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Notes from the Chair by Anita Waters

Welcome to all the new members who joined the section last year with or without the enticement of a t-shirt! Our section is entering its fortieth year with an infusion of young scholars and the continuing commitment of long-time members. We have a new Section description:

The ASA Marxist Sociology Section promotes the use of Marxist theory and methods to explain the complex dynamics of the social world, from ideology and the capitalist system to revolutionary, counter-hegemonic movements; from global political economy and national institutions to the politics of the workplace; from economic development and technological change to politics and culture; from imperialism to the environment. We aim to provide a platform for young Marxist sociologists at the beginnings of their careers and to serve as a resource and meeting point for all scholars and activists whose work is informed by Marxist theory. With our annual section awards, we celebrate excellent scholarly work by new and established scholars and commend life-long achievements in Marxist sociology. We also recognize the importance of Marxist sociological praxis by honoring those who facilitate social change – that, we all acknowledge, is the point.

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A Note from the Membership Committee by Daniel Auerbach

One of the newest additions to the Marxist section is the membership committee. The committee is chaired by Paul Prew (paul.prew@mnsu.edu) with members Daniel Auerbach (daniel.auerbach@soc.utah.edu) and Martel Pipkins (MPipkins1@twu.edu). We are tasked with member retention and increasing membership. Currently we are working out ideas to increase this section's presence within the larger ASA. The t-shirt sale at last year's conference was a success. We would like to continue that again at this year's meeting. As of now we are discussing what the design should be. The committee is open to possible suggestions of Marxist figures to include on the t-shirt and a clever phrase on the back of the shirt. Second, we are going to focus on recruiting graduate students. As of now a graduate student listserv has been created (however it has not yet been used). Hopefully, in the coming years, it can become a lively location for discussion and comradeship building. Additionally, the committee is considering writing something in the ASA *Footnotes*, *Contexts*, or some other relevant journals to get our name out there. If you would like to contribute please contact the committee. More ideas are welcome and we look forward to your input.

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Rod Bush Award Statement

by Jeff Halley

On behalf of the Marxist section, and its Lifetime Achievement Award Committee (with Kevin Anderson, and Warren Goldstein), it is with great pleasure that we make this year's Award to Roderick Bush.

The sad part is that, since Rod passed away suddenly last fall, this will be a posthumous award, and we are grateful that his spouse, Melanie, is here to receive it.

I met Rod and Melanie through Bill DiFazio, around the time when he moved to St. John's from Seton Hall University. Although the committee was familiar with Rod's work, his nomination was a special opportunity to review a very impressive lifetime achievement.

What struck the committee was Rod's constant commitment to both political activism and scholarship. Rod had a sweeping vision, always connecting Black Nationalism and class struggle, national and international struggles, Black internationalism and the color line.

Rod attended Howard University from 1963 to 1967, a time of intense student political activism at the university. After graduation, Rod's political consciousness developed as he worked with Black and working-class families in Kansas, when he was enrolled in the Ph. D. program in Psychology. Committed to Black liberation struggles, he was involved there with the Congress of African Peoples and the Student Organization for Black Unity. He moved to the San Francisco Bay area and was involved in community organizing, working with projects such as the U.S. out of Central America. In 1985, Rod and Melanie moved to Brooklyn, where he worked at the New York City Technical College Riker's Island Project, and the Brooklyn Educational Opportunity Center. He enrolled in the sociology graduate program at State University of New York- Binghamton to study under Manny Wallerstein and Terry Hopkins and completed his Ph.D. in 1992. His dissertation title was "Social Movements among the Urban Poor: African Americans in the Twentieth Century." Out of this examination of race and class, his first book, *We Are Not What We Seem: Black Nationalism and Class Struggle in the American Century*, was awarded the 2000 Oliver Cromwell Cox Award of the American Sociological Association. Sweeping, learned, synoptic, from Du Bois, Cruse, Boggs, with a vision from the history of the black liberation struggle and from world systems analysis, this is quite an achievement. His next book, *The End of White World Supremacy: Black Internationalism and the Problem of the Color Line* continues this extraordinary historical and theoretical sweep, making the connections between internationalism and black nationalism, linking Black Power and the spirit of Bandung, black radicals and the world left. It won our section's 2010 Paul Sweezy outstanding book Award. Just around the time when he fell suddenly ill, Melanie and Rod were working on the proofs for what now will be his final book, *Tensions in the "American" Dream: Rhetoric, Reverie or Reality* co-authored with Melanie Bush. It will be released by Temple University Press in January 2015, and interrogates the contradiction between American ideals of inclusion, and the reality of marginalization based on race, class, and gender.

