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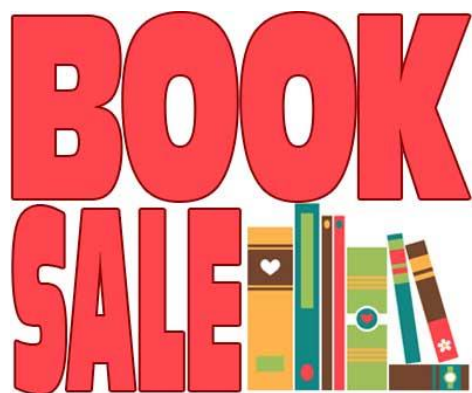
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June 2018 Events Schedule

Saturday, June 16 | 12:00 – 4:00 PM

Book Sale Fundraiser – Cash or Check Only

The CME is hosting a Book Sale Fundraiser. There are no prices – it's donation only. Please bring your cash and dive into a gold mine of books on topics ranging from emerging socialist ideas in the French Revolution to decolonization, and the age of mass incarceration.



Sunday, June 17 | 3:00 – 4:30 PM

Organizing Against Mass Incarceration

Edward Carson, CPUSA Boston

All too often people are taught to see racism as individual acts and not as components of institutional racism or a system of dominance—the enslavement of Black and Brown people under the guise of capitalism, which has propagated the current predicament of mass-incarceration. With a system designed to target marginalized groups, imprisonment without rehabilitation does more harm than good. Private and government prisons profit from prisoners—hence the more people incarcerated means more profit. Mandatory minimums and three strike policies make for strict sentencing and contribute to the increase in prison populations nationwide. This engaging session explores current scholarship, while inviting the audience into a discussion of resistance and action, not talk. Join us for this thought provoking meeting.

Saturday, June 23 | 3:00 – 5:00 PM

An Extraordinary Month in China

Wadi'h Halabi, CPUSA and CME

May was truly an extraordinary month in China. It opened with a speech by Xi Jinping, general secretary of the Communist Party of China, reaffirming commitment to Marxism and its revolutionary message. This was followed by a massive World Congress on Marxism in Beijing on May 5-6, with over 2,000 participants from around the world. A forum on May 7 at the Academy of Marxism reviewed Marx's significance for humanity today. The month closed with a May 28 forum in Shenzhen organized by the International Department of the Communist Party of China; over 70 Communist Parties from around the world participated. Wadi'h Halabi spoke at two of these forums and will report.

Saturday, June 30 | 6:00 PM

Battle for Sevastopol [Watch the trailer.](#)

Richard Pendleton, CME Steering Committee

The breakout of the war shatters the world of a young student, Lyudmila Pavlichenko, forcing her to enlist in the army in 1941. The maiden turns out to be a natural-born sniper; her impressive skill and prowess make her stand out among men and women alike. Seeing Pavlichenko as a tangible threat, the German High Command gives orders to eliminate the girl whatever the cost. In the meanwhile, Lyudmila meets a man and falls in love. War fades into the background... Soon, however, another misfortune befalls Lyudmila leaving the man she loves on the brink of death and herself seriously wounded. The girl is pulled out of combat and later goes to the United States with a publicity visit. Eleanor Roosevelt welcomes Lyudmila in the White House and the two women soon become close. It won't be long before Pavlichenko stands before an audience in Chicago pressing for a second front. Will her words have the capacity to change the course of war?

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April 2018 Events Schedule

Saturday, April 7 | 3:00 – 4:30 PM

Working Class Solidarity in China & Beyond

Panel Members: Donald Donato, CPUSA, Wadi'h Halabi, CPUSA, Duncan McFarland, Committee of Corespondence, Cameron Orr, CPUSA
China and US workers are inextricably linked by a political economy rife with contradictions. This roundtable will discuss recent events in China including the National People's Congress in March (Xi Jinping's plans for socialist development, and removing the presidency term limit) and the Trump tariffs, as well as US-China relations. The discussion will also attempt to examine ways in which we, as working people in the US and other countries, can help advance the common interests of the working class in China, the US, and beyond. Although difficult, a failure to work together through these contradictions can set the stage for terrible defeats -- such as counter-revolution in the USSR, and weakening of the working class in general. Capitalism is in general crisis. This is a time for the working class to advance towards completing the transition socialism.

Sunday, April 15 | 3:30 – 5:00 PM

Ten Tenets of The Communist Manifesto

Edward Carson, CPUSA Boston
Karl Marx's prophetic notions continue to challenge the inherent problems of capitalism, and why capitalism's current status limits the health and well being of the working class. This presentation showcases 21st century problems first identified by Marx, and offers non-theoretical pragmatic solution for raising the conscious of the working class.

Friday, April 20 | 7:00 PM

Stand Up, Speak Out Open Mic

Get ready for an open mic event that celebrates diversity and challenges the mainstream. Come along and bring your friends to mingle and maybe have a go in front of the mic yourself. Do you identify as a woman, minority, non-binary or queer? Are you a musician, comedian, poet, story teller or just want to express yourself? Then we'd love for you to perform at our 'Stand up Speak Out' event. No need to register – just show up. This is an open event for everyone!

Sunday, April 21 | 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Theft of Property & Labor

Bill Okerman, Needham Area Immigration Justice Task Force Point Person, Wage Theft Initiative
We will discuss the origins and legislative history of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts's so-called "wage and hour laws" and the gutting of the enforcement of those laws that began in the early 1990s. I will present and discuss evidence to show three things that are at the core of this fundamental failure of governance: (1) that the Massachusetts courts have repeatedly misconstrued the Commonwealth's wage and hour laws so as to gut their enforcement; (2) that the public officers of the Commonwealth who since the early 1990s have had the statutory duty to enforce the Commonwealth's wage and hour laws have repeatedly and systematically failed to carry out that mandate; and (3) that the Massachusetts legislature has failed to ensure that the wage and hour laws that it has enacted on behalf of the people of the Commonwealth are effectively enforced.

Sunday, April 22 | 6:00 – Part 1

Sunday, April 29 | 6:00 PM – Part 2

Cuba: An African Odyssey [Watch the trailer.](#)

Richard Pendleton, CME Steering Committee
From Che Guevara's military campaign to avenge Lumumba in the Congo up to the fall of apartheid in South Africa, 300,000 Cubans fought alongside African revolutionaries. CUBA, AN AFRICAN ODYSSEY is the previously untold story of Cuba's support for African revolutions, one of the Cold War's most vigorous contests over resources and ideology. It tells the real story behind the so-called "cold" war and its clashes by proxy. An epic tale that explains the current state of the world, about the Internationalists who won all the battles but ended up losing the war.

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