



Socialist and Marxist Studies Series

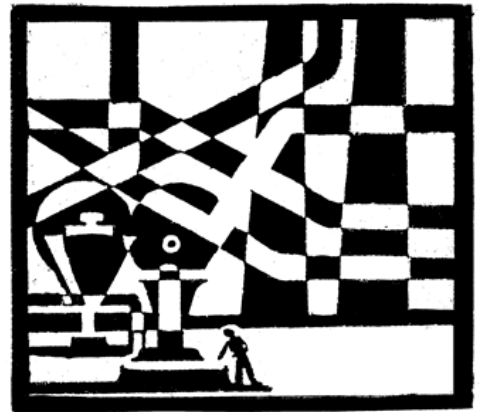
Fall 2021

Thursdays

12:30-1:34 P.M.

Virtual Zoom Lectures

The University of Maine



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Oct. 14: PICTURING MAINE'S INDIGENOUS CONTEXT: COLONIALISM AND THE PENOBSCOT

Liam Riordan, Professor of History, The University of Maine

This illustrated lecture uses the recent removal of the Gomez Memorial in Bangor and four works of art (created from 1835 to 2020) to reconsider how we understand colonialism in the lower Penobscot river and bay as well as the experiences of Penobscot people and their nation. Contemporary Wabanaki vitality has profound implications for how we should understand colonialism and this region in the past, present, and future. Liam Riordan is a member of Bangor's Historic Preservation Commission.

Oct. 21: DEVELOPMENT: MODERN CAPITALIST PERSPECTIVES AND GANDHI-INFORMED AND MARX-INFORMED SOCIALIST PERSPECTIVES

Doug Allen, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, The University of Maine

What does it mean to submit that an individual, economy, society, culture, religion, civilization, nation, or world is at a high level of development? Why are modern capitalist perspectives structurally exploitative, amoral and immoral, violent, alienating, dehumanizing, destructive, and unsustainable? We'll present creatively formulated Gandhi-informed and Marx-informed perspectives offering a higher level of human and global development. Doug Allen has served as the Coordinator of the Socialist and Marxist Studies Series.

Nov. 4: CLIMATE CHANGE EXACERBATES INEQUALITY, BUT DOES INEQUALITY EXACERBATE CLIMATE CHANGE?

Cindy Isenhour, Associate Professor of Anthropology and Climate Change, The University of Maine

Drawing on interdisciplinary literature on anthropogenic climate drivers and potential emissions reduction, Isenhour argues that while we've long recognized the need to pay attention to issues of power, equity, and justice when planning climate adaptation programs, these issues have been neglected in discussions about mitigation. We'll consider linkages between inequality and emissions on various scales, from local to global, for addressing inequality as a means to design mitigation policies for addressing the climate emergency.

Nov. 18: ACTIVIST SCHOLARS AND SOCIAL UNIONISM: THE MEANING OF THE WALSH-SWEEZY CASE AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY, 1935-1938

Nathan Godfried, Professor of History, The University of Maine

ACADEMIC FREEDOM, DUE PROCESS, AND RIGHTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE

Lisa Neuman, Associate Professor of Anthropology and Native American Studies, Univ. of Maine

Godfried will describe the controversial "Walsh-Sweezy case" at Harvard and how this case raises significant questions today about academic freedom, faculty governance, faculty unions, and the role of activist scholars in addressing contemporary social, economic, and political problems. Neuman, UMaine AFUM Chapter President, will relate some of Prof. Godfried's presentation to current union issues at the University.

The Fall 2021 Socialist and Marxist Studies Series is coordinated by Doug Allen, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy. The series is sponsored by the Marxist and Socialist Studies Minor, coordinated by Don Beith, Assistant Professor of Philosophy. It is co-sponsored by the Maine Peace Action Comm. (MPAC) and the Division of Student Affairs and with support of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Dept. of Philosophy. Speakers do not necessarily present socialist or Marxist viewpoints. For additional information, contact Doug Allen at dallen@maine.edu or Alejandro Watt Arroyave at alejandro.watt@maine.edu.

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