More recently, Rod was a member of the national council of the Black Radical Congress and also of the Executive Board of the Left Forum. There he continued to connect Black Left and Black Nationalist communities with progressive and radical and progressive movements.

From his recent work on "Black Internationalism and Transnational Africa" his reformulation of structure and agency regarding notions of the 'internal colony,' his radio talks with Bill DiFazio on WBAI, and others on WLIB, his work with *Socialism and Democracy* and with Left Forum, his period as Chair of the ASA section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities, Rod has been a model of activism and scholarship.

There is much more to say and little time, so in conclusion I want to note first three things. First, please look at Bob Newby's superb and very moving obituary in the July/August ASA Footnotes if you have not gotten a chance. Also, check out the wonderful website rodbush.org. Finally, during tomorrow, Monday, August 18, the *Critical Sociology Conference* will have two sessions as a tribute and reflection on The Life and Work of Rod Bush. It will be at the San Francisco Marriott Marquis.

Rod was a force and has left a mark. Melanie, we are honored to bestow this award to Rod.

(This speech was prepared for the ASA Marxist Sociology Section Awards)

Rod Bush Award Presentation: Memorializing Race, Class, and Revolution by Kevin B. Anderson

On behalf of Jeffrey Halley, committee chair, and Warren Goldstein committee member, it is my great honor to present the 2014 Marxist Section Lifetime Achievement Award to Professor Rod Bush, whose death last December has left a major gap in Marxist sociology, particularly around the questions of race, class, and revolution. We therefore both honor him and mourn him today.

Fortunately, Rod Bush left behind a body of writings that will continue to guide and inspire us and future generations. His major book, *The End of White World Supremacy: Blood Internationalism and the Problem of the Color Line*, won our section's Paul Sweezy Outstanding Book Award in 2010. As Marxist section member Robert C. Newby noted in his July-August ASA *Footnotes* obituary to Rod Bush, this book "showed that racism was a constitutive component of capitalism, the struggle against racism must ultimately target the capitalist system." I can think of no sociological insight more relevant to our times, as seen most recently in Ferguson, Missouri, Staten Island, NY, or in Sanford, Florida last year, the town where Trayvon Martin was murdered and where Rod Bush was born.

Rod Bush was the author of another award-winning book, this time from the ASA section on Racist Ethnic Minorities, in 2000, for his earlier book *We Are Not What We Seem: Black Nationalism and the Class Struggle in the American Century*. A lifetime of activism as well as scholarship stood behind these and his other sociological writings. Take the 1980s, before Rod Bush became a sociology professor. As he wrote a decade ago in an autobiographical reflection, "During the early 1980's I was part of a disciplined Marxist organization that tried to understand the difficulties and contradictions of working as a revolutionary organization within a hegemonic power in which the conditions for revolution did not exist" ("When the Revolution Came," *Radical History Review* 90, Fall 2004). I think many of us in this room, at least those of our generation, can see part of themselves there. Those and others know that this kind of revolutionary spirit has guided our sociological work.

