

April 2017 Events Schedule

Sunday, April 2 | 3:00 – 4:30PM

Haiti's 1804 Victory and Its Impact on Slavery Worldwide

Alvin Foster & Serge Limontas

In December 2016 we traveled from Boston to Haiti. On arrival, we followed the main highways between cities to understand the importance of a tiny country's defeat of a major military power, France. The first ever defeat of a slave colony over a superpower in the history of the world. Haiti's victory over Napoleon dealt a significant blow to slavery around the world. Our 45-minute video is interactive. Initially, you will be asked to answer questions and verify some of the stereotypes that surround Haitians - Voodoo, crime, elections, and the 2010 earthquake.

Monday, April 10 | 7:00 – 8:30 PM

State and Revolution

Eddie Carson, CPUSA-Boston

Delve into Lenin's premier work on the role of the state, the dire need for a proletariat revolution, and the weaknesses of social democracy vis-à-vis a capitalist framework in granting the rise of a working-class state. Lenin addresses the criticisms of Karl Marx's Communist Manifesto, while offering a crucial critique of bourgeoisie power.

Wednesday, April 12

Committee for International Labor Defense

Business Meeting | 6:30 PM (All are welcome.)

Educational | 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Defense Efforts in the McCarthy Era

John Vago, decades-long activist for peace, democracy, labor, social justice, against racism and imperialism, for socialism; in New York, Philadelphia, and now in the Boston area.

A brief, cursory overview of the McCarthy era and the Cold War, including some background on the domestic and international political situation up to and in that era. I will include what I can recall regarding defense and opposition efforts. It will all be brief; I am not an expert on the subject. I will try to relate it to today's conditions by suggesting some lessons learned. Hopefully others will add to the discussion.

Sunday, April 16 | 3:00 - 4:30 PM

Control of Capital and the US State Apparatus

Wadi'h Halabi, Economics Commission, CPUSA and Center for Marxist Education

The ownership of capital is no minor questions for Marxists. So is control of the state apparatus -- Lenin's State and Revolution is one of Marxism's most relevant works today. This presentation takes a historical approach to the subject. It relies in particular on the meticulous and courageous work of Ellen Perlo and Victor Perlo, long the CPUSA's lead economist. The presentation can place the Koch Brothers, the rise of the Tea Party and of Donald Trump in class perspective.

Sunday, April 23 | 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Black Girl

Susan McLucas, United for Justice with Peace

Richard Pendleton, CME Steering Committee

Ousmane Sembène was one of the greatest and most groundbreaking filmmakers who ever lived, as well as the most renowned African director of the twentieth century—and yet his name still deserves to be better known in the rest of the world. He made his feature debut in 1966 with the brilliant and stirring *Black Girl*. Sembène, who was also an acclaimed novelist in his native Senegal, transforms a deceptively simple plot—about a young Senegalese woman who moves to France to work for a wealthy white family and finds that life in their small apartment becomes a prison, both figuratively and literally—into a complexly layered critique of the lingering colonialist mind-set of a supposedly postcolonial world. Featuring a moving central performance by MBissine Thérèse Diop, *Black Girl* is a harrowing human drama as well as a radical political statement—and one of the essential films of the 1960s. ([Watch the trailer.](#))

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