



RPA NEWS

Radical Philosophy Association Newsletter

New Series, Number 11

February 2014

From the Co-Coordiators

The Radical Philosophy Association will hold its next biennial conference, the eleventh, at Stony Brook University (SUNY Stony Brook), November 6-9, 2014. The conference theme is: *Spaces of Control: Confronting Austerity and Repression*. The call for papers, which is reprinted below and also attached as a file so that you can more easily print it as a flyer and spread the word, has gone out with a deadline of April 1, 2014, for proposals. Please make a proposal prior to that deadline and plan on joining us at the Eleventh Biennial RPA Conference. . . . *continued on next page*

In This Issue: The Call for papers for The Eleventh Biennial Radical Philosophy Association Conference, Spaces of Control: Confronting Austerity and Repression, Stony Brook University, NY, November 6th-9th, 2014.

RPA sponsored sessions at the Central Division Meeting of the APA, February 26 through March 1, 2014, Palmer House Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

The annual Treasurer's Report from RPA Treasurer, Harry van der Linden.

An invitation to a seminar on Socialist Renewal and the Capitalist Crisis: A Cuban-North American Exchange, Havana, Cuba, June 1-15, 2014.

An invitation to participate in the "Moving Beyond Capitalism" Conference, July 29 - August 5, 2014 Center for Global Justice, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico.

A Call for Papers for the conference: 50 Years After Freedom Summer: Understanding the Past and Building the Future.

An announcement of an up-coming conference on Herbert Marcuse at Brandeis University, October 1-2, 2014.

A welcome to the new RPA webmaster, Marc Gatti, of Canisius College, and a thank you to the previous webmaster, Michael Stulman.



Co-coordinators' Report.

Continued from page 1

"Return on investment" was a phrase that came up when we had the chance to sit down and talk in a coffee shop in Omaha last August. Tanya was describing some of the ways in which the jargon and practices of the commercial world are becoming more and more prominent at Canisius College, where she teaches. Tanya observed that administrators, who increasingly are hired out of the business world, now address faculty members in terms of the "return on investment" that the college receives from each. "Return on investment" showed up recently where Patrick teaches, Creighton University, another Jesuit institution, in the inside banner headline of a four-page advertisement inserted into the Omaha newspaper. The headline urged, "For a greater return on your investment" choose Creighton's (recently re-christened) Heider College of Business Administration. Treating a college education as a savvy investment is troubling enough, but, at a Jesuit university, this formulation is particularly offensive. For the motto of the Jesuits is "for the greater glory of God," often abbreviated as AMDG, for the Latin "*ad maiorem Dei gloriam*." The marketing ploy transposes devotion to the greater glory of God into seeking a greater return to capital.

What does the term "investment" refer to? Does it refer to the efforts that students make as they go through their college education? If so, calculating the rate of return on one's investment would require quantifying the student's investment in time and energy, assigning it a "shadow price" in order to reckon the rate of return. Presumably, though, "investment" refers to dollars spent on tuition. That makes the calculation of the rate of the return on a student's investment more straightforward now that colleges and universities are ranked according to the median income of their graduates. (See the *New York Times*, Business Day, Saturday, September 14, 2013, "New Metric for Colleges: Graduates' Salaries," by James B. Stewart, B1 and B4.)

Not every expenditure of money is an investment. Most people spend their money on goods and services for living. Such purchases are not investments. Not everything that costs money is even a commodity. Generally speaking, it costs money to get a college degree, but that degree is not a commodity and is not transferrable. Like other commercial terms, "investment" can be used liberally, however, *Webster's* reminds us of its primary meaning, "the outlay of money usu. for income or profit: capital outlay." That last bit refers us to another commercial term, "capital," that is being put to ever more indiscriminate use, as in: human capital, social capital, political capital, intellectual capital, natural capital, etc. Re-describing labor-power as "human capital," since it, too, is some sort of resource, is a handy way to eliminate class conflict between capital and labor: there is only capital in various forms. Talking of a "return on investment" in reference to a college education involves this misconception that labor-power is human capital. Today we find capital in every resource, value-added in every effort, and investment in every expenditure. In conflating capital, willy nilly, with resources of whatever sort; adding value with any kind of effort; and investment with just any expenditure, key critical concepts are forfeited.