Nonetheless, Rod Bush carried on, keeping and rekindling for new times and a new century the fires of his early revolutionary commitments, now as a scholar-activist within but not bound by the academic system. Undoubtedly, his academic writings were conducted with an eye toward the new generation, perhaps in the spirit of Lenin's famous dictation that "without revolutionary theory, there can be no revolutionary movement."

Rod Bush's last book, co-authored with his wife and lifetime partner, Melanie Bush, should also be noted tonight entitled *Tensions in the American Dream: Rhetoric, Reverie, or Reality*.

A professor of sociology at Seton Hall University and then St. John's University since 1998, Rod Bush also won awards for his teaching and mentorship, indications of his rapport with young people.

Rod Bush's life and work were marked by the struggle against racism and capitalism, which he saw as irrevocably intertwined, in the United States and elsewhere. This sometimes meant taking the measure of the less revolutionary perspectives on race and class that he judged worthy. In this regard, let me mention the title of a session Rod Bush organized recently at the Left Forum, an annual gathering of thousands of intellectuals and activists in New York, entitled "How the Declining Significance of Race Helped Hide Internal Colonialism in Plain Sight."

This sense, Rod Bush was unafraid to speak truth to power, and remained a revolutionary scholar-activist until he was cut down in the prime of life last year. To honor both his life and his legacy, we now present the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Marxist Section to Rod Bush via Melanie Bush, who has honored us with her presence here tonight.

(This speech was presented on August 17, 2014, at the ASA Marxist Sociology Section Awards)

Call For Papers and Upcoming Conference

American Sociological Association:

Submission deadline: January 7, 2015, 3:00 PM Eastern Standard Time.

The theme for the 2015 American Sociological Association meeting is "Sexualities in the Social World." The meeting will convene from August 22-25, 2015, at the Hilton Chicago and Hilton Palmer House in Chicago, IL.

The Marxist Section has the privilege of organizing four different sessions (descriptions of which can be found in the "Notes from the Chair"). One session, organized by Eric Bonds and Matt Vidal, is titled "Crises and the Future of Capitalism." A second session, put together by Efe Peker and Warren S. Goldstein, is called "Religion(s) and Neoliberalism." A third session, and invited session convened by Martha Gimenez and Anita Waters, will focus on "Marxism and Feminism: New Perspectives." Finally, we have the roundtable session which is followed by the business meeting.

Nominations for 2015 Section on Marxist Sociology Awards

Nominations are now being accepted for the five awards that will be presented by our section at the annual meeting next year in Chicago. Please note the due date of ***February 16, 2015.***

Marxist Sociology Lifetime Achievement Award

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes distinguished career achievement in Marxist sociology. Nominators should send all committee members a letter stating the case for the nominee winning the award and attach a copy of the nominee's vitae. The award is for a body of work of sociological importance in the area of Marxist theory and research. The deadline for nominations is February 16, 2015. The chair in 2015 is Art Jipson (jipsonaj@udayton.edu).

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Nominations for 2015 Awards (Continued)

Outstanding Marxist Sociology Article Award

The Outstanding Marxist Sociology Article Award goes to the author(s) of the best article (or series of articles) published in the past two years in the area of Marxist theory and research. The Committee will select the article that best demonstrates the most thoughtful, competent, or innovative analysis of a theoretical, empirical, or activist issue(s) that is germane to Marxism, Marxist Sociology, and Marxist Praxis. Nominations should include (by email to all committee members) a brief comment on the merits of the published article (2013 or 2014) and a copy the article. The deadline for receipt of all materials is February 16, 2015. The chair in 2015 is Kevin Anderson (kanderson@soc.ucsb.edu).

