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## Labor Studies Division Fall 2018 Newsletter

Gillian Niebrugge-Brantley, Chair  
Melanie Borstad, Editor

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### ELECTION

The Division will be electing a new Chair to serve for the 2019-2021 term. Additionally, at the Division Meeting in August 2018, members agreed to try as an experiment establishing a Vice-Chair who would serve as a general assistant to the Chair and would be selected from among active members who are graduate or post-graduate students. Our attempt here is both to provide more support for the administration of the Division and to allow for the Division to participate in the mentoring of new members.

**Nominations are now open for these positions. Eligible nominees must be members of the Division and their names should be submitted *or you should submit your name (self-nominations are always strongly encouraged)* to Gillian “Jill” Niebrugge-Brantley, the outgoing Chair, by December 31, 2018 ([niebran@attglobal.net](mailto:niebran@attglobal.net)). Please feel free to write or call Jill (301-920-0723) if you might be interested in either position.**

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### OPPORTUNITIES

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**Proposals for papers, workshops, and/or posters are due Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

Full conference flyer attached at the end of this newsletter

Visit <https://lrannetwork.org/forums/topic/lran-2019-conference-call-for-proposals/> for more information

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## PROGRAM FOR ANNUAL MEETING 2019

Please share word about our program and encourage submissions—reach out to students, colleagues, and people you would like to get know and see participate in SSSP and Labor Studies. Contact Jill Niebrugge-Brantley [niebran@attglobal.net](mailto:niebran@attglobal.net)

### Division of Labor Studies SSSP Annual Meeting 2019 Program

SESSION TITLE	SESSION TYPE	SPONSORSHIP	ORGANIZER
Illuminating Power Effects in Labor Relations	Thematic	Labor Studies	Kyla Walters <a href="mailto:kylahays@gmail.com">kylahays@gmail.com</a> Eli Wilson <a href="mailto:eli.revelle.wilson@gmail.com">eli.revelle.wilson@gmail.com</a>

The Future of Work in the Digital Age	Regular	Labor Studies	Jacqueline M. Zalewski <a href="mailto:JZalewski@wcupa.edu">JZalewski@wcupa.edu</a>  Emily Coombes <a href="mailto:coombes@unlv.nevada.edu">coombes@unlv.nevada.edu</a>
#MeToo in the Workplace	Critical Dialogues	Labor Studies	Jenny Lendrum <a href="mailto:jenny.lendrum@gmail.com">jenny.lendrum@gmail.com</a>  Tracy Lynn Vargas <a href="mailto:tlpeterc@syr.edu">tlpeterc@syr.edu</a>
Organizing Labor	Regular	Labor Studies and Conflict, Social Action and Change	Erin Evans <a href="mailto:evansem1@beloit.edu">evansem1@beloit.edu</a>
Disability and Labor	Regular	Labor Studies and Disability	Alison Fisher ( <a href="mailto:Alison_Fisher@edu.yorku.ca">Alison_Fisher@edu.yorku.ca</a> )  Jen Brooks, Syracuse, <a href="mailto:jdbro100@syr.edu">jdbro100@syr.edu</a>  Doron Dorfman, Stanford, <a href="mailto:ddorfman@stanford.edu">ddorfman@stanford.edu</a>
Labor in Families	Regular	Labor Studies and Family	Jennifer Haskin <a href="mailto:jhaskin5@asu.edu">jhaskin5@asu.edu</a>
Neoliberalism and Globalized Labor	Critical Dialogue	Labor Studies and Global	Noreen Sugrue <a href="mailto:nsugrue@illinois.edu">nsugrue@illinois.edu</a>
Green Jobs	Regular Session	Labor Studies and Environment and Technology	Todd Vachon <a href="mailto:dj_mayday@hotmail.com">dj_mayday@hotmail.com</a>
Environment, Health and Labor	Regular Session	Labor Studies, Environment and Technology, and Health, Health Policy, and Health Services	Erin Robinson ( <a href="mailto:robinso5@canisius.edu">robinso5@canisius.edu</a> )
Changes in Workers' Rights	Regular Session	Labor Studies and Law and Society	Melanie R. Borstad, <a href="mailto:mborsta@calstatela.edu">mborsta@calstatela.edu</a>  Cassandra Engeman <a href="mailto:cassandra.engeman@sofi.su.se">cassandra.engeman@sofi.su.se</a>

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## A PRODUCTIVE YEAR FOR LABOR STUDIES DIVISION MEMBERS

In a time when capitalism all too frequently erodes scholarship with the demand for quantity over quality, Labor Studies Division members have been not only “busy” but genuinely productive, doing studies and that speak to major labor issues of our time and making career changes that position them to do more and better work.

