

# PEWS NEWS

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## AFTER CHAVEZ? PRESSURES AND POSSIBILITIES FOR LATIN AMERICAN STATES

In 1986, I walked off the airplane and into Managua's Sandino Airport with great enthusiasm. Like many others, I was captivated by Nicaragua's revolutionary struggle, and its government's willingness to forge an independent developmental and policy path defined by the needs of the poor. The fact that the Nicaraguan state was standing up to vicious attacks funded and directed by my own country magnified the nobility of the nation's cause. And its placement among similar struggles in Guatemala and El Salvador reinforced the interpretation that we were in an epoch of revolution.

Of course, my academic and political colleagues and I were wrong. The struggles to redefine states and peoples in Central America were an anomaly. The more overwhelming trend, then and perhaps now, was the hegemony of neoliberalism.

Strategically, my analysis and those of my colleagues was also misguided. A continental shift is unlikely to be begun in the weakest and more dependent nations. That's why when Venezuela, a powerful nation, went left under Hugo Chavez, many observers were so wildly enthusiastic. That enthusiasm increased over time as the "Pink Tide" progressed, and many Latin American nations elected leftist or center-left governments. **Continued on pg. 2**

## A FEW WORDS FROM THE CHAIR

Fellow PEWSers,

In 2013 I am prouder than ever to be a member of the Political Economy of the World-System section of the American Sociological Association. Our membership is robust and our intellectual life is more vibrant than ever. Our section journal, the *Journal of World-Systems Research*, is thriving. It is the best of times for PEWS.

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Over time that wave of elections has included both economic giants and less powerful nations: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Paraguay, and Uruguay among others. Venezuela under Chavez was often considered at the forefront of leftist nations due to its economic aid to others, its forceful advocacy of an independent foreign policy, its willingness to use oil revenues to support the poor, and its intermittent efforts to build alternative institutions such as ALBA. With Chavez' death, what can we expect from Latin American governments? I suggest we pay attention to the following issues.

We cannot understand Latin America's political and economic future without taking into consideration both the United States' hegemonic decline and its leaders' tunnel vision regarding the Middle East. The war in Iraq especially appears symptomatic of a foreign policy in search of redressing decline. But the tunnel vision also created political space in Latin America. Knowing the history of intervention throughout the continent confirms my belief that if the US were not embroiled in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, we would have been much more engaged in de-railing efforts to build alternatives in Latin America. The failure of this century's wars may make it less likely that the US can return to the active kinds of intervention so common to our history, although discounting US leaders' willingness to use brutal force to get their way is never a good bet. Economic weapons may not be quite as effective, either, as some powerful Latin American models paid their debts early or rejected conditionality. The relative health of some of the Latin American economies that confronted IMF structural adjustment questions the possibility that US policymakers can return to the previously successful strategy of economic intervention. So, in the declining influence of US military adventures and economic pressure, what kinds of changes can we expect in Latin America?

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## **A FEW WORDS FROM THE CHAIR**

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We ended 2012 with 412 members (264 professionals and 148 students). This places us 32nd out of 52 ASA sections. On its own, this might not sound very impressive. We have, however, maintained our numbers despite three huge challenges:

- The creation of a large, generic Global and Transnational section that covers much the same territory as PEWS but without the commitment to social justice
- The creation of high-energy Sociology of Development section that is tightly focused on a major PEWS research topic
- The increase in our regular member dues to \$22, more than twice those of G&T (\$10) and Development (\$10)

Credit where credit is due. We owe our membership success to 2010-2012 Secretary-Treasurer Dr. Sandra Comstock of Reed College. Her tireless work rescued us from a brief dip below 400 in 2010. As I always say, the Secretary-Treasurer has by far the most important role to play in ensuring the long-term health of the section. We all owe a big Thank You to Sandra for all her work. Thanks are due as well to her equally dedicated successor, Prof. John Talbot of the University of the West Indies. And while we're thanking, thanks are also due to PEWS-News Editor Nicole Shortt of the University of California - Irvine. No community is complete without a newsletter! **Continued on page 3**

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Intellectually, the section is reaching out as never before. The 2013 PEWS Spring Conference is being hosted by the Institute for Research on World-Systems (IROWS) at the University of California - Riverside. It is being held in partnership with the World Society Foundation of Zurich, Switzerland. The conference theme is "Structures of the World Political Economy and Future Global Conflict and Cooperation."

Then, the day before ASA 2013, we are the lead sponsor of a one-day mini-conference in New York on "Power and Justice in the Contemporary World-Economy." We are being joined as co-sponsors by three ASA sections (Collective Behavior & Social Movements, Development, and Human Rights), the ISA Research Committee on Economy & Society, and the University of Sydney's School of Social & Political Sciences. Best of all, there's still time to register. Just go to [powerandjustice.com](http://powerandjustice.com) and register online.

