

On the Line

Volume 7 Issue 1

A Message from the Chair

Fellow division members,

August is quickly approaching and I am guessing that many of you are putting the final touches on your presentations. I have a couple of reminders for everyone:

- Please remember to vote in the election for the new division chair.
- Remember that the SSSP, along with several other groups and associations, is hosting a mini-conference on labor on Monday August 12 (see details below)
- Check out the sessions at the annual meeting sponsored/co-sponsored by the division (see below)

As the outgoing chair I would like to thank all the people in the division especially Kendra Jason and Dan Tope for their assistance along the way. I would also like to thank all the other division chairs who were willing to co-sponsor sessions and give advice along the way.

Hope to see you in August.

In Solidarity,

Ted M. Brimeyer

One-Day Conference organized by:
**The ASA Labor and Labor Movements Section &
the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)**

co-sponsored by

Asia and Asian American Section of the ASA, the Murphy Institute for Worker Education and Labor Studies at CUNY, the UC Berkeley Center for Labor Research and Education, the Manhattan College Labor Studies Program, *Critical Sociology*, the Center for Global Workers' Rights, the Labour and Labour Movements Research Committee of the International Sociological Association, and the China Association of Work and Labor of the Chinese Sociological Association

Monday, 12 August 2013

9:30 am - 6:30 pm

**Joseph A. Murphy Institute for Worker Education and Labor Studies
City University of New York**

18th Floor, 25 West 43rd Street
New York, NY 10036

Conference Program

9:00 - 9:30 - breakfast for participants

9:30 – Welcome to the Murphy Institute (Ruth Milkman)

Opening Statement: Katie Quan - UC Berkeley Labor Center & PI: Building Relationships between Labor Sociologists in the United States and China Project

9:45 – 11:15 **Session I**

Panel 1a - Labor in China I: The Broken Iron Rice Bowl: New Forms of Employment and Exploitation

- organizer - Sarah Swider
- moderator -Thomas Peng
- presenters:
 - **Eileen Otis** – Not by Design: Globalization and the Politics of Chaos and Control in Walmart, China
 - **REN, Yan** –Flexible labor regime in China: A case study of subcontracting in the industry of geological exploration

- **Feng Xu** - Forced Labor and Human Trafficking in China: A “Continuum of Exploitation” Approach
- **Joel Andreas** – Losing membership rights: The impact of eliminating permanent job tenure on power relations in Chinese factories

Panel 1b - Labor Unrest and Countermovements in the Global South

- organizer - Marcel Paret
- moderator - Marcel Paret
- presenters
 - **Mark Anner** - Vietnam’s Strike Wave, and State and Non-State Employment Relations Institutions
 - **Eli Friedman** - Insurgency and institutionalization: The Polanyian countermovement and Chinese labor politics
 - **Görkem Dağdelen** - Neoliberal Utopia and the Puzzle of Class Formation: Labor Unrest in the Export Processing Zones of China, Turkey and Sri Lanka
 - **Phillip A. Hough** - Development through Dispossession: Enclosures, Marketization and Political Imaginaries in Latin America from Liberalism to Neo-Developmentalism

Panel 1c – Informal Workers I: The Streets Are Ours! Street Vendors and Day Laborers Organize

- organizer – Chris Tilly
- moderator - Manuel Rosaldo
- presenters
 - **Rina Agarwala** (Informal workers’ alternative movements - India)
 - **Amy Hanser** – Street Vending and Urban Governance in China
 - **Luciana Itikawa** – Informal Economic Strategies: Advocacy for Street Vendors in Brazil
 - **Sarmiento/de la Garza/ Tilly** – Experiments, alliances, identities: Comparing informal worker organizing in Mexico and the United States

10:15 – 11:30 – break

11:30 – 1:00 **Session II**

Panel 2a - Monitoring International Supply Chains from the Shop Floor(s)