### Career Moves:

**Melanie Borstad** is the new editor of The Labor Studies Division Newsletter. She is currently completing her Master’s thesis on technology and labor at California State University Los Angeles and is applying for PhD programs in Economic Sociology throughout the Midwest and Northeast.

**Valerie Adrian**, the previous editor, has completed her Ph.D. and taken a new job: Policy, Performance, and Research Analyst, Clackamas County Community Corrections, Oregon City, Oregon.

**Todd E. Vachon** completed his PhD at the University of Connecticut and has started a new job as a Postdoctoral Associate with the Department of Labor Studies and Employment Relations at Rutgers University

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### Documentary Film:

Two members of the Division—**Jessica Cook** and **George Gonos** have been working with film producer David Sarios whose new documentary ***A Day’s Work*** is a study of the temp industry. We are hoping to arrange a screening of this for the Annual Meeting.

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### Public Sociology:

**Corey Doglon** has had great success scheduling performances of his SSSP-grant sponsored Singing Lecture ***In Search of One Big Union***; he has performed at or scheduled performances at:  
Grand Valley State University under the faculty sponsorship of Jeffrey Rothstein;  
John Jay College, faculty sponsor Louis Kontos;  
Ball State University, faculty sponsor Melinda Messineo;  
and Coastal Carolina University, faculty sponsor Deborah Perkins.

An announcement about the Singing Lecture series is available on the Division website. If you would be interested in a program by Corey in the coming year, please let Gillian Niebrugge-Brantley know ([niebran@attglobal.net](mailto:niebran@attglobal.net)) as we are considering re-applying for SSSP sponsorship and would be helped if we knew that there was a waiting audience for this performance.

**Todd Vachon** wrote an editorial for the New Jersey *Star Ledger*:

“Workers, Unions Must Take the Lead on Climate Change.” *Star Ledger*, November 2.

[https://www.nj.com/opinion/index.ssf/2018/10/how\\_workers\\_unions\\_can\\_take\\_the\\_lead\\_on\\_climate\\_ch.html](https://www.nj.com/opinion/index.ssf/2018/10/how_workers_unions_can_take_the_lead_on_climate_ch.html)

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### **Publications—Articles and Chapters:**

**Carolyn C. Perrucci**, Purdue University, reports two journal articles and two chapter contributions:

Robert Perrucci, Mangala Subramaniam, and Carolyn C. Perrucci, “Who Publishes in Leading Sociology Journals, 1965-2010?” Pages 77-86 in Earl Wright II and Thomas C. Calhoun (eds.), *What to Expect and How to Respond: Distress and Success in Academia*. Rowman and Littlefield.

Robert Perrucci, Carolyn C. Perrucci, and Mangala Subramaniam, “From Little Science to Big Science: Were Women and Non-Elites Left Out?” *Archives of Psychology*, Volume 1, Issue 1, October 2017:41-45.

Carolyn C. Perrucci and Robert Perrucci, “New Economy,” in George Ritzer (ed.) *Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, April 2018. John Wiley & Sons: Oxford, UK.

Richard Hogan and Carolyn Cummings Perrucci, “We Know about Reagan, but Was There a Clinton Effect? Earnings by Race, Gender, Marital and Family Status, 1993 and 2000.” *Critical Sociology* (Online First) First Published October 4, 2018.  
<https://doi-org.exproxy.lib.purdue.edu/10.1177/0896920518798081>

**Chris Rhomberg**, Fordham University, published an essay on the 2018 strike wave among public school teachers in *Zócalo Public Square*, an online journal of news and ideas, on October 26.

**Todd E. Vachon** had three journal articles and a book chapter:

2018. “A Big Win in Smalltown: Demanding Dignity in an Era of Neoliberal Austerity.” *Qualitative Sociology Review* 14:46-66.

\_\_\_\_\_ and Michael Wallace. 2018. “Red State, Blue State: Neoliberalism, Politics, and Public Sector Union Membership in the U.S. States.” *Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society* 11:519-39.

Hyde, Allen and Todd E. Vachon. 2018. "Running with or against the Treadmill? Unions, Institutional Contexts, and Greenhouse Gas Emissions in a Comparative Perspective." *Environmental Sociology*

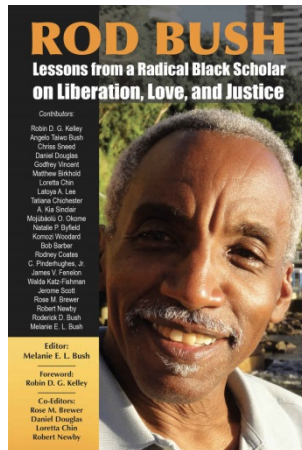
Vachon, Todd E. and Sean Sweeney. 2018. "Energy Democracy: A Just Transition for Social, Economic, and Climate Justice." Pp. 63-72 in Glen Muschert et al. (Eds) *Agenda for Social Justice: Global Solutions*. Bristol, UK: Policy Press.

