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The Labor and Working-Class History Association

LAWCHA at the 2015 OAH (St. Louis)

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April 16-19, 2015. Are you attending the April meeting of the OAH in St. Louis—or living in the area? LAWCHA will have a strong presence this year.

Featured event: LAWCHA Luncheon at the 2015 OAH in St. Louis

Friday, April 17, 12:20 pm – 1:50 pm

- Cost: $50 (graduate student subsidies available)
- Sponsored by the Labor and Working-Class History Association (LAWCHA)
- St. Louis Blues: The Urban Crisis in the Gateway City
- Special Guest: Colin Gordon, University of Iowa
- Colin Gordon examines the troubled history of our host city, using maps and data drawn from his Mapping Decline: St. Louis and the Fate of the American City (2008). Gordon traces the transformation of metropolitan St. Louis across the last century, focusing on the ways private and public policies both created and sustained stark patterns of local segregation and inequality. LAWCHA is able to subsidize the lunch tickets for graduate students on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact tklug@marygrove.edu for further information.

Other Sessions of Interest

Friday, April 17

9:00 am – 10:30 am

The Red Taboo in American History
Endorsed by the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)
Chair and Commentator: Tony Michels, University of Wisconsin–Madison
“American Girls in Red Russia”: Rethinking the Red Taboo in U.S. Women’s History
Julia Mickenberg, University of Texas at Austin

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“The Reddest of the Blacks”: History across the Full Spectrum of Civil Rights Activism
Glenda Gilmore, Yale University
“TWO Witch Hunts”: On (Not) Seeing Red in The Lavender Scare
Aaron Lecklider, University of Massachusetts, Boston

Corporal Punishment, Capital Punishment, and Performance in the 19th-Century South
Endorsed by the Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era (SHGAPE)
Chair: Victoria Bynum, Texas State University, San Marcos
Commentator: Jeff Forret, Lamar University
“I Got Stripes”: The Whipping of Poor White Southerners in the Late Antebellum Era”
Keri Leigh Merritt, Independent Scholar
White Punishment and African American and Native American Defiance at Hampton Institute
Clay Cooper, Middle Tennessee State University
“The Hanging of Bad Tom Smith”: Public Execution and Civil Religion in the Victorian South
Bob Hutton, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

10:50 am – 12:20 pm

A Lasting Legacy: Coercive Labor Systems in Post–Civil War America
Endorsed by the Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era (SHGAPE) and the Labor and Working-Class History Association (LAWCHA)
Chair: Pete Daniel, Independent Scholar
Commentator: Paul Ortiz, University of Florida
Peonage and Prostitution: Women Workers at Florida’s Cross City Turpentine Camps, 1900 to 1921
Catherine Gyllerstrom, Auburn University
“Only Woman Blacksmith in America is a Convict”: Black Women and Prison Labor in the New South
Talitha LeFlouria, Florida Atlantic University
Debt Peonage in Judicial and Political Transition: Unfree Labor in Territorial New Mexico and the Post-War American South
William Kiser, Arizona State University

Marx and Marxism in America: Taboo or Totem?

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Endorsed by the Labor and Working-Class History Association (LAWCHA)
Chair: Jennifer Ratner-Rosenhagen, University of Wisconsin–Madison
Commentator: James Livingston, Rutgers University
Marx and Engels on the American Civil War: From the War against Slavery to the Popular Front to the Post-Communist Condition
Andrew Zimmerman, George Washington University
The American Political Tradition Reconsidered: Locke, Marx, and the Silencing of Mill
Claire Rydell, Stanford University
Studies on the Left, 1959–1967: Towards an American Western Marxism
Andrew Hartman, Illinois State University

Illicit Economies and Taboo Trades: Excavating the Politics of Black Female Sexuality in Vaudeville, Pornography, and Prostitution in Twentieth-Century-America
Endorsed by the Urban History Association
Chair: Michele Mitchell, New York University
Commentator: Adrienne Davis, Washington University School of Law
“A Broad and Earthy Clown”: The Bodily Politics of Moms Mabley
Cynthia Blair, University of Illinois at Chicago
Sepia Sex Scenes: Black Women’s Erotic Labor in Early Pornographic Film
Mireille Miller-Young, University of California, Santa Barbara
“That He Would Keep Me For Himself”: Hannah Elias, Illicit Sex, and Interracial Intimacy in Plessy-Era New York
Cheryl Hicks, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