- organizers - Tim Bartley and Lu Zhang
- moderator - Tim Bartley or Lu Zhang
- presenters
 - **Richard Appelbaum** - Achieving Workers' Rights in the Global Economy
 - **Matthew Amengual and Janice Fine** – (labor law enforcement strategies – US and Argentina)
 - **M. Toffel, J. Short, M. Quellet** – Reinforcing Regulatory Regimes: How States, Civil Society, and Codes of Conduct Promote Adherence to Global Labor Standards
 - **Wai Kit Choi and David A. Smith** – Global Commodity Chains and the “Chinese Model of Development”: Implications for Labor

Panel 2b - Transnational Labor Organizing I: Learning from the Local

- organizers - Jeff Rothstein, Sarah Hernandez
- moderator - Jeff Rothstein
- presenters
 - **Jamie K. McCallum** – Global Unions, Local Power: Evaluating Labor Transnationalism from North America to the Global South
 - **Manuel Rosaldo** – Transnational Networks of Informal Workers: Recyclers respond to the challenges and opportunities of globalization
 - **Kimberly Nolan Garcia** – Emergence of Transnational Labor Networks: Lessons from Puebla, Mexico
 - **Bridget Kenny** – Selling Development?: Wal-Mart, labour politics, and South Africa's food economy

Panel 2c - Informal Work II: Women Workers Organizing in the Global Economy

- organizer – Chris Tilly
- moderator - Chris Tilly
- presenters

- **Jennifer Chun** – Asian Immigrant Women Workers and the Micro-politics of Social Movement Practice
- **Sarah Mosoetsa** – South Africa’s precarious and unorganised workers: The challenges and successes of building a ‘new labour movement’?
- **XIN Tong** – Working and Organizing of Domestic Workers in China
- **Elena Shih** – Governing Trafficking in Persons: Localizing Counter-Human Trafficking Rights through the State and Movement in China

1:00 – 2:30 Lunch Break with Keynote Speakers

Ruth Milkman, Murphy Institute for Worker Education and Labor Studies, CUNY

Beverly Silver, Johns Hopkins University

Luna Ranjit, National Domestic Workers Alliance

2:30 – 4:00 **Session III**

Panel 3a – Transnational Organizing II: Theorizing the Opportunity of the “Global”

- organizers - Jeff Rothstein, Sarah Hernandez
- moderator - Sarah Hernandez
- presenters
 - **Ercüment Çelik** – Global Solidarity and Non-hegemonic Circulation of Concepts in Labor Studies: The Case of Social Movement Unionism
 - **Katy Fox-Hodess** – Dockworkers of the World Unite: Transnational Class Formation and the New Labor Internationalism
 - **Peter Evans** – National Terrains and Transnational Articulations in the Development of the Global Labor Movement
 - **Richard Roman and Edur Velasco Arregui** – The Seeds of Labor Continentalism: Mexican Workers and Canadian-U.S. International Unions

Panel 3b - Organizing (im)migrants – Here, There and in the Diaspora

- organizers - Nancy Plankey Videla and Jennifer Chun
- moderator - Nancy Plankey Videla
- presenters

- **Janice Fine and Rachel Meyer** - Grassroots Citizenship
- **Shannon Gleeson** – Rights in Theory, Rights in Practice: Unpacking the Individual and Institutional Elements of Enforcing Worker Rights
- **ZHAO Wei** – The Female Migrant Workers’ Club
- **Aurelia Lorena Murga** – Re-positioning the role of the researcher in Immigrant Labor Organizing

Panel 3c - Labor in China II: Chinese Workers: Consciousness and Voice

- organizer – Sarah Swider
- moderator – Sarah Swider
- presenters
 - **FENG Tongqing** – Discussion of Positive Implications of Labour Incidents in the Spring and Summer of 2010
 - **HE Gaochao** – What does exploitation means to you: a survey study of 1200 migrant workers in Guangdong, 2013
 - **Wei Wang** – The multilevel organizing strategies of Chinese labor NGOs: How do they organize migrant workers, establish a community of labor NGOs and expand transnational networks?
 - **Catherine Man Chuen Cheng** – The Circuit of Reproductive Labor: Sexual Labor and Mothering in Contemporary China

