

Network Representatives:

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Letter from Elizabeth Faue:

I am writing as one of the labor network representatives for next year's SSHA meeting in Vancouver. My co-chairs, Steve Meyer (Stemey@uwm.edu) and Barry Eidlin (eidlin@berkeley.edu), will be fielding this year's submissions. My email address is: (ad5247@wayne.edu OR evfaue@gmail.com). Please feel free to contact me with ideas or to volunteer to help organize sessions.

In our network meeting, we discussed potential sessions for next year's meeting, which has the theme, "Histories of Capitalism." Most of those who attended both contributed ideas and signed up to help organize panels. These are the ideas and panel responsibilities we discussed in the meeting:

1. **Fighting Capitalism in an Anti-Union Age**

Steve Meyer and Prasannan Parthasarathi are addressing this one.

2. **Worker Resistance, Cultural Resistance** (I may have the title on this one wrong)

Janine Lanza will organize, perhaps with Elise Van Nederveen Meerkerk. We discussed guilds and commons.

3. **Revisiting and Revising Class Analysis**

Barry Eidlin will organize.

4. **Jobless Future, Futureless Jobs**

Writing about living in relations of economic/social precarity; instability of employment at the end of the New Deal era

Eileen Boris said she would forward names of people working on precarious employment. I (Faue) can take the lead on organizing this one, using rubric from call for papers on capitalism and evolution of labor. Suggestions for economic historians who might be good participants?

5. **Formal and Informal Labor Regimes**

Elizabeth Ryan will organize. Suggestions were Becky Ross, research on sex workers; a scholar at Syracuse, who researches jute workers; Ryan's own research on labor of mothering.

6. **Property Regimes, Property Rights** (title?)

Prasannan Parthasarathi will organize this one. Discuss narrowing definition of property

rights under capitalism.

7. **Labor Relations, Capitalism and Colonialism**

This also involved Elise. Clarify?

8. **Labor Rethinks Capital**

Discuss bringing in labor historians to explore how labor has rethought/is rethinking capitalism. Suggestions: Alice Kessler-Harris, Nelson Lichtenstein, Marcel Van der Linden, Jennifer Klein.

There may be one or two panels that don't pan out.

Please send along suggestions to me or to those members of the network who are organizing panels.

Finally, the labor network also will be contacting the Canadian Committee for Labour History and working with Elise Van Nederveen Meerkerk, who is the labor network chair of the European Social Science History Conference.