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Albert Szymanski-T.R. Young/*Critical Sociology* Marxist Sociology Graduate Student Paper Award

The Albert Szymanski-T.R. Young/*Critical Sociology* Marxist Sociology Graduate Student Paper Award is presented to the author of the best graduate student paper. The competition is open to both published and unpublished article-length papers (roughly 25 pages in length without tables or references) written by a graduate student in the last few years (2012-2015). The committee will accept sole-authored and multiple-authored papers as long as the applicant is lead or senior author. No student-faculty collaborations can be accepted. The committee will select the paper that demonstrates the most thoughtful, competent, or innovative analysis of a theoretical, empirical, or activist issue(s) that is germane to Marxism, Marxist Sociology, and Marxist Praxis. The prize for the winner will be \$500 (\$250 from the Marxist Sociology section of the ASA and \$250 from *Critical Sociology*, which jointly underwrites the award). The deadline for submissions is February 16, 2015. All submissions must be received electronically. All papers and questions should be sent to the chair of the committee. The chair in 2015 is Lloyd Klein (lklein@york.cuny.edu).

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Nominations for 2015 Awards (Continued)

Paul Sweezy Marxist Sociology Book Award

The Sweezy Book Award goes to the author(s) of the best book published in the past two years in the area of Marxist theory and research. The committee will select the book that best demonstrates the most thoughtful, competent, or innovative analysis of a theoretical, empirical, or activist issue(s) that is germane to Marxism, Marxist Sociology, and Marxist Praxis. Nominations are now being sought for books that were published in 2013 or 2014. Nominations, by email, should include standard bibliographic information about the work and a brief comment on its merits. *A copy of the book must be sent to all committee members.* The deadline for receipt of all materials is February 16, 2015. All addresses for the delivery of books for consideration are included below. The chair in 2015 is Fred Schiff (fschiff@uh.edu).

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Marxist Sociology Praxis Award

The Marxist Sociology Praxis Award recognizes outstanding practice and achievement, by an individual and/

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Nominations for 2015 Awards (Continued)

or an organization. Practice may involve (but is not limited to) activism, organizing, and/or outreach to encourage/facilitate social change. Nominations should include a letter (by email to all committee members) stating the case for the nominee for the award. When appropriate a copy of the nominee's vitae should also be included. The deadline for receipt of all materials is February 16, 2015. The chair in 2015 is Leontina Hormel (lhormel@uidaho.edu).

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Additional Call for Papers

Call for Papers (01/15/15)

Mobilizing Vulnerability:

New Directions in Transnational Feminist Studies and Human Rights

A Special Issue of *Feminist Formations*

Co-edited by Wendy S. Hesford and Rachel Lewis

During the past decade, there has been a substantial growth in academic scholarship devoted to exploring the intersections among vulnerability, precarity, and human rights. While feminist and queer theorists have turned toward concepts of vulnerability and precarity as a way of accounting for contemporary forms of political violence, critical theorists have turned to vulnerability and affiliated terms (precarity and precarization, for example) as the basis for understanding human interdependencies, obligations, and ethical responsibilities (Berlant, Butler, Cvejić, Fineman, Lorey, Puar, and Vujanović). However, what has not been considered to date and what this special issue aims to elucidate are the contributions that transnational feminist scholarship and methods can make toward our understanding of embodied and structural vulnerabilities, especially as these vulnerabilities shape human rights theory and practices.

This special issue will discuss both the value and the risks of theories of vulnerability and precarity for transnational feminist research on human rights. Specifically, we seek to address how transnational feminist analytics might increase our understanding of the mobilization of vulnerability and how concepts of vulnerability and precarity travel transnationally to produce new rationalities. We seek contributions that focus particular attention upon the intersection of notions of vulnerability and precarity with human rights discourses, with an emphasis on how these concepts might advance or counter transnational feminist projects. A key issue will be the ways in which such discourses typically map vulnerability onto certain bodies (marked in terms of gender, race, class, or age) and not others, and how these bodies take on the burden of representation in domestic and international politics and law. As such, we invite article submissions on any topic pertaining to the subject of global human rights, sexuality, disability, and emergent work in vulnerability studies. Key questions framing the special issue include the following:

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Additional Call for Papers (Continued)

