

Marxist Literary Group / Institute on Culture and Society 2007

Wednesday, 20 June

9:00 –10:15 Contemporary Marxist Interventions

Kevin Floyd

On neoliberalism, Queer Studies, and the question of totality

Stephen Healy

On the economy of non-all and the politics of health care reform

Heidi J. Nast

On neoliberalism and pet-love

10:30 – 12:00 Race, Class, Personhood

Peter Gardner

What Class War? “This hyar is the War o’ Races!”

Anna Kornbluh

On the isomorphism of capitalism and Victorian realism

Kat McLellan

On seventeenth-century contract theory

Harvey Partica

On Frank Norris’ dialectical monsters

12:00 – 1:15 LUNCH

1:15 – 3:45 Reading Group: *Capital I*, Chapters 1, 6, and 7

4: 00 – 4:30 Grover Furr

On falsifying Soviet history of the 'Stalin' period

5:00 – 6:15 Conditions of Coloniality

Akin Adesokan

On CLR James and Marxism in Africa

Richard Iton

On coloniality and diaspora

Joseph Keith

On labor and the Limits of citizenship in C.L.R. James

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Thursday, 21 June

9:00 – 10:15 Black Radicalism

Robbie Lieberman
On African American radicals and the Cold War

Brian Thill
On Frederick Douglass, Black Power and the Frankfurt School

10:45 – 12:00 Marxism and Africa I

Max Gulias
On the permanent (neoliberal) revolution in South Africa

Michael Ralph
On Marxism in Africa and Senegalese (im)mobility, post 9/11

Mark Estante
On labor discipline and the maintenance of apartheid in Coetzee's *Life & Times of Michael K*

12:00 – 1:15 LUNCH

1:15 – 3:00 Reading Group: *Capital I*, Chapters 2-5

3:15 – 4:30 Marxism and Africa II

Christian Dogbe
On Ahmadou Kourouma and Marxism

Aisha Karim
On the movement of political desire in African literature

5:00 – 6:15

Ato Quayson
On dialectic and failed synthesis in the drama of Wole Soyinka
*Presented by the University of Illinois at Chicago's African-American Studies Department

7:30

Book Launch
Barbara's Bookstore, 1218 South Halsted St., lower floor of Thomas Beckham Hall

The Department of African American Studies will launch the books listed below:

Tejumola Olaniyan and Ato Quayson, eds. *African Literature: An Anthology of Theory and Criticism*

Paul Tiyambe Zeleza, ed. *The Study of Africa. Volume 1: Disciplinary and Interdisciplinary Encounters*

Paul Tiyambe Zeleza, ed. *The Study of Africa. Volume 2: Global and Transitional Engagements*

This event will include a discussions of the books.

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Friday, 22 June

9:00 – 10:15 The Marxian Abject: Species, Specimens and Surplus Populations

Laura Hudson

On Marxian species-being and the anthropological machine

Erin Paszko

On historicizing political violence through Leila Khaled's *My People Shall Live*

Michelle Yates

On an ecological contradiction within capitalism

10:45 – 12:00 Organization, Justification, Ideology

Paul Smith

On Boltanski's *The New Spirit of Capitalism*

Ariane Fischer

On historical materialism, the division of labor, and the alienation of the philosopher

Ed Wiltse

On scientific certainty and criminal justice in Sherlock Holmes stories and /CSI/

12:00 – 1:15 LUNCH

1:15 – 3:00 Reading Group: *Capital I, Parts Seven and Eight*

3:15 – 4:30 Reading Totality

Neil Larsen

On the unique difficulty of reading *Capital* volume I, chapter 1

Eleanor Kaufman

On poetic surplus in Badiou

Reiichi Miura

On singularity and postmodern pluralism

5:00 – 7:00 Peter Hitchcock

On the failed state and the state of failure

8:00

Gathering at Morgan's Bar and Grill

1325 South Halsted St., southeast corner of Halsted St. and Maxwell St., immediately south of Thomas Beckham Hall

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Saturday, 23 June

9:00 – 10:15 American Literature

Jeff Carr

On capitalism, socialism, and labor in *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*

William Q. Malcuit

On the resuscitation of history in McKay

Todd Thompson

On irony and heritage in the Harlem Renaissance

10:45 – 12:00 Contemporary Marxist Theory

Lee Medovoi

On Marx, Foucault, and the current conjuncture

Mathias Nilges

On the work of art in the age of cognitive capitalism

Myka Tucker-Abramson

On the labour history of deindustrialized literature

12:00 – 1:15 LUNCH

1:15 – 3:00 Reading Group: *Capital I*, Appendix

3:30 – 5:00 Walter Benn Michaels

On praising famous (white) men

5:15 – 7:15 Fredric Jameson

On the Dialectic

7:30 MLG-ICS BBQ

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Sunday, 24 June

9:00 – 10:30 Class, Labor, Discipline

Melissa Tandiwe Myambo

On (un)writing diaspora and the route(lessness) of capitalism

Bimbisar Irom

On reification, totality and the agony of the radical novel

Ann Mattis

On domestic service and kinship in Gertrude Stein's "The Good Anna" and "The Gentle Lena"

Wesley Sims

On incarceration in Gayl Jones' *Eva's Man*

10:45 – 12:15 Spectacles and Visual Culture

Jolan Bogdan

On denial and ideology: the Romanian example

Steve Macek

On Marxism and the media reform movement

Joe Ramsey

On Babouk and revolutionary spectacle

Laura Sullivan

On television and the spectacle of giving

12:15 – 1:30 MLG Business Meeting / LUNCH

1:45 – 3:15 Roundtable: Labor and Memory

Courtney Maloney, Jamie Daniel, Carol Stabile, and Joel Woller

3:30 Susan Willis / Don Hedrick responding
On playing the penny slots