4:00 – 4:15 break

4:15 – 5:45 **Session IV**

Panel 4a/b – Rethinking Organizing: Emerging Strategies and Future Challenges

- organizer – Joseph Fahey
- moderator – Joseph Fahey
- presenters
 - **Vincent Alvarez**, President, New York City Central Labor Council
 - **Andrea van den Heever**, UNITE/HERE
 - **John Schlechty**, New York State United Teachers

- **Bernadette McCulloch Kelly**, Teamsters

Panel 4c – Labor in China III: Representing Workers, Emerging Model

- organizer – Sarah Swider
- moderator: Lianqing Peng
- presenter
 - **SHI Xiuyin** – Collective Negotiation in China under Globalization: The New Oriental Models
 - **SONG Yue** - The Influencing Factors of the Regional Collective Contract System in China
 - **Kan Wang** – Labor Resistance and Dualization of the Labor Movement in China
 - **Sarah Swider** - Creating a labor movement in China: From Peasant to Precariat?

5:45 – 6:45 closing: Networking breakout sessions for participants and attendees

7:00 – 10:00 pm Conference and Labor Section Reception

For registration (free) and other information: <http://bit.ly/ZZZeJ4>

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Annual Meeting Sessions Sponsored or Co-Sponsored by the Labor Studies Division

Date: Friday, August 9

Time: 10:30 AM - 12:10 PM

Session 16: Gender and Globalization

Room: Minetta

Sponsors: Global

Labor Studies

Organizer &

Presider: Ligaya Lindio McGovern, Indiana University

Papers:

“Care Worker Imaginary in the Northern European Mediascape,” Camilla Christina Nordberg, University of Helsinki, Finland

“Migrant Domestic Labor Vulnerability: The Roles of Global and Governmental Systems,” Abigail F. Kolker, CUNY Graduate Center

“Sexism and Racism in Transnational Service Encounters: Consumer Disenchantment or Racist Nationalism?” Kiran Mirchandani, University of Toronto

“Commuting Strategies in the Face of Limited Mobility: The Experience of Latina Immigrants in Atlanta,” Sarah E. Hendricks, University of Tennessee

“Conducting International Fieldwork in the Context of Globalization: Implications for Feminist Research,” Ligaya Lindio McGovern, Indiana University

Date: Friday, August 9

Time: 2:30 PM - 4:10 PM

Session 41: Community Groups: Bridging Racial and Class Divisions

Room: Ambassador II

Sponsors: Community Research and Development

Labor Studies

Racial and Ethnic Minorities

Organizer: Amy Jonason, University of Notre Dame

Presider: Carolyn Chernoff, Skidmore College

Papers:

“(In)Visible Diversity, (In)Visible Conflict: Community and Difference in Community-Based Arts,” Carolyn Chernoff, Skidmore College

“Constructing a Collective Identity across Conflict Lines: Joint Israeli-Palestinian Peace Organizations,” Michelle I. Gawerc, Loyola University Maryland

“Encountering Inequality in American Civic Life,” Gianpaolo Baiocchi, Elizabeth A. Bennett, Alissa Cordner, Peter Taylor Klein and Stephanie Savell, Brown University

“Organizing Williamsburg: The Changing Nature of Community Groups in a Gentrified Neighborhood,” Sara L. Martucci, CUNY Graduate Center

“Spoon-fed Social Justice? Challenging Disparities Between Latinos and Whites in a Los Angeles Spanish-English Dual Immersion Program,” Jazmin A. Muro, University of Southern California

Date: Saturday, August 10

Time: 2:30 PM - 4:10 PM

Session 86: Graduate Student Teaching: Work and Workers

Room: Gramercy

Sponsors: Labor Studies

Teaching Social Problems

Organizer: Reuben N. Roth, Laurentian University

Presider &

Discussant: Corey Dolgon, Stonehill College

Papers:

“Rites of Pedagogical Passage: How Graduate-Student Instructors Negotiate the Challenges of First-Time Teaching,” Leandra Mae Smollin and Arnold Arluke, Northeastern University

“The Coordinated Work of Graduate Teaching Assistants and Their Employers,” Christina Skorobohacz, Brock University

“‘We’re like Visitors’: Moral Identity Work among Foreign- and Native-Born Teachers,” Emily Cabaniss, North Carolina State University

