

March 2017 Events Schedule

Wednesday, March 8

Committee for International Labor Defense

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

Educational | 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Guantanamo: Its History, Current Situation and Prospects for the Future

Susan McLucas, United for Justice with Peace

Susan will give an historical overview of Guantanamo, discuss what is happening there now and talk about the struggles of some of the men who've been released. She will read some of the writing of the people imprisoned there and talk about activism to close it down.

Wednesday, March 15 | 7:00 – 8:00 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.

Saturday, March 18 | 3:00 - 5:00 PM

Part 2: Ten Reasons Why Capitalism Can't Stop the Environmental and Social Destruction -- And Why the Working Class Can

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

The insecurity of life is a revolutionary factor. It once seemed to be mainly 'personal' -- Will I have a job tomorrow? A roof over my head? Food to feed my family? Today the insecurity is also 'existential' -- Will humanity have air we can breathe? Water we can drink?
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This presentation reviews reasons why capitalism is incapable of stopping social and environmental destruction; it is not simply unwilling. With preparation, today's insecurities can push open the door to human liberation. This presentation is also a brief review of basic considerations in Marxist political economy.

Wednesday, March 22 | 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Fascism: What is it and how do we fight it?

John Harris, CPUSA-Boston

With the arrival of the Trump administration the question of fascism and how to resist it has come to the fore. Steve Bannon, an open white supremacist, is now chief strategist and senior counselor to the Trump administration. We are now faced with a campaign of racist and xenophobic rhetoric coming from the centers of power in Washington. More than rhetoric, they are implementing this campaign. Meanwhile, the corporate media seeks to pretty up Bannon's political trend by describing it as the "Alt-right". History has seen movements like this and there is much to learn from these experiences. Fascism has historical roots and has been successfully fought against in the past. Join us for a discussion of the current crisis we face and how we can organize and mobilize to defend our interests as working people and youth.

Sunday, March 26 | 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Althea ([Watch the trailer.](#))

Richard Pendleton, CME Steering Committee

Althea Gibson's life and achievements transcend sports. A truant from the rough streets of Harlem, Althea emerged as a most unlikely queen of the highly segregated tennis world in the 1950s. Her roots as a sharecropper's daughter, her family's migration north to Harlem in the 1930s, mentoring from Sugar Ray Robinson, David Dinkins and others, and fame that thrust her unwillingly into the glare of the early Civil Rights movement, all bring her story into a much broader realm of the American story.

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