1. To what extent has the growing inclusion of women's rights, LGBT rights, disability rights, and children's rights on the international human rights agenda opened up a space for alternative conceptualizations of vulnerability and human rights discourses? How do marginalized subjects perform resistance through the mobilization of vulnerability and precarity?
2. How might theories of vulnerability and precarity challenge second wave feminist understandings of women's human rights grounded in freedom from gender violence and the pursuit of sexual autonomy? What role might transnational feminisms play in further elucidating the potential and limitations of vulnerability as an analytic?
3. How do advocacy groups navigate the international moral economy of human rights and unsettle moral dichotomies (victim/agent) as they take on shifting identities and positions in narrating their struggle for power within their multifaceted particularities?
4. How might transnational feminist and queer theories of vulnerability and precarity help scholars, practitioners, policy-makers and human rights advocates to better account for the pleasures and vicissitudes of desire and relationality, emotion and affect, corporeality and interdependency, care and protection in human rights narratives?
5. In what ways might theories of vulnerability and precarity establish new critical frameworks for rethinking the contested relationship between women of color feminisms and transnational feminist practices?

We especially invite contributions that explore the intersections among vulnerability, precarity and human rights in relation to the following thematics:

- the role of vulnerability and precarity within transnational feminist theory and activism
- differential distributions of vulnerability and precarity along the lines of race, class, gender, sexuality, nation, and citizenship
- the potential and limitations of theories of vulnerability and precarity for thinking through race, gender, sexuality and the formation of international human rights discourses
- racism and state violence
- trauma and the ethics of witnessing
- dispossession, ecstasy and the limits of sexual autonomy
- disability and displacement
- interracial vulnerability and economic precarity
- love and gender violence
- sexual rights and erotic vulnerability
- precarity and gender norms

We seek contributions from across the humanities and social sciences that interrogate representations of gender, sexuality, disability, human rights, and vulnerability in relation to law and public policy, social media, literature, narrative, popular culture, and social justice activism. We welcome contributions with U.S., global, international, and transnational foci.

Essays should be 8k -11k words, including endnotes and references. Submit your complete manuscript via email to FF editorial assistant, Brooke Lober (feministformations@email.arizona.edu) and copy the co-editors to your email: Wendy Hesford (hesford.1@osu.edu) and Rachel Lewis (rlewis13@gmu.edu).

For information on *Feminist Formations*, visit our [website](#). And for further manuscript specifications, see [Author Guidelines](#). For all other questions, please contact the special issue guest editors.

Publications

Books

Tensions in the American Dream: Rhetoric, Reverie, or Reality

Melanie E.L. Bush and Roderick Bush
Palgrave Macmillan (2014)
www.temple.edu/tempres

TENSIONS IN THE AMERICAN DREAM

Rhetoric, Reverie, or Reality

Melanie E. L. Bush
AND Roderick D. Bush

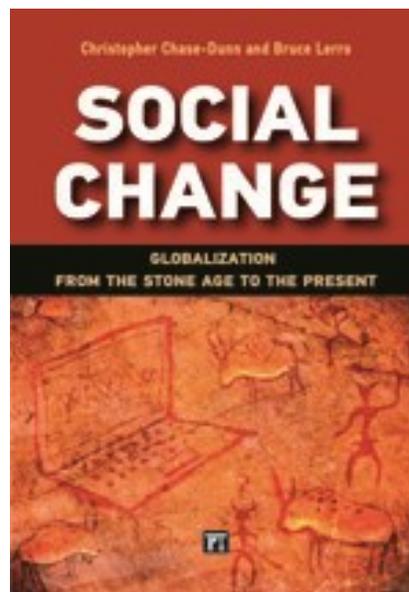
on the basis of race, class, and gender?" The authors consider the origins and development of the U.S. nation and empire; the founding principles of belonging, nationalism, and exceptionalism; and the lived reality of these principles.