“So What?! I’m White! The Importance of Managing Emotion in Teaching about Race and Racism,” Karyn Loscocco, University at Albany

Date: Saturday, August 10

Time: 2:30 PM - 4:10 PM

Session 89: Management and Ruling Relations

Room: Broadway I

Sponsors: Institutional Ethnography

Labor Studies

Organizer &

Presider: Cheryl Zurawski, University of Regina

Discussant: Liza McCoy, University of Calgary

Papers:

“Institutional Ethnography and Hindsight: Reflecting on the Structural and Administrative Impossibilities of a New Doctoral Program,” Lois Andre-Bechely, California State University, Los Angeles

“Management for the Relations of Ruling: Lessons from the NFL Referees Strike of 2012 For Adjunct Faculty and Labor Activists,” Jill Niebrugge-Brantley and Patricia M. Lengermann, The George Washington University

“The Social Organization of Nurse Managers in Acute Care,” Olive Fast, University of Calgary

“The Paradox of Socially Organized Nursing Care Work,” Shelley Quinlan, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education/University of Toronto

Date: Saturday, August 10

Time: 2:30 PM - 4:10 PM

Session 92: Gender, Work, and Family

Room: Ambassador II

Sponsors: Family

Labor Studies

Organizer &

Presider: E. Brooke Kelly, University of North Carolina at Pembroke

Papers:

“Spatial Agglomeration and the Sex Wage Gap in the U.S.,” Andrew S. Fullerton and Destinee B. McCollum, Oklahoma State University

“Men’s housework in Japan,” Junko Inui, Kyoto University

“Accounting for Unemployment: Masculinity and Discursive Strategies for Avoiding Blame,” Ilana Demantas, University of Kansas and Kristen Myers, Northern Illinois University

“Single homeless mothers’ narratives: Studying up homelessness – a human rights issue,” Thérèse M. Craine Bertsch, Adelphi University

Date: Sunday, August 11

Time: 10:30 AM - 12:10 PM

Session 128: The Social Economy and Justice

Room: New Amsterdam

Sponsors: Community Research and Development

Labor Studies

Organizer &

Presider: Carrie Bauer, Arizona State University

Papers:

“A Growing Gender Consciousness: Cooperative Women in Costa Rica,” Sarah M. Rios, University of California Santa Barbara

“Bridging Campus and Community for a New Generation of Philanthropists,” Jodi Benenson, Brandeis University

“Erotic Entrepreneurship: Sexual Labor and the Social Economy,” Kathryn Hausbeck Korgan, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

“The Disappearing Employer: What are the Consequences and Possible Remedies for Excluded Workers?” George Gonos, SUNY at Potsdam

“Third Sector and The Social Economy: Compensating for and reinforcing the public sector for low-income women,” Carrie Bauer, Arizona State University

Date: Sunday, August 11

Time: 12:30 PM - 2:10 PM

Session 149: Worker and Labor Activism

Room: Gramercy

Sponsor: Labor Studies

Organizer &

Presider: Ted M. Brimeyer, Georgia Southern University

Papers:

“Legal Consciousness Among Tattoo Workers: The Mark of Law on Marginal Occupations,” David C. Lane and Kevin F. Daly, University of Delaware

“Picturing class: Race/class/gender/sexuality in the campaign against Ohio’s Anti-Labor Laws,” Mark Sherry, University of Toledo

“Raising Wages for Sub-Minimum Wage Workers,” David N. Smith, University of Kansas

“The Class-Conscious Boss: Bruce Springsteen Singing Truth to Power,” Jody Weller and Marcos Guerrero Trujillo, Northern Arizona University

“The Logistics Industry in the Inland Empire: Warehouse Workers’ Struggles for Justice,” Ellen Reese and Jason Struna, Department of Sociology, UC-Riverside, Juliann Allison, Department of Political Science, UC-Riverside and Rebecca Spence-Dobias, Undergraduate Research in the Community, UC-Riverside

