Labour Studies e-news

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NEW LABOUR STUDIES WEBSITE LAUNCHES

Check out our new and improved redesigned site and make sure to join our facebook page! www.brocku.ca/labourstudies

CENTRE FOR LABOUR STUDIES 2010-2011 FALL/WINTER COURSES

The Centre for Labour Studies is offering the following core courses in the Fall/Winter term:

LABR 1F90 Changing Nature of Work and of Labour Relations
LABR 2P03 Labour Law and Labour Unions
LABR 2P06 Collective Bargaining
LABR 2P09 Labour Relations in Professional Sports
LABR 2P34 Comparative Labour Movements
LABR 3P03 Global Labour Issues
LABR 3P06 Class and Culture
LABR 3Q95 Sex Work and Sex Workers
LABR 4P31 Women, Work and Unions

Various cross-listed Labour Studies courses will also be offered through various different departments. Please check the BIRT guide for complete course availability and schedules.

BURSARIES AND AWARDS FOR LABOUR STUDIES STUDENTS

Terry Meagher Memorial Bursary
Award Type: In-Course Bursary - Application Required
Value: $3000

Earl Butovsky Bursary in Labour Studies
Award Type: In-Course Bursary – Application Required
Value: $1000

Wally Majesky Labour Studies Bursary
Award Type: In-Course Bursary - Application Required
Value: $750

Labour Studies Distinguished Graduate Award
Award Type: Graduating Award/Prize
Value: $100

For more details on these bursaries and awards visit the Brock University Student Awards and Financial Aid homepage: http://www.brocku.ca/safa

NEW BOOK BY LABOUR STUDIES PROFESSOR

Murray E.G. Smith, a participating faculty member in the Centre for Labour Studies, recently launched his new book *Global Capitalism in Crisis: Karl Marx & The Decay of the Profit System.* The crisis in global capitalism, Smith argues, should be understood as both a composite crisis of overproduction, credit and finance, and a deep-seated systemic crisis. Using Marx to analyze the origins, implications and scope of the current economic slump, the book argues that the crisis needs to be understood structurally, as the result of a system prone to crisis, rather than as an aberration.

UPCOMING LABOUR STUDIES CONFERENCES

Labour Studies at York University is hosting "New Voices in Labour Studies: Emerging Perspectives on Workers and Workplaces"
October 15-16, 2010
York University
Toronto ON

Details are available at: http://www.yorku.ca/crws/events/

PUBLICATIONS IN LABOUR STUDIES

Martinello, Felice (2009) "Faculty Salaries In Ontario: Compression, Inversion And The Effects Of Alternative Forms Of Representation" Industrial and Labor Relations Review Volume 63, # 1, (October 2009) pp. 128-45.

Finnie, Ross and Felice Martinello (2010) " 'I Lost My Scholarship': Changes in Grades from High School to First Year University" in Pursuing Higher Education in Canada, edited by edited by R. Finnie, M. Frenette, R.E. Mueller, and A. Sweetman. (Montreal and Kingston: Queen's Policy Studies Series, McGill-Queen's University Press), Chapter 2, pp. 15-42.

PRESENTATIONS IN LABOUR STUDIES

Larry Savage and Dennis Soron presented the paper "Organized Labor, Nuclear Power, and Environmental Justice" at the annual meeting of the United Association of Labor Educators, March 2010, San Diego.

Felice Martinello presented the paper "Student persistence and satisfaction with university services in Canada" at the 44th Annual Meetings of the Canadian Economics Association, May 30, 2010, Laval University, Quebec, PQ.

Ann Duffy, June Corman and Norene Pupo recently presented two papers based on research related to their SSHRC grant. The first paper examined the methodological

complexities of interviewing people who have recently lost their jobs and who face financial uncertainty (Canadian Sociology Association, June 2010, Montreal). The second paper examined the ways that the management of John Deere orchestrated the closure of John Deere, Welland Works (through the annoucement and through incentive payments) to deflect job action (Socialist Studies, June, Montreal).

Larry Savage presented the paper "The CAW and the politics of strategic voting" at the Society for Socialist Studies conference, June 2010, Montreal.