Finally, though it is not an official PEWS event, our very own Andrew Jorgenson is the chair of organizing committee for the 2013 Sociology of Development fall conference at the University of Utah. The conference theme is "The Future of Development." I'm sure you'll see many familiar faces in Salt Lake City this October!

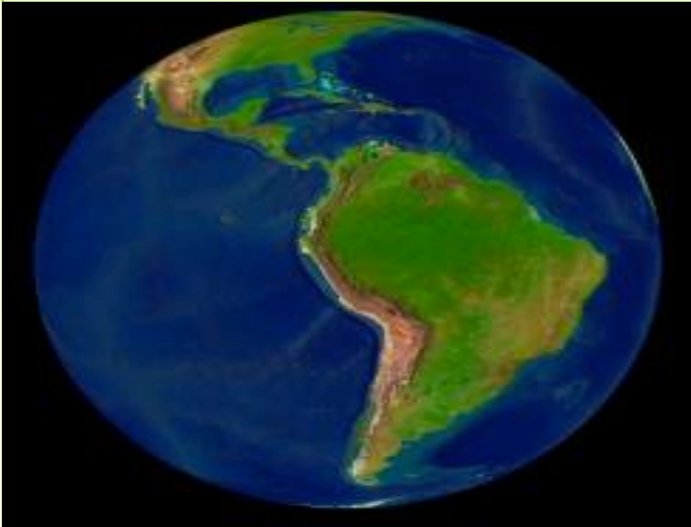
In addition to all these conferences, we now have our very own handbook, the *Routledge Handbook of World-Systems Analysis*. I won't let the fact that I am a co-editor (with Chris Chase-Dunn) of the *Handbook* stop me from promoting it. Chris and I are just two of the 85 (!) authors included, nearly all of them members of the PEWS section. I urge you to order a copy for your library. My recommendation: order the e-book. If your library buys the e-book version, all of your students can access the *Handbook* online for free. There is one more non-selfish reason why I hope you will ask your library to order the *Handbook*. The more copies of the *Handbook* we sell, the more likely we are to get another world-systems handbook in the future. It is good for all of us -- most of all for our students -- to have as many dedicated publication outlets as possible. Please make sure your library orders the book. Then make sure you assign articles to your students!

Speaking of publication outlets, the jewel in the PEWS crown is the *Journal of World-Systems Research*. Volume 19, Issue 1 is now out. That's right: 19 years of the *JWSR*! The new website sure looks better than original Gopher interface of Volumes 1 and 2, personally programmed by one Christopher Chase-Dunn, or even the first HTML interface of Volume 3, programmed by ... yours truly.

The current issue of *JWSR* includes six research articles and seven book reviews. Editor-in-Chief Professor Jackie Smith of the University of Pittsburgh has also provided a brief introduction summarizing the six papers. The book review editor of *JWSR* is Professor Jennifer Bair of the University of Colorado. Be sure to put up your hand if you'd like to be a peer reviewer or review a book for *JWSR*. The *JWSR* is invaluable to us as a community because it is the only peer-reviewed scholarly journal entirely dedicated to the publication of world-systems research. The political economy of contemporary academia makes access to peer-reviewed publishing absolutely necessary for the vitality of any academic community. Thanks to Jackie, Jennifer, and their team for all the work they do on our behalf.

One final word: membership. With dues that are more than double that of the typical ASA section, we have to be ever diligent on membership. When you see colleagues at PEWS events, at PEWS sessions, at PEWS receptions, or just in the hall, ask them to join. Ask your students to join. Ask everyone to join. There's no such thing as a community without members. Bring them in.

**-Salvatore Babones 2013 PEWS Chair**



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First, the foreign policies of nations that underwent the Pink Tide are less likely to be as captive to US interests as previously. The willingness of more nations to build multilateral relationships outside of US control follows Chavez' lead, but Argentina and Brazil have also shown willingness to explore multilateral political and trade relations that defy US hegemony. Second, the emerging pattern of reformist, if not fully social democratic, internal policies is likely to continue.

Although it may be too early to speak of a post-neoliberal Latin America (although some are certainly doing so), the targeted policies of Brazil and other nations have had some effect on diminishing the starkest poverty generated by neoliberalism in Latin America. Problematically, however, many of these policies in places like Brazil, Bolivia, and Ecuador foster the danger of neo-extractivist states. Funding social justice efforts with oil, lithium, or other resources is not a viable strategy for the long-term, and does obvious damage to battles against climate change in the short-term. Additionally, basing poverty relief on extraction does nothing to change the economic bases of world-system resource exploitation. Basing social policy on extraction is especially pertinent to world-system analysis as China becomes a larger consumer of global resources, a relationship that may mirror previous and ongoing US relations with other extractive nations. China is also competing successfully against small production in Latin America currently, as Gallagher and Porzecanski show in their 2010 book, *The Dragon in the Room*. The pressure on cheap exports may further pressure many Latin American governments to focus their economies even more on agricultural and raw material exports, which history tells us will further disadvantage them in the world economy.

