

Labour Studies e-news

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LABOUR STUDIES RESEARCH TEAM AWARDED SSHRC STANDARD RESEARCH GRANT

Professors Larry Savage, Michelle Webber, and Jonah Butovsky have been awarded a three year research grant worth \$102,807 from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council to study university faculty associations and the politics of accountability governance in Ontario universities. Savage, Webber and Butovsky are all members of the Labour Studies Program Committee and the Jobs and Justice Research Unit.

LABOUR STUDIES SINGLE MAJOR PROGRAM ENROLLS FIRST STUDENT

Kherian Kirton made history by being the first Brock University student to enroll in the new Labour Studies single major program. The program was approved at Senate in March 2011. Students interested in pursuing a single major, rather than a co-major, in Labour Studies can make the switch by contacting Professor Jonah Butovsky, Director of the Centre for Labour Studies, at jbutovsky@brocku.ca. Details of the new program are listed in the undergraduate program calendar, available online.

CENTRE WELCOMES PROFESSOR AMANDA COLES TO BROCK

Brock University has appointed Professor Amanda Coles to a Limited Term Appointment in the Centre for Labour Studies. Professor Coles is a PhD candidate in Political Science at McMaster University. Her research interests revolve around the study of cultural labour. Professor Coles' appointment begins on July 1, 2011.

LABOUR STUDIES BURSARIES

The following Labour Studies bursaries require applications. Applications will be available from August 1 to October 15, 2011 in the office of Student Awards and Financial Aid. Check out their website for more information: brocku.ca/safa

- **Terry Meagher Memorial Bursary (\$3,000)**
- Awarded annually to a Brock University student in the Labour Studies degree program (either three-year or four-year). The successful recipient must demonstrate financial need, academic merit and meet Ontario residency requirements.

- **Earl Butovsky Bursary in Labour Studies (\$1,000)**
- Awarded to a first or second year student co-majoring in Labour Studies. Applicants must demonstrate financial need and meet Ontario residency requirements.

- **Morris Winemaker Bursary (\$1,000)**

- Awarded to a student studying in Labour Studies. Applicants must demonstrate financial need and meet Ontario residency requirements.
- **Wally Majesky Labour Studies Bursary (\$750)**
- Awarded annually to a full- or part-time student in the Labour Studies undergraduate degree program. Recipients must have completed at least one full year of study, with a minimum cumulative B average. Applicants must demonstrate financial need. Preference will be given to students who have demonstrated leadership in the social justice movement. Students must submit a statement indicating their leadership in the social justice movement to the Bursary Officer, Student Awards and Financial Aid Office (bursary@brocku.ca).

UPCOMING LABOUR STUDIES CONFERENCES

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/>

The 2012 United Association for Labor Education conference will be held March 21-25 in Pittsburgh, PA. Visit uale.org for more information.

PUBLICATIONS IN LABOUR STUDIES

Pilon, Dennis, Stephanie Ross and Larry Savage. (2011). "Solidarity Revisited: Organized Labour and the New Democratic Party." *Canadian Political Science Review* 5(1) pp.20-37.

Murray E.G. Smith's book "Global capitalism in Crisis: Karl Marx and the Decay of the Profit System" was the subject of a symposium published in the web journal, Global Discourse. The contributions are available at:

<http://global-discourse.com/contents/global-capitalism-in-crisis-by-murray-e-g-smith/>

LABOUR STUDIES WORKSHOPS

Larry Savage co-organized a SSHRC-supported workshop in support of a forthcoming edited collection, *The Politics of Labour in Canada* (co-edited by Savage and Stephanie Ross). Savage, Dennis Soron, and Amanda Coles all presented papers at the workshop.