Good concepts shine light on what is going on in the world. To develop good concepts, whether of democracy, gender, race, genocide, person, family, or capital, we have to work through illusory or partial accounts and figure out what is wrong or missing and why. One mistaken view assumes that we must first designate concepts in order to begin an analysis. That approach gives thinking a bad name. When concepts are simply stipulated, the resulting analysis is rigged from the start. Hegel expresses this idea in an addition to #99 of the first part of his *Encyclopedia*: “philosophy has absolutely nothing at all to do with merely correct definitions and even less with merely plausible ones, i.e., definitions whose correctness is immediately evident to the consciousness that forms representations; it is concerned, instead, with definitions that have been validated, i.e., definitions whose content is not accepted merely as something that we come across, but is recognized as grounded in free thinking.” Marx’s concepts of the commodity, value, money, and capital are good examples of the critical power of “free thinking” to transform definitions, in this case ones handed down by classical political economy. A complacent attitude toward concepts results in a simulacra of thinking in which we too readily get stuck. For example, with its cast of pseudo-concepts like utility, free-floating efficiency, “shadow prices,” and opportunity costs, mainstream economics stunts public discourse. Imposing the horizon of economic discourse on other social sciences, what Ben Fine calls the “imperialism of economics,” works like a gloved McCarthyism. We cannot get to real possibilities for change without concepts that get to reality. As Thomas Pynchon writes in *Gravity’s Rainbow*, “If they can get you asking the wrong questions, they don’t have to worry about the answers.”

Marx’s concept of subsumption under capital sheds light on ways that capitalism extends its reach into every corner of our lives. There are several types of subsumption under capital (e.g., formal, real, hybrid, and ideal) and the other specific social forms that go with it, such as the commodity, value, money, and wages. Commoditization is subsumption under the commodity form, while privatization, which generally involves re-commodification, subsumes public functions under capital. One type of subsumption, real

subsumption of labor under capital, grasps how, in pursuit of profit, independent crafts were transformed into assembly lines and small farms were swallowed by agribusiness. Real subsumption under capital is Marx’s more penetrating concept for phenomena known popularly as “McDonaldization”: “Mc” is the prefix of real subsumption.

In our time, subsumption is underway across the public and not-for-profit sectors: military functions are privatized; for-profit prisons and schools proliferate; hospitals and nursing homes are bought up to create for-profit healthcare chains; and so on.



Even in governmental and not-for-profit firms, pressures of real subsumption are felt, say with university administrators recruited from corporations who calculate the revenue expected from each unit and each member of the faculty and staff. Schools get incentive pay to increase student performance, while schemes to measure the “value added” by individual teachers are devised and implemented. (See the front page story “How good is one teacher compared with another?” by Sam Dillon in the *New York Times*, September 1, 2010.) The logic of marketing is embraced; branding apes institutional vision. Increasingly, giving cash is seen as more caring than giving some potentially misguided present. The terms of discourse are sliding rapidly from norms embedded in particular practices and relationships, e.g. educational ones, to the wide-open space of preference and utility, where anything is possible because nothing actually matters. Subsumption under capitalist forms refashions education, friendship, religion, law, politics, and leisure to meet the demands of capital. Every human endeavor is an investment opportunity, so choose wisely. After a while, it all sounds so natural.

One goal of studying philosophy is to work toward better concepts. Because it swims in this deep water, a philosophy class is an important site for recognizing subsumption under capital and contesting the specific poverty of thought that capitalism engenders. Whether teaching bioethics or Spinoza, we can identify illusions and improve our understanding of selves in the world. The role of money should be a regular consideration in ethical analysis. Even the examples of false dilemmas or categorical syllogisms used in logic can open up space for spotting fallacies in the capitalist mindset: All investments are profit-oriented. Some expenditures are not profit-oriented. So, some expenditures are not investments. Without good concepts, the human aspiration to work for justice runs aground. If we can’t interpret the world adequately, our actions — not to mention our spirits — are in trouble. (Tanya Loughhead, Patrick Murray. Thanks to former RPA co-coordinator Jeanne Schuler for contributing to this column.)