So – much the same, despite the possibility of greater coalition activity among Latin American governments. The influence of the United States may decline, but it appears likely that China will play a similar economic role, continuing to disadvantage Latin America and diminishing the flexibility of its states to make policy that favors its own citizens. Where, amidst this historical continuity, can we find hope for liberatory change?

The left turn was accompanied by powerful rhetoric excoriating neoliberalism, with social movements doing much of the organizing that brought leftists into power. Whether these are urban popular groups or indigenous movements, these actors have not gone away, and continue to press their allies in government to deliver on their promises. This activism is at the root of the appeal to plurinationality in nations like Bolivia and Ecuador. Such calls, and the state re-structuring that has followed, has deep implications for systems of property ownership and resource extraction and use. If these political groups can persist and win greater support, and if the governments of these nations truly heed the legislation they have passed, the legal and economic bases of peripheral and semi-peripheral nations in Latin America will see a challenge that may prove much more fundamental than the revolutionary struggles of the 1980s.

**-Jon Shefner**  
**University of Tennessee**

2013 PEWS Spring Conference : Structures of the World Political Economy and  
the Future Global Conflict and Cooperation

HELD AT THE INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH ON WORLD-SYSTEMS, UNIVERSITY  
OF CALIFORNIA-RIVERSIDE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE WORLD SOCIETY  
FOUNDATION OF ZURICH, SWITZERLAND.

April 12-13, 2013

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Friday April 12, 2013

7:45 Vans leave hotels for UCR

8:00-8:20 Registration and Continental Breakfast

\*Location: University Theatre Plaza

8:20 **Opening and Welcoming Remarks:** Dean Stephen Cullenberg, College of Humanities, Arts and Social  
Sciences

\*Location: University Theatre

Plenary Session 1

8:30-9:20 Keynote 1: **Jason Moore** (Fernand Braudel Center, Binghamton University)

"The End of Cheap Nature, or How I Learned to Stop Worrying about 'the' Environment and Love  
the Crisis of Capitalism"

President: **Immanuel Wallerstein** (Yale)

\*Location: University Theatre

9:20-10:10 Keynote 2: **Wilma Dunaway** (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University)

"Sexism after Bifurcation? The Arrow of Women's Time and Utopistics for a New World Order"

President: **Christian Suter** (University of Neuchâtel)

\*Location: University Theatre

15 minute break (10-10-10:25) pick up water at University Theatre Plaza on way to next venue

Panel Sessions 1 - 6

10:25-12:05 **Session 1:** Earth System and World-System

President: **Jason Moore** (Fernand Braudel Center, Binghamton University)

**Carl Nordlund** (Central European University) "Preceding and governing measurements: an  
Emmanuelian conceptualization of ecological unequal exchange"

**Farshad Araghi** (Florida Atlantic University)

"The End of Cheap Ecology and the Future of "Cheap Capital:" Food Crises, Hunger Regime,  
and the Global Crisis of Reproduction"

**Thomas J. Burns** (University of Oklahoma) "A Theory of Ecological Mismatch in a World-Systems  
Perspective"

Discussant: **Patrick Bond** (University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban) <pbond@mail.ngo.za>

\*Location: Map Room, College Building South

10:25-12:05 **Session 2:** World-system Structure and Position

President: **Albert J. Bergesen** (University of Arizona)

**Salvatore Babones** (University of Sydney) "Measuring the Degree of Structure in the World-  
Economy Using Concepts From Entropy Theory"

**Samuel Cohn** (Texas A and M University) "Rethinking Unequal Terms of Trade: the Crystallization  
of the World into Core and Periphery 1870-1950"

**Jeffrey Kentor** (University of Utah) "A New Typology of the Global Economy: 1850-present"

Discussant: **Matthew Mahutga** (University of California-Riverside) [matthew.mahutga@ucr.edu](mailto:matthew.mahutga@ucr.edu)