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## **Publications—BOOKS**

**Melanie Bush** edited a collection of essays in honor of her late husband: ***Rod Bush: Lessons from a Radical Black Scholar on Liberation, Love, and Justice*** Belmont, MA: Ahead Publishing House.

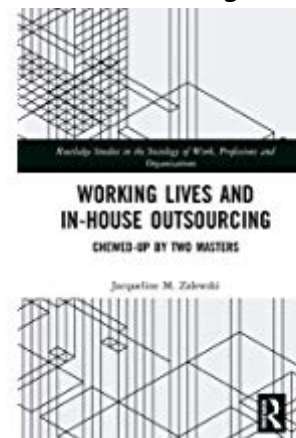
This anthology provides deep reflections on the question of how one can live radical principles in contemporary times. What does it mean to be human? How does one embed love and justice in one's worldview and daily practice? Rod Bush, partner, colleague, teacher, mentor, comrade, and friend, was well known as an activist scholar who incorporated his values into his teaching, mentorship and everyday interactions. Therefore, his theoretical interests and practical involvements in movements are intimately linked and simultaneous. This volume is ideal for a wide range of courses and community settings.



Contributors include: Robin D. G. Kelley (Foreword), Angelo Taiwo Bush, Chriss Sneed, Daniel Douglas, Godfrey Vincent, Matthew Birkhold, Loretta Chin, Latoya A. Lee, Tatiana Chichester, A. Kia Sinclair, Mojúbàolú Olufúnké Okome, Natalie P. Byfield, Komozi Woodard, Bob Barber, Rodney D. Coates, Charles "Cappy" Pinderhughes, Jr., James V. Fenelon, Walda Katz-Fishman, Jerome Scott, Rose M. Brewer, Robert Newby, Roderick D. Bush, and Melanie E. L. Bush. The anthology is a volume (XII, 2019) in the Edited Collection Series of Human Architecture: Journal of the Sociology of Self-Knowledge, edited by Mohammad H. Tamdgidi.

**Jacqueline M. Zalewski** published her study ***Working Lives and in-House Outsourcing: Chewed Up By Two Masters*** New York NY: Routledge.

This book offers a sociological account of the process by which companies instituted and continue to institute outsourcing in their organization. Drawing on qualitative data, it examines the ways in which internal outsourcing in the information technologies and human resources professions negatively affects workers, their work conditions, and working relationships. With



attention to the deleterious influence of outsourcing on relationships and the strong tendency of market organisations to produce social conflict in interactions – itself a considerable ‘transaction cost’ – the author challenges both the ideology that markets, rather than hierarchies, produce more efficient and less costly economic outcomes for companies, and the idea that outsourcing generates benefits for professional workers in the form of greater opportunity. A demonstration of the social conflict created between employees working for two separate, proprietary companies, *Working Lives and in-House Outsourcing* will be of interest to scholars with interests in the sociology of work and organizations and the sociology of professions, as well as those working in the fields of business management and human resources.

***The publisher has offered a 20% discount code, which Jackie will be happy to share upon request. Contact Jackie Zalewski at [JZalewski@wcupa.edu](mailto:JZalewski@wcupa.edu).***

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## **LRAN 2019 Conference Call for Papers**

**June 12, 2019 @ 8:00 am - June 13, 2019 @ 5:00 pm EDT**

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Workshop submissions are due by **Friday March 15th**. Proposals are being collected through this form:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdA\\_-n867RupKXScxPEx7Sf9bEyKg8NIFaQCqsjkBpmAuYvew/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdA_-n867RupKXScxPEx7Sf9bEyKg8NIFaQCqsjkBpmAuYvew/viewform)

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**2019 LRAN Conference Planning Committee:** Harriet Applegate (North Shore AFL-CIO), Jessica Cook (DePaul University Labor Education Center), Vonda Daniels (Nashville CLC), Eric Dirnbach (LIUNA), Julie Farb (AFL-CIO), John Flores (Case Western Reserve Univ.), Erin Johansson (Jobs With Justice), Adam Kader (ARISE), Michael Callahan Kapoor (Nashville CLC), Deb Kline (Cleveland JWJ), Lisa Kollins (Case Western Reserve Univ.), Chris Lamberti (Independent Researcher), Tami Lee (Rutgers University), Mariah Montgomery (Partnership for Working Families), Cassandra Ogren (Teamsters), Emily Smith (LERA), Ben Woods (Jobs with Justice)

Translation can be provided for non-English speakers.

## Details

Start: June 12, 2019 @ 8:00 am

End: June 13, 2019 @ 5:00 pm

## Organizer

Labor Research & Action Network

Email: [ben@jwj.org](mailto:ben@jwj.org)

## Venue

Case Western Reserve University  
Cleveland, OH United States