

July 2017 Events Schedule

Sunday, July 9 | 4:30 – 6:00 PM

Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called Communists: W. E. B. Du Bois and American Religious Culture, 1935-1963

Phillip Luke Sinitiere, Ph.D.

My presentation considers how W. E. B. Du Bois engaged religion in American society from the 1930s through the 1960s in order to resist white supremacy and promote self-determination. Covering a period of his life that witnessed Du Bois's clearer commitments to socialism, my paper burrows deep into his archive to explore the ways that he artfully highlighted the political importance of religion through creative fictional writings about a black Christ. It humanizes the black scholar by analyzing his political thought disclosed in his rich correspondence, a perspective that shows an abiding interest in thinking about religion and politics during the early Cold War, pertaining especially to anticommunism fueled by conservative religious ideals. Finally, my presentation records Du Bois's solidarity with "socialist saints," fellow radicals who endured anticommunist persecution and with whom he forged political alliances by invoking religious concepts.

Tuesday, July 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 the chapter: Money, or the circulation of commodities, sections: 1) The measure of values, and 2) The means of circulation.

Wednesday, July 12

Committee for International Labor Defense

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

Educational | 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Justice for 3 Drowned Black Girls

The 3 drowned girls Dominique Battle Laniya Miller and Ashaunti Butler. were brutally drowned by the Pinellas County Sheriffs Department in St. Petersburg FL in March of last year. The Uhuru Solidarity Movement has been actively defending them. The US and world labor movement has a profound interest in fighting injustices and brutality committed by the exploiters and their state machinery.

Sunday, July 23 | 3:00 - 4:30 PM

Class Lessons of Palestine

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

The defeat in the 1967 war, the second catastrophe (naqba), prompted the best of the Palestinian nationalist movement to turn to the working class. What followed in the next nine years was nothing short of extraordinary. In particular, workers were in a position to take power in Lebanon in January 1976, and again in April 1976. The entire bourgeoisie of the world was arrayed against the working class, with the Palestinian bourgeoisie aligning with US imperialism and the Israeli state against the insurgent workers. The defeat contributed to the collapse of the Soviet Union. The class lessons of Palestine have profound implications for national liberation struggles and the completion of the transition from capitalism to socialism.

Thursday, July 27 | 7:00 – 8:30 PM

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Sunday, July 30 | 6:00 – 8:00 PM

The Fidel Castro Tapes: The Story of the Cuban Dictator's Turbulent Leadership

Richard Pendleton, CME Steering Committee

In 1959, Fidel Castro rose to power in Cuba. He has been one of the most controversial figures in the world ever since. The Fidel Castro Tapes chronicles the Cuban leader's ability to maintain control through ongoing dialog in his country, and in his dealings with the United States and the rest of the world. A world-class statesman in his own right. English, 60 minutes. ([Watch the trailer.](#))



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