Tensions in the American Dream also addresses the relevancy of nation to empire in the context of the historical world capitalist system. The authors ask, "Is the American Dream a reality questioned only by those unwilling or unable to achieve it? What is the 'good life,' and how is it particularly 'American'?"

Could the promise of upward mobility have a dark side? In *Tensions in the American Dream*, Melanie and Roderick Bush ask, "How does a 'nation of immigrants' pledge inclusion yet marginalize so many citizens

Social Change: Globalization from the Stone Age to the Present

Christopher Chase-Dunn and Bruce Lerro
Paradigm Publishers (2013)
www.paradigmpublishers.com



From the Stone Age to the Internet Age, this book tells the story of human sociocultural evolution. It describes the conditions under which hunter-gatherers, horticulturalists, agricultural states, and industrial capitalist societies formed, flourished, and declined.

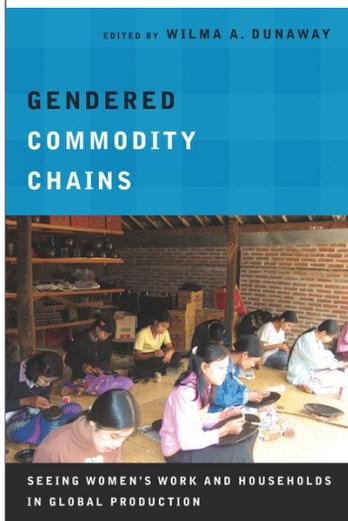
Drawing evidence from archaeology, ethnography, linguistics, historical documents, statistics, and survey research, the authors trace the growth of human societies and their complexity, and they probe the conflicts in hierarchies both within and among societies. They also explain the macro-micro links that connect cultural evolution and history with the development of the individual self, thinking processes, and perceptions.

Publications (continued)

Books

Gendered Commodity Chains: Seeing Women's Work and Households in Global Production

Wilma Dunaway (editor)
Stanford University Press (2013)
www.sup.org

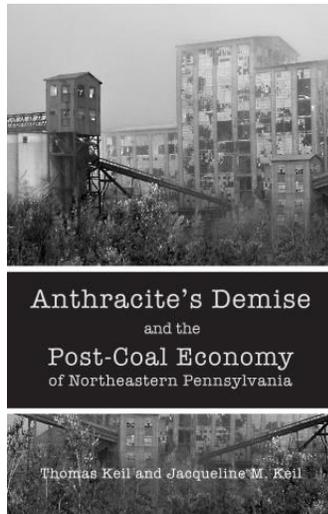


Gendered Commodity Chains is the first book to consider the fundamental role of gender in global commodity chains. It challenges long-held assumptions of global economic systems by identifying the crucial role social reproduction plays in production and by declaring the household as an important site of production. In affirming the importance of women's work in global production, this cutting-edge volume fills an important gender gap in the field of global commodity and value chain analysis.

With thirteen chapters by an international group of scholars from sociology, anthropology, economics, women's studies, and geography, this volume begins with an eye-opening feminist critique of existing commodity chain literature. Throughout its remaining five parts, *Gendered Commodity Chains* addresses ways women's work can be integrated into commodity chain research, the forms women's labor takes, threats to social reproduction, the impact of indigenous and peasant households on commodity chains, the rapidly expanding arenas of global carework and sex trafficking, and finally, opportunities for worker resistance. This broadly interdisciplinary volume provides conceptual and methodological guides for academics, graduate students, researchers, and activists interested in the gendered nature of commodity chains.

Anthracite's Demise and the Post-Coal Economy of Northeastern Pennsylvania

Thomas Keil and Jacqueline M. Keil
Lehigh University Press (2014)
www.rowman.com



Examining the anthracite coal trade's emergence and legacy in the five counties that constituted the core of the industry, the authors explain the split in the modes of production between entrepreneurial production and corporate production and the consequences of each for the two major anthracite regions. This book argues that the initial conditions in which the anthracite industry developed led to differences in the way workers organized and protested working conditions and the way in which the two regions were affected by the decline of the industry and two subsequent waves of deindustrialization.

