

Labour Studies e-news

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NEW BOOK BY LABOUR STUDIES PROFESSORS

Dan Glenday, Ann Duffy, and Norene Pupo launched their new book, *The Shifting Landscape of Work*, on December 9. The book explores contemporary issues pertaining to labour in the context of race, class, age, economics, and gender, presented from a left-of-center perspective. The authors challenge students to think about the dynamics of the labour market, including the realities of unpaid work and the impact of structural shifts in societal power relations.

LABOUR STUDIES SPEAKER SERIES

Monday January 10: Mark Lammert, Director of *Dear John*, will screen his documentary about the closure of the John Deere plant in Welland, followed by a Q&A session.

2-4pm in AS 203

Monday January 24: Stephanie Ross, the Coordinator of the Work and Labour Studies Programme at York University will deliver a talk entitled "Unions in Decline, Unions in Renewal". 2-4pm in AS 203.

UPCOMING LABOUR STUDIES CONFERENCES

United Association for Labor Education Conference 2011
Unfinished Business: Workers' Rights for the Next Generation
New Orleans, Louisiana
Thursday March 24 - Saturday March 26, 2011
<http://uale.org/2011-uale-conference>

Working-Class Studies Association 2011 Conference
June 22-25 University of Illinois-Chicago
Conference Theme: Working-Class Organization and Power
<http://www.wcstudies.org/conference/>

PUBLICATIONS IN LABOUR STUDIES

Samson, Daniel. (2011) "Worlds of Work: Pre-Industrial Labour in British North America, 1800-1880," in *Visions: The Canadian History Modules Project*, two volumes, Toronto: Nelson.

Savage, Larry. (2010) "Labor Strikes," "Labor Unions," in George Thomas Kurian, ed., *The Encyclopedia of Political Science*, Washington DC: CQ Press.

LABOUR STUDIES CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

June Corman, Ann Duffy and Norene Pupo presented the paper "Displaced Workers and their Community: The Response of Community Leaders" at British Sociological Association, Work, Employment and Society Conference, University of Brighton, 8 September 2010.

Ann Duffy, June Corman and Norene Pupo presented the paper "Out of Work in the Grim Economy: A Study of Industrial Workers and Their Community" at British Sociological Association, Work, Employment and Society Conference, University of Brighton, 8 September 2010.

Daniel Samson presented the paper "'The Measure of Our Progress': Markets, Statistical Knowledge, and the 1880 Royal Commission on Agriculture," at the Conference of the Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL, 20 November 2010.

Murray Smith presented the paper (co-authored with Jonah Butovsky) "Profitability and the Roots of the Global Crisis: Trends in the Rate of Profit, the Rate of Surplus Value and the Organic Composition of Capital in the USA & Canada," at the "Profits and Crisis" session of the 2010 Historical Materialism conference, London, UK, 14 November 2010.