Call for Papers

THE ELEVENTH BIENNIAL RADICAL PHILOSOPHY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE:

Spaces of Control: Confronting Austerity and Repression

Stony Brook University, NY
November 6th-9th, 2014

The Radical Philosophy Association Conference Program Committee invites submissions of talks, papers, workshops, roundtables discussions, posters and other kinds of conference contributions, for its eleventh biennial conference, to be held at Stony Brook University, NY November 6th-9th, 2104.

In the spirit of collaboration, and in the recognition that radical philosophy is often done

outside traditional philosophical settings, we invite submissions not only from philosophers inside and outside the academy, but also from those who engage in theoretical work in other academic disciplines – such as ethnic studies, women's studies, social sciences, and literary studies – and from those engaged in theoretical work unconnected to the academy.

We especially welcome contributions from those often excluded from or marginalized in philosophy, including people of color, glbt persons, persons with disabilities, poor and working class persons.

Conference Theme

Capitalism's most recent crisis and the austerity measures imposed in its wake have resulted in unprecedented levels of inequity, dispossession, and suffering. Political dissent and democratic opposition are quelled by the employment of new and increasingly punitive measures of control. The spaces of such control are the subject matter of our conference. We envision such spaces as covert and overt, as conducting operations of confinement and detention, expulsion and displacement, as virtual and physical, carried out through police and military, through individuals and the state, publicly and privately. The exploration of such spaces may allow us to engage, resist, disrupt, and modify the practices that create them. We examine such spaces in order to see through them and move beyond them.

DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2014.

*Please submit paper, workshop, poster, or other proposals as an email attachment (.doc) to **rpa2014meeting@gmail.com**.*

NOTE: Please do NOT submit complete papers.

Treasurer's Report

RPA Treasurer Report, January 1, 2013- December 31, 2013

Income

RPR, RPT (subscriptions, online articles)	7088.83
RPA conference at Canisius (surplus and some travel fund contributions)	5822.54
Total:	12,911.37

Expenses

PDC (subscription fulfillment 2012 plus postage)	1846.49
Printing, typesetting, and editing RPR 15.2	2480.42
Printing, typesetting, and editing RPR 16.1	5613.97
CA Franchise Tax Board	60.00

FISP (2 years plus donation plus wire cost)	500.00
General office costs (stamps, printing)	19.70

Total: 10,520.58

Surplus: 2390.79

Funds on hand on 1/1/2013: 18,576.08

Funds on hand on 12/31/2013: 20,966.87 *
(75.10 petty cash; 20,891.77 in bank account)

*The RPA is in fine financial shape (partly thanks to the unanticipated large surplus of the Canisius conference – three cheers for Tanya), but it should be noted that several large bills are due in the beginning of 2014: the production costs of RPR 16.2 and 16.3, and the subscription fulfillment for 2013 and extra mailing costs due to the size of 16.1 and 16.2. These bills may add up to around \$10k, leaving us with a similar amount for unexpected costs and new projects.

Harry van der Linden
RPA treasurer
1/18/14

*We would like to welcome the new RPA webmaster, Marc Gatti, of
Canisius College, in Buffalo, NY.*

*Thank you to Michael Stulman for his service
as RPA webmaster.*



RPA at the APA Central Division

Sessions sponsored by the Radical Philosophy Association at the Central Division Meeting of The American Philosophical Association, February 26 through March 1, 2014, Palmer House Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. Thanks to Forrest Perry for organizing these sessions.

Friday, February 28, 7:00-10:00 pm

Panel title: **Anarchism Across the Disciplines: Film, Literary Theory, Psychiatry**

Chair: TBD

Title: *Toward a Pragmatic Approach of Anarchist Literary Theory*

Presenter: Michelle M. Campbell (Purdue University)

Title: *Toward an Anarchist Film Theory*

Presenter: Nathan Jun (Midwestern State University)

Title: *Reading Subalternity in Alternative Psychiatry*

Presenter: Perry Miller (Ohio State University)

Saturday, March 1, 12:15-2:15 pm

Panel title: **Hobbes Reconsidered: The Ordering of the Political in the 21st Century**

Chair: Carolyn Cusick (Fresno State University)

Title: *Hobbesian Felicity and the Physics of Desire*

Presenter: Patrick Ahern (Vanderbilt University)

