

### **January 2018 Events Schedule**

#### Thursday, January 11 | 7:00 – 8:30 PM

BookTalk: Capital

Sandeep Choubey

Capital is Karl Marx's magnum opus, and remains the best explanation of how capitalism works and why this system is prone to cycles of booms and busts. Join us for an engaging discussion of this still relevant text. We will be reading Chapter 15.

## Saturday, January 13 | 1:00 – 3:30 PM CME BookTalk: "Little Karl"

Presented by the author, M. Earl Smith Many parents, teachers, political scientists, church leaders, and others in leadership roles have trouble explaining Marxism or Marxist theory in a way that children can understand, especially without allowing personal political bias to come into play. Little Karl frames Marxist theory from the perspective of a child and the world they see each day. Follow along with Little Karl as he and his mother encounter a homeless man looking for work, a skinny puppy starving from lack of food, and many other characters who make the young boy question why everyone can't live as comfortably as his family. The core thoughts of Marxist theory are presented through the voice of a young Karl Marx, allowing a new generation to explore Marx's concepts without preconceived fears. Little Karl allows readers of any age to understand Marxist thought.

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# Wednesday, January 17 | 7:00 – 8:15 PM The Radicalism of Martin Luther King Jr. and W.E.B. Du Bois

Edward Carson, CPUSA and CME

Carnegie Hall, February 23 1968, Martin Luther King Jr. delivered a commemorative speech on the 100th anniversary of the birth of W.E.B. Du Bois. In his speech, King stated, "it is time to cease muting the fact that Dr. Du Bois was a genius and chose to be a Communist". Upon Du Bois's death in 1963 and King's death in 1968, both had grown more radical in their contention aimed at capitalism – and concerns about America's anti-communist sentiments. By exploring their interpretation of biblical literature, images, and shared concerns about capitalism, this session elevates the often forgotten struggles against capitalism by Du Bois in the year of his 150th birthday, and the emerging radical capacity of King in the 50th year of his death.

#### Thursday, January 25 | 7:00 - 8:30 PM

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## Sunday, January 28 | 6:00 – 8:00 PM Bread and Roses, Watch the trailer.

Richard Pendleton, CME Steering Committee
Maya is a quick-witted young woman who comes over
the Mexican border without papers and makes her
way to the LA home of her older sister Rosa. Rosa gets
Maya a job as a janitor: a non-union janitorial service
has the contract, the foul-mouthed supervisor can fire
workers on a whim, and the service-workers' union has
assigned organizer Sam Shapiro to bring its "justice for
janitors" campaign to the building. Sam finds Maya a
willing listener, she's also attracted to him. Rosa
resists, she has an ailing husband to consider. The
workers try for public support; management
intimidates workers to divide and conquer. Rosa and
Maya as well as workers and management may be set
to collide.