Date: Sunday, August 11

Time: 2:30 PM - 4:10 PM

Session 164: Work Across the Life Course

Room: Gramercy

Sponsors: Labor Studies

Youth, Aging, and the Life Course

Organizer &

Presider: Ted M. Brimeyer, Georgia Southern University

Papers:

“A Psychological Appraisal of Pre-retirement Anxiety among selected workers in Lagos Metropolis,” Odunayo T. Arogundade, Redeemer's University, Mowe, Ogun State, Nigeria

“Capital in the Workplace: An assessment of the impact of information and communication technology on the social and cultural capital of older workers,” Alexander A. Hernandez, Boston College

“The Risk of Precarious Employment in Young Adulthood,” Yelizavetta Kofman, University of California, Los Angeles

“Workplace Self Images: Do Gender and Race Still Matter?” Dina Banerjee, Shippensburg University

“I’m Balancing It, but It’s Not Easy:’ Naval Occupational Stress as a Risk Factor for Suicide,” Alexis A. Bender, Christine Lagana-Riordan, Shelley Schmissrauter, Shayne Gallaway, Joseph Pecko and Amy M. Bell, Army Institute of Public Health

Recent and Forthcoming Member Publications

Delgado, Hector L. 2013. "Labor and Labor Movements," Pp. 308-317 in *Handbook of Sociology and Human Rights*, edited by David L. Brunnsma, Keri E. Iyall Smith, and Brian K. Gran. Boulder: Paradigm Publishers.

_____. 2013. "Unions and Immigrants," Pp. 131-144 in *The Routledge International Handbook of Migration Studies*, edited by Steven J. Gold and Stephanie J. Nawyn. London: Routledge.

Robert Perrucci and Carolyn C. Perrucci, “The Good Society: Core Social Values, Social Norms, and Public Policy,” *Sociological Forum*, v. 29, March 2014, forthcoming.

Robert Perrucci, “Protocols of Eisenhower, Kissinger, Carter, Findley, Ball, Shultz, Petras, Mearsheimer & Walt, and Ahmadinejad,” *International Journal of Contemporary Sociology*, forthcoming.

Earl Wysong, Robert Perrucci, and David Wright, *The New Class Society: Goodbye American Dream?* 4th edition. Rowman & Littlefield, forthcoming.

CALL FOR PAPERS

This is a call for papers for those who would like to participate in a session that focuses on Class at the California Sociological Association's (CSA) fall meeting at the Doubletree in the Berkeley Marina, November 8-9, 2013. My name is Anne Larsen and I am the contact for this session on Class. The session title is, Class, Social Change, and Globalization in California. The focus of the session will

be on issues pertaining to income, wealth, labor, poverty, (one's access to resources and the type of work they do), and how they relate to globalization. Also, incorporate how globalization and class are

changing California. The theme of this year's meeting is, "SOCIAL CHANGE: LOCAL AND GLOBAL." "Some of the participants will address issues surrounding globalization and the ways in which California and the United States are involved in global processes. Local adaptations and innovations will also be considered in comparative and global contexts." Here is the website for the CSA,

http://www.cal-soc.org/about_us.html .

BTW, the web site's conference form has not been updated yet (it still reads 2012), and when you click on "sessions," from the drop-down menu under "conferences," you are getting last year's program. Stand by for the updated form or contact the conference organizer, please. See the end of the announcement for the organization and conference contacts. Send your abstracts (or entire papers) FOR THIS SESSION by

July 1 to alarsen1@mail.ccsf.edu (Anne Larsen, Session Organizer). Your abstracts and/or papers are not reviewed by me, but must be sent to me. I forward them to another member of the CSA for review and to be accepted.

Please read the current newsletter of the CSA,

http://www.calsoc.org/uploads/2013_24_01_winter_web_001.pdf .

Sociologist John W. Meyer, who is emeritus at Stanford University, will deliver the keynote address. Meyer is the progenitor and leading figure in the world society school of sociology. The title of his keynote address is "The Worldwide Cultural Reconstruction of Local Identities."

Meyer's main contributions are contained in World Society: The Writings of John W. Meyer edited by Georg Krücken and Gili S. Drori,

Oxford University Press 2010. For more information on the CSA, contact Ed —

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