Title: *The Sovereignty of Language and the Threat of Revolution in Leviathan*

Presenter: Adam Burgos (Vanderbilt University)

Title: *The Conceptualization of Foreignness in Hobbes's Analysis of Sovereignty*

Presenter: Jeff Epstein (State University of New York at Stony Brook)

Radical Philosophy Review

I. Procedures for Selecting RPR Editors and Board Members.

At the business meeting held at the RPA biennial conference held at Canisius College in Buffalo last October, a motion passed calling on the editorial staff of the *Radical Philosophy Review* (RPR) to draft a set of procedures for selecting editors. The drafted procedures would then be sent out to the whole RPA advisory committee for approval. Once approved, the procedures will be ready to be presented at the

business meeting of the next RPA, which will be held at Stony Brook University (SUNY Stony Brook) in the fall of 2014.

The following set of procedures was reviewed and approved by the *Radical Philosophy Review* Executive Editorial Committee, the Book Review Editor of the RPR, and the RPA Advisory Committee. While the new procedures will be presented to the membership at the business meeting of the 2014 biennial RPA conference, in the meantime, they are being implemented.



Procedures: The Executive Editorial Committee (EEC) consists of one editor and up to four co-editors. The EEC attempts to have a composition that is reflective of the diversity of radical interests and approaches of the RPA membership. The EEC collectively decides the acceptance of submitted articles. The Book Review Editor may opt for participating in this process.

The preferred mode of operation of the EEC is consensus.

The EEC together with the Book Review Editor (the EEC2) invites new co-editors from among the RPA membership, typically specifying a need for certain competencies (e.g., feminism; continental). The EEC2 may personally solicit new co-editors, or send out a call for a new co-editor and then select a new co-editor from among the applicants. The RPA Advisory Committee (AC) must approve the selection of the new co-editor. In case that the AC disapproves of the selection, an attempt will be made to find a mutually agreeable co-editor. If this process fails, the EEC2 will temporarily appoint its nominee until the RPA membership at large decides the issue at its biennial convention.

The Book Review editor is chosen in the same way as co-editors.

The EEC2 selects the editor with direct input of the AC. A smooth transition makes it desirable that the new editor has experience as co-editor and so the EEC2 may nominate a new editor from the EEC. The EEC invites the AC to suggest additional nominations. The AC may solicit nominations or send out a call for a new editor

among the RPA membership. The EEC2 selects the editor. In case that the AC disapproves of the selection, an attempt will be made to find a mutually agreeable editor. If this process fails, the EEC2 will temporarily appoint its nominee until the RPA membership at large decides the issue at its biennial business meeting.

Co-editors of special issues of the RPR featuring papers delivered at RPA biennial conferences will be selected as follows: one by the program committee for the relevant conference and another by the EEC, in cooperation with the co-editor selected by the program committee.

All appointments must be ratified by the RPA membership at its biennial meeting. All appointments are for four years and may be renewed.

2. Offers from Philosophy Documentation Center

The Philosophy Documentation Center made two offers to the RPA:

Proposal I: All RPA members will get online access to the RPR (past and present issues), the *Radical Philosophy Today* volumes, and our old RPRB volumes, for an extra \$7.50 per year. Currently, subscribers to the RPR can buy this for an extra \$25 per year. The very significant discount assumes that the online access will be included in the membership (and so be added to the hard copy subscription to the RPR).

Proposal II: We adopt "First Online." This is a free service that allows papers to be put online for ONE month prior to appearing in a particular issue. So if we would have now some papers accepted for RPR 17.2 (scheduled for November 2014), then we could put them online in (say) April, 2014, in exactly the same format, etc., as they will appear in RPR 17.2 except, of course, for the page numbers. At present, only subscribers have access to "First Online," but we could change this in the future. The main attractiveness of First Online is that it makes work available earlier. It may also stimulate some interest in future issues, especially if we would broaden "First Online" to non-subscribers. "First Online" is a new project: *Teaching Philosophy* is one of the PDC journals that is using it.

