

Labor Studies Division Business Meeting

July 7, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Convened at 3:05pm EST

Brief Introductions: Jackie Zalewski, Todd Vachon, Emily Yen, Janelle Pham, Sue Sherifali

Outgoing chair, Jackie Zalewski congratulated the incoming chair and vice chair of the Labor Studies Division: Todd Vachon and Emily Yen

Chair and vice chair extended thanks to the Braverman Award Committee—Tracy L. Vargas, Eli Revelle Yano Wilson, and Anthony Huaqui—and congratulations to the Braverman Award Winner, Hanna Grace Goldberg (“The Two-Employer Problem: Strategic Dilemmas at the Heart of the Tipped Wage Debate”)

Jackie introduced the conference theme for the 2022 conference: “The Sociological Reimagination: From Moments to Momentum” and urged members to read Noreen’s statement about the conference theme online.

Brief review of the requirements/guidelines for labor studies sessions for 2022 annual meeting

Three solo-sponsored labor studies division sessions (one needs to relate to the annual meeting theme: “The Sociological Reimagination: From Moments to Momentum”)

Seven co-sponsored sessions with other divisions

Sessions are designated as: *Regular Session* (4 or 5 papers), *Critical Dialogue Session* (up to 8 presentations for 5-minute presentations with facilitator, presenter, and audience dialogue—this session type is encouraged), or *Papers in the Round* (multiple roundtables with a discussant for each table)

Group brainstorm of possible session topics for 2022 annual meeting

Solo-sponsored Possibilities

¹ Organizing Academic Labor in the Post-Pandemic U/Critical Dialogue	Emily Yen
Nonstandard/contingent employment	Jackie Zalewski
Work in the Global Economy	

Co-sponsored Possibilities

Gender & Work	Gender (sure thing)
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¹ is Session related to Meeting Theme

Carework	Health—take lead?
Sexualities and Work—critical dialogue	Sex Behavior (sure thing)—Janelle to organize
Future of Work & Workers/Agency—regular	Environment & Tech—Todd to organize
Pathways to Re-entry	Crime & Juvenile Delinquency—take lead
The Meaning/Lack of Meaning in Work	Institutional Ethnography; Poverty Social Class?—Sue to organize
Mental & Emotional Well-being at Work	Society & Mental Health
Building and Limiting Worker Power Through Legislation	Law & Society
Race and Work/Labor	Racial & Ethnic Minorities

Todd and Emily will email division members to seek volunteers that may be interested in organizing any of the sessions

Meeting adjourned at 4pm EST

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