The authors examine the bourgeois class formation in the coal regions and its consequences for differential regional growth and urbanization. This is given context through their investigation of class conflict in the region and the struggle of workers to build a stable union that would represent their interests, as well as the struggles within the union that finally emerged as the dominant force (the United Mine Workers of American) between conservative business unionists and progressive forces.

Lastly, the authors explore the demise of anthracite as the dominant industry, the attempt to attract replacement industries, the subsequent two waves of deindustrialization in the region, and the current economic conditions that prevail in the former coal counties and the cities in them. This book includes a discussion of local politics and the emergence of a strong labor-Democratic tie in the northern anthracite region and a weaker tie between labor and the Democratic party in the central and southern fields.

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“Recollections of Life in the Marxist Section” (Continued)

After such an energizing and inspirational meeting in San Francisco last year, I'm very excited about our upcoming meeting August 22 – 25, 2015 in Chicago.

Section events begin with a reception Monday evening, August 24, co-sponsored by the Section on Political Economy and World Systems. This official reception will be held on-site.

The following day, Tuesday, August 24, the Section is organizing four sessions.

The first is “Crises and the Future of Capitalism” organized by Eric Bonds of University of Mary Washington and Matt Vidal of King's College London. The organizers describe it here:

Marxist scholarship has identified four crisis tendencies inherent to capitalism: Overaccumulation, a declining profit rate, underconsumption and environmental crisis. The long crisis of Atlantic capitalism in the 1970s and the 2007 financial crisis were outcomes of the complex dynamics of overaccumulation, declining profit rates and underconsumption. All the while, the relentless drive to accumulate capital has put humanity on a collision course with the natural world.

The second is entitled “Religion(s) and Neoliberalism” and is organized by Efe Peker of Simon Fraser University and Warren S. Goldstein of the Center for Critical Research on Religion. They write:

This session explores the ways in which religion is utilized as an element of legitimacy for neoliberal political economic restructurings around the world since the 1980s. In what ways are different religions articulated, ideationally and institutionally, as a constituent of market-based hegemony building and sociopolitical control? Case studies and comparative works on the entanglements between religion(s) and neoliberalism will be featured.

The third is an invited session that I am organizing along with Martha Gimenez, entitled “Marxism and Feminism: New Perspectives.” Participants will reflect on the effects of global capitalism on women in the area of the world which they have studied, and explore the relevance of Marxist theory to understand different aspects of women's oppression under those conditions. What do Marx and Marxist theory have to offer today? Rather than revisiting the old debates, we are seeking new viewpoints on the contribution of Marx to contemporary issues. Interest in this panel was solicited at the 2014 meeting, but if there are any further thoughts about the make-up of this session, please contact me at waters@denison.edu.

Our fourth session will be the roundtable and business meetings on Tuesday, August 25. Please come and offer the new chair, Brett Clark, ideas about how we want the section to move forward.

Finally, I'm excited to announce a special event on the evening of Tuesday, August 25. The members of the Marxist Sociology Section are invited to a special reception and tour of the Unity Center (3339 South Halsted Street), the home of the editorial offices of the *People's World*, the successor publication of the *Daily Worker* (founded 1924). The Center is home to a collection of rare Marxist texts, historic pamphlets, and paintings and prints that have been donated to the Center over the years. *People's World* staff will be on hand to discuss the artworks and other resources of the Center. More information about this event will be available at our business meeting earlier that day, but please mark your calendars now.

Looking ahead to the 2016 meeting, members should think before our 2015 meeting about proposing sessions based on the 2016 conference theme, which is a perfect fit for our section's work: “Rethinking Social Movements: Can Changing the Conversation Change The World?” These proposals are due just weeks after the 2015 conference.

See you all in Chicago!