Action Taken: The Executive Editorial Committee of the *Radical Philosophy Review* and the RPA Advisory Committee have agreed to both proposals. In order to accommodate this change, effective 2014 (*Radical Philosophy Review*, Volume 17), the RPA will raise the regular membership fee from \$42 to \$47 and the student rate from \$25 to \$30. This fee increase enables that membership includes the hard copies of Vol. 17 as well as online access to all RPR issues (Volumes 1-17), our three *Radical Philosophy Today* volumes, and all old *Radical Philosophy Review of Books* issues.

Effective with Vol. 17, we will use a new (free) service of the Philosophy Documentation Center: Online First. Online First involves that papers accepted and fully edited for future RPR volumes may first be posted online for 1 month prior to appearing in the journal.

The online copy will be identical to the printed copy except for page numbers. Full

online access is limited to subscribers. It is an opportunity to make work available earlier. It is also an opportunity to generate interest in the RPR: non-subscribers can access the first page of the posted papers.

3. Margaret McLaren replaces Melissa Burchard on RPR Board

Radical Philosophy Review together with the book review editor nominated Margaret McLaren to the Executive Editorial Committee, to replace Melissa Burchard. Margaret is a longstanding and active RPA member; and her specialization in feminism and French philosophy will benefit the EEC. Margaret's nomination was approved by the RPA Advisory Committee and she has been duly appointed to the *Radical Philosophy Review* and the Radical Philosophy Association would like to thank Melissa Burchard for her service on the Executive Editorial Committee of the journal.

The composition of the editorial leadership of the *Radical Philosophy Review* now is:

Executive Editorial Committee:

Harry van der Linden, Butler University, Editor
Brandon Absher, D'Youville College, Co-editor
Margaret McLaren, Rollins College, Co-editor
José Jorge Mendoza, Worcester State University, Co-editor

4. From the RPR Books Review Editor, Richard Peterson

Interested in reviewing a book for the *Radical Philosophy Review*?

We welcome proposals regarding recent work that deals with any topic of interest to radical philosophers, including social movements and recent conflicts, criticism of academic philosophy and the university, media, globalization, as well as individual thinkers and such recurring themes as class, gender, race, and the environment.

Reviews of film and video are possible and reviews can be of single works (1500 words) or be review articles on clusters of works (4000 words).

Contact RPR Book Review Editor Richard Peterson at PetrsnRT@msu.edu.



Important Conferences Coming Up

I. Seminar in Cuba

Seminar on Socialist Renewal and the Capitalist Crisis

A Cuban-North American Exchange

Havana, Cuba June 1-15, 2014

Part I: SOCIALIST RENEWAL

A. Cuba's Economic Reforms

- * Need for Reform: Problems in Cuban Society
- * Building a New Consensus
- * The Reform Program
- * Obstacles to Reform
- * Outcomes?
- * A New Model for Socialism?: Theory of Socialism

B. Latin America Moves Left

- * 21st Century Socialism
- * Protagonism and Participation
- * Endogenous Development
 - * Solidarity Economy
- * ALBA

* Overaccumulation Crisis and Stagnation

- * Corporate Globalization
- * Financialization
- * Exhaustion of Neoliberalism
- * Austerity Fix
- * Class Power and Growing Inequality
- * Political Crisis
- * Global Ecological Crisis
- * Popular Fight Back
- * Strategic Alternatives

Cost Estimated cost for the entire program, June 1 through 15, 2015 is \$1700 plus airfare. This includes 14 nights in a shared room in Hotel Vedado with breakfast, translation, transportation and group activities.

Part II: GLOBAL CAPITALIST CRISIS

Call for Presenters and Commentators Bi-national dialog is encouraged. Submit a brief abstract of your proposed presentation by **April 2, 2014** to cuba@globaljusticecenter.org

Pre-Seminar Activities Various group activities prior to the June 9-13 Seminar will include visits to cooperatives, urban gardens, community development projects, social research centers, and educational and medical institutions. These will involve people-to-people contact.

License The U.S. government severely restricts travel to Cuba except by license from the US Treasury Department. Professionals doing research in Cuba can go legally under a General License for Research.

Organization Center for Global Justice (a project of Radical Philosophy Association), and Facultad de Filosofia e Historia, Universidad de la Habana, Instituto de Filosofia, and Sociedad Cubana de Investigaciones Filosoficas.