1:50 pm -3:20 pm

Resisting Slavery & Apartheid through Freedom Suits, Archives, Architecture, & Public Interpretation
Endorsed by the OAH Committee on Public History
Chair: Sally Hadden, Western Michigan University
Commentator: Ann Honious, Jefferson Expansion Memorial, National Park Service
Shifting Ground: St. Louis Freedom Suits in the Era of Dred Scott
Kelly Kennington, Auburn University
Entering the Front Canopied Door: Maggie Walker and Black Women Resisting American Apartheid
Heather Huyck, National Collaboration Women’s History Sites
Arguing Slavery and Its Interpretation at White Haven
Pamela Sanfilippo, National Park Service

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Remember Little Rock: Public Memory and Female School Desegregation Activism
Erin Devlin, University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire

Saturday, April 18

9:00 am – 10:30 am

The Limits of Freedom: Labor, Violence, and Coercion in the American West
Endorsed by the Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era (SHGAPE) and the Labor and Working-Class History Association (LAWCHA)
Chair: Gunther Peck, Duke University
Commentator: Stacey Smith, Oregon State University
What Limits? Bound Indian Labor in the American West and the Fallacy of the "Natural Limits of Slavery" Argument
Michael Magliari, California State University, Chico
Creating a Free White Workforce in Northwestern California: Labor, Violence, and Environment, 1860–1906
Michael Karp, Saint Louis University
"A slave in Uncle Sam's service": Military Labor after the Thirteenth Amendment
Hope McGrath, University of Pennsylvania

Looking North and West: New Directions in the Study of Free African Americans
Endorsed by the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHEAR)
Chair: Margaret Garb, Washington University in Saint Louis
Commentator: Paul Finkelman, University of Pennsylvania
"Enjoying the Right to Himself": Fugitive Slaves in Iowa, 1830–1865
David Brodnax Sr., Trinity Christian College
"Is it a sin to be black?": Illegalizing the Presence of Black Americans in Oregon, 1844–1858
Jacki Hedlund Tyler, Washington State University
Reconsidering Citizenship among African Americans in Antebellum California
Dana Elizabeth Weiner, Wilfrid Laurier University

Black Women and the Struggle for Economic Justice: Rethinking Labor and Working-Class History
Endorsed by the Labor and Working-Class History Association (LAWCHA)
Chair: Alice Kessler-Harris, Columbia University

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Commentator: Premilla Nadasen, Barnard College
Reevaluating the 1930s Labor Movement through the Lens of Black Working-Class Feminism
Jenny Carson, Ryerson University
We Rebel: Black Women, Worker Theater, and Wartime Experiments in Interracial Unionism
Keona Ervin, University of Missouri–Columbia
Gendered (In)Justice: Feminism, Labor, and the Movement for Imprisoned Women's Rights in North Carolina
Amanda Hughett, Duke University

10:50 am – 12:20 pm

Reframing the Struggle: Latino Activism in Multiracial Cities, 1960s–1970s
Endorsed by the Urban History Association and the Labor and Working-Class History Association (LAWCHA)
Chair: Eduardo Contreras, Hunter College, CUNY
Commentator: Adrian Burgos, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Race and Inequality in a Multiethnic City: African Americans, Mexican Americans, and the War on Poverty in Los Angeles
Casey Nichols, Stanford University
Desegregation or Disintegration? Fighting for Better Schools in Multiracial Denver, 1968–1976
Danielle Olden, University of Utah
"We Went to Make an Alliance": Puerto Rican and Black Politics in North Philadelphia, 1960s–1980s
Alyssa Ribeiro, Center for the Study of Women, University of California, Los Angeles

Sunday, April 19

9:00 am – 10:30 am

Subversive Solidarities: Other Histories of the "American" Century
Endorsed by the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)
Chair and Commentator: Rachel Buff, University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee
Common Wealth in Precarious Times: Militant Politics and Transient Labor across the Global Philippines, 1919–1942
Allan Lumba, Harvard University
Soldiers, Radicals, Prisoners All: Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary and Global

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Solidarities, 1917–1922
Christina Heatherton, Trinity College
Practices across Diasporas: Race, Migrant Radicalism, and American Anticolonialism
S. Ani Mukherji, University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee

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10:50 am – 12:20 pm

The 2000 OAH–Adam's Mark St. Louis Crisis 15 Years Later
Endorsed by the Labor and Working-Class History Association (LAWCHA) and the OAH Committee on the Status of African American, Latino/a, Asian American, and Native American (ALANA) Historians and ALANA Histories
Chair: Nancy F. Cott, Harvard University
Panelists:
Lee Formwalt, Lee Formwalt Consulting
Jeffrey Sammons, New York University
Darlene Clark Hine, Northwestern University
Leslie Brown, Williams College
Cecelia Bucki, Fairfield University

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