

Workshop Schedule

Sunday August 15, 2010

9:00 am: Doors Open

10:00 am: Opening Remarks

10:30 am – 12:00 pm: First Session (rooms will be posted at the conference)

Marxist Hijackers and Anarchist Regenerators Unite!- A Discussion on Rebuilding the Left
The recent publication of the book “Wobblies and Zapatistas: Conversations on Anarchism, Marxism and Radical History,” marks a new moment of dialogue between Anarchists and Marxists. Faced with the largest crisis in capitalism since the 1930s, radicals are attempting to transcend the differences that kept them separated during the 20th century experiments with socialism that ended in authoritarianism. This panel will explore new spaces for collaboration, new areas for empowering oppressed communities and new organizational skills necessary to meet the challenges of the 21st century. Participants are encouraged, but not required, to have a look at “Wobblies and Zapatistas” <http://www.box.net/shared/vh9vej6v1b>

Panelists: Billy Wharton, others tba

Disaster Socialism- Combating Disaster Capitalism Locally and Globally
This discussion will address disaster capitalism in the American South and globally and what the role of socialism is in combating this phenomena. The workshop will include a presentation, followed by a guided Q&A.

Facilitator: Neal Gamill, Memphis Socialist Party

Electoral Reform

Facilitator: Veronica Nowakowski

12:00 – 1:30 pm: Lunch

1:30 – 3:00 pm- Second Session (rooms will be posted at the conference)

Building and Maintaining Party Locals- this workshop will explore various local organizing strategies and the success and failures of locals to take root.

Facilitator: Greg Pason

Internationalism-

Panelists: Matthew Andrews and Peter Moody

Painting the Media Red How Socialists Can Navigate an Undemocratic Media-

Six corporations own and operate 90% of all media outlets in the US. This basic fact of corporate control, in large part, determines who gets press coverage, what forms they have access to and which ideas are allowed to have a public hearing. Many of these decisions are driven by ad-revenue and right-wing ideology. In short, the US media is highly undemocratic and geared to keep dissenting views out.

This workshop aims to propose some tactics that socialists and other radical activists can employ to get their message out. The session will work from ideas about how you can be published to media strategies to support collective actions. The presentation will be both conceptual and hands-on as participants work on developing practical skills such writing a

press release, sound byting the media and developing a media plan. **Presenters:** Billy Wharton and Kristin Schall

3:00 pm Closing remarks. Reports from workshops

3:30 pm Youth Meeting/ Commission meet-ups