Endorsers Cliff DuRand, David Schweickart, Harry Targ, Leo Panitch, Victor Wallis, Milton Fisk, Ed D'Angelo, Ofelia Schutte, Al Campbell, Carl Davidson, Betsy Bowman, Bob Stone, Bertell Ollman, Michael Lebowitz, Lisa Brock, Frank Thompson, Isaac Saney, Arnold August.

For further information contact cuba@globaljusticecenter.org



2. Conference in Mexico

“Moving Beyond Capitalism” Conference

July 29 - August 5, 2014

Center for Global Justice, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico

- Where is another world happening?
- How do we bring capital under democratic control?
- What can we do now to get from here to there?
- Which changes are co-optable, which transformatory?
- How do we avoid past errors?

Capitalism is in crisis. Yet, backed by arms, it dominates and threatens humanity and the planet. Survival now means putting ourselves before profit. What economic and social practices go beyond gender, race, class divisions to empower the many instead of enriching the few? To answer, the Center for Global Justice invites thinkers and doers from the global North and global South to bi-lingual discussions of the practical global task of “moving beyond capitalism.”

We invite you to complement prophesy by addressing problems of transformation, commenting on solutions or proposing new ones, and sharing organizing results.

Summaries of individual or group submissions are due by December 31, 2013; full descriptions (or papers) by April 30, 2014.

Six days of exchanges will be in San Miguel de Allende in Mexico's central highlands. In plenaries, round tables and workshops we'll examine some existing options, evaluate them in context, and end with sessions to pass on “suggestions for further study and organizing.” Screenings, performances, exhibits and visits to groups constructing “another world” are planned.

Themes include: the commons, economic democracy, cooperatives, solidarity economy, democratic finance, indigenous insurgencies, localization, participatory budgeting,

preventing ecocide, local currencies, gender equality, alternative communications & media, 21st century socialism, steady state economies, horizontalism. Feel free to propose other themes.

Featured speakers confirmed: Gustavo Esteva (de-professionalized Mexican intellectual), Gar Alperovitz (*What Then Must We Do?*), David Schweickart (economic democracy), Margaret Flowers & Kevin Zeese (Occupy activists & members of Green Shadow Cabinet), Fernando Sánchez Cuadros (Peruvian economist), Camila Piñeiro Harnecker (Cuban economist & cooperative advocate), Ellen Brown (Public Banking Institute).

Details: Fly to Mexico City (MEX) or Leon (BJX); hotel or free home stays; sliding scale fee; simultaneous translation; videos & books of selected contributions in Spanish & English planned.

Center for Global Justice (www.globaljusticecenter.org), an international network of educators and activists, is devoted to “research and learning for a better world.” Since 2004 it offers educational travel, lectures/film series, local solidarity economy networking & co-op workshops.

Please send descriptions and address queries to admin@globaljusticecenter.org
Phone in Mexico: (52) 415 150 0025 from US 347 983 5084. Please post and forward this Call.

3. Conference in Oxford, OH.

50 Years After Freedom Summer: *Understanding the Past and Building the Future*

Freedom Summer Conference: **October 12-14, 2014**
Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

The year 2014 will inspire celebration and reflection as the nation recognizes the 50th year of the Mississippi Summer Project. In 1964, participants gathered at Western College for Women (now part of Miami University) to train before working in Mississippi. Miami University will host a reunion of leaders and volunteers who participated in these historic events and a national conference of scholars and activists. Linking the past to current student activism, we will explore the continual significance of Freedom Summer as a model for change, progress and uplift.

The Freedom Summer conference will be day and a half long event, formally beginning on Sunday, October 12, and concluding midday Tuesday October 14. Included in the plans are an opening ceremony at Kumler Chapel on the Western College campus, panel dialogues and discussions, a music event on Monday night, community meals, art exhibits, and presentations. The conference will be held in coordination with the 50th reunion of Freedom Summer volunteers.

We invite proposals along the following conference strands below. We are especially interested in participation by youth activists, community organizers, and others who are committed to work in civil rights, freedom and social justice. See conference website: <http://westernarchives.lib.muohio.edu/freedomsummer/conference/>.

Due date for proposal submission: **March 1, 2014** to FreedomSummer2014@MiamiOH.edu Acceptances will be sent by June 1, 2014.

