pimlott, Wilfred Laurier University: Writing the Class Out of Poverty: Autobiography, Gender, and Consciousness in *With a Closed Fist*

Kathy Dobson, Carleton University: "Bite Me:" When Language Offends More than Poverty

Jenny Mitchell, Carleton University: A Tale of Two Classes: Exploring Transitional Class Experiences

18.0 Saturday 5:30 – 6:00 Conference sum-up and evaluation - SAC 311

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