Conference strands

The following strands will identify, shape and organize the themes of the conference.

1. *Activist students and scholars*

The strategies, experiences, and challenges of leadership and engaged scholarship in social justice and citizen action work.

2. *Human rights and social justice movements*

Historical connections among activists in the past and present, local and global.

3. *Speaking Truth to Power*

Transcending resistance and oppression within communities and individuals.

4. *The spark of social activism*

The spark, motivation and positive impact of political organizing in the past and present

Suggestions/Guidelines

Send to email address above a short proposal description and biography. Conference presentations must be linked to one of these themes and to the context of Freedom Summer 1964. Presentations may draw upon the arts, personal narrative, contemporary and historical movements, media, and literature. Presentation formats may be scholarly papers, posters, collective work, film, performance art or organizing activity. Presenters may want to incorporate activist and organizing components in a workshop format.

4. Conference at Brandeis University

Herbert Marcuse's *One-Dimensional Man*

A conference commemorating the 50th anniversary of the publication of Herbert Marcuse's 1964 book *One-Dimensional Man* is being organized by Brandeis University (and cosponsored by the Marcuse Society) to be held on October 1-2, 2014, on the campus of Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts, USA.

There will also be a special edition of the *Radical Philosophy Review* devoted to papers on Marcuse's *One-Dimensional Man*.

Editorial Statement and Invitation:

Regarding the crux of Hebert Marcuse's argument, we would argue that our society and culture are still one-dimensional in that capital continues to be the dominant structuring force of contemporary societies and increasingly on a global scale. Indeed, the synthesis of capital and technology that Marcuse saw as the matrix of one-dimensionality is stronger today than ever. Yet shortly after its publication, aspects of *One-Dimensional Man* were put in question by the social movements of the 1960s. Marcuse quickly and vigorously championed these movements, and he made liberation struggles the center of *An Essay on Liberation* (1969).

DEADLINES

There are two deadlines for submissions:

→**August 25, 2014** Articles submitted by this deadline will be considered for:

- participation on one of two panels being organized by the Marcuse Society at the upcoming conference on Marcuse being organized by Brandeis University (and cosponsored by the Marcuse Society) on October 1-2, 2014, on the campus of Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts, USA.

— AND —

- inclusion in the upcoming special issue on Marcuse's One-Dimensional Man in *Radical Philosophy Review*.

→**January 10, 2015** Articles submitted by this deadline will be considered for:

- inclusion in the upcoming special issue on Marcuse's One-Dimensional Man in *Radical Philosophy Review*.

SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT THE DEADLINES

Authors who are interested in seeking an invitation by the Marcuse Society to participate on a panel at the Brandeis conference should submit their articles by the August 25th deadline. Invitations will be issued no later than September 1st, to provide sufficient time for travel arrangements to be made by panelists.

All authors who submit by the August 25th deadline — both those who are and who are not invited to present at the conference — may revise and resubmit their papers by the January 10th deadline for consideration regarding the publication of their articles in the upcoming special issue on Marcuse's One-Dimensional Man in *Radical Philosophy Review*.

Please send any questions and all submissions to:

Andrew T. Lamas, University of Pennsylvania, email: ATLamas@sas.upenn.edu.

Join the RPA!

or

Renew your Membership!

Regular membership in the Radical Philosophy Association costs \$47 a year. Reduced rate memberships for students or unemployed persons are \$30. Membership in the RPA includes a year's subscription to the *Radical Philosophy Review*, a peer-reviewed journal published on behalf of the RPA by the Philosophy Documentation Center. All members receive a print subscription to *Radical Philosophy Review* and online access to these publications:

Radical Philosophy Review, Volume 1 (1998) to the present
Radical Philosophy Review of Books, Volume 1-14 (1990-1996)
Radical Philosophy Today, Volumes 3-5 (2006-2007)

You can join the RPA or renew your membership easily by clicking on the Memberships tab on the RPA homepage

(<http://www.radicalphilosophyassociation.org/>)

where you can also check to see if your membership is current. Or you can contact the Philosophy Documentation Center, P.O Box 7147, Charlottesville, VA 22906-7147, or on the web at www.pdcnet.org.