\*Location: College Building North, Rm. 205

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- Friday 10:25-12:05 Session 3: Social Movements and Semiperipheral Regimes**  
President: **Jenny Chesters** (University of Canberra)  
**Paul Almeida** (University of California-Merced) "The Development State as Incubator of Antisystemic Movements"  
**Alessandro Morosin and Chris Chase-Dunn** (University of California-Riverside) "Latin America in the World-System: World Revolutions and Semiperipheral Development"  
**Chungse Jung** (Binghamton University) "Does the Semiperiphery End?: Empirical Reappraisals on the Perspective of Antisystemic Movements"  
**Robert MacPherson** (University of California, Irvine) "Antisystemic Movements in Periods of Hegemonic Decline: Syndicalist Coalition-Formation in World-Historical Perspective."  
Discussant: **Mark Herkenrath** (University of Zurich) <herkenrath@soziologie.uzh.ch>  
\*Location: The Darwin Room, 1239 Spieth Hall
- Lunch**  
12:05-1:30 Box Lunch, Location: Director's Garden adjacent to College Building South  
1:30-3:05 (95 minutes)  
**Session 4: Earth System and World-System2**  
President: **Ellen Reese** (University of California-Riverside)  
**Jennifer Givens and Andrew Jorgenson** (University of Utah) "Global Integration and Carbon Emissions, 1965-2005"  
**Daniela Danna** (University of Milan) "Population in the core, the semiperiphery, and the periphery in the current B phase"  
**Armand Leka Essomba** (University of Yaounde I/Cameroon) "Fear of "world shortage" and re-discovery of oil in Africa: Social and political consequences of Chinese-American oil competition in sub-Saharan Africa"  
Discussant: **David A. Smith** (University of California-Irvine) <dasmith@uci.edu>  
\*Location: Map Room, College Building South
- 1:30-3:05 **Session 5: Global Inequalities**  
President: **Paul Almeida** (University of California-Merced)  
**Jenny Chesters** (University of Canberra)  
"The Effect of Neoliberalism on the Distribution of Wealth in the World Economy"  
**Hiroko Inoue** (University of California-Riverside) "Evolution of Global Stratification—dynamic interaction of trade network and land use patterns"  
**Roberto Patricio Korzeniewicz and Scott Albrecht** (University of Maryland, College Park) "Global Wages and World Inequality: Crisis or Opportunity?"  
**Marco Bulhões Cecilio** (Federal Univeristy of Rio de Janeiro) "A Braudelian look at the contemporary financial sector as an accumulation center:findings from the investigative window of opportunity provided by the 2007/2008 financial crisis"  
Discussant: **Salvatore Babones** (University of Sydney) <sbabones@inbox.com>  
\*Location: College Building North, Room 205
- 1:30-3:05 **Session 6: Rising Powers 1**  
President: **William R. Thompson** (Indiana University)  
**James Fenelon** (California State University at San Bernardino) "Indigenous Alternatives to the Global Crises of the Modern World System"  
**F. Sonia Arellano-López** (Binghamton University) "Development in the Western Amazon: Regional Integration, Economic Growth and Changing Roles of the State"  
**Antonio Gelis-Filho** (Fundação Getúlio Vargas-EAESP ) São Paulo) "The "vinte gloriosos": Brazil in the World-System, 1989-2012"  
**Daniel Pasciuti and Beverly J. Silver** (Johns Hopkins University) "Developmentalist Illusion Redux?"  
Discussant: **Thomas J. Burns** (University of Oklahoma) <tburns@ou.edu>  
\*Location: The Darwin Room, 1239 Spieth Hall

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**Friday** Break-15 Minutes 3:05- 3:20 in front of Genomics Auditorium

**Plenary Session 2**

3:20-5:20 "World-systems theory and alternative approaches"

Organizer and Presider: **Christian Suter** (University of Neuchâtel)

Panelists: **Volker Bornschier** (University of Zurich); **Thomas D. Hall** (DePauw University); **William I. Robinson** (University of California-Santa Barbara); **William R. Thompson** (Indiana University); **Jonathan Turner** (University of California-Riverside)

Discussants: **Immanuel Wallerstein** (Yale); **Chris Chase-Dunn** (University of California-Riverside)

\*Location: Genomics Auditorium

**Reception**

5:25-7:00 College Building South, Director's Garden

7:00 - Dinner: On Your Own

**SATURDAY APRIL 13, 2013**

8:00-8:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast.

\*Location: Map Room, College Building South

**Panel Sessions 7 - 12**

8:30 to 10:10 **Session 7: "Global cities in the world-system"**

Organizer and Presider: **Michael Timberlake** (University of Utah)

**Arthur S. Alderson, Joe Johnston** (Indiana University) and **Jason Beckfield**

(Harvard University) "Urban Development and the World City System: Inter-City Relations and the Fate of U.S. Cities"

**Tang Wei** (Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences) "Cities and the Transformation of the Global System"

**Matthew R. Sanderson** (Kansas State University) and **Michael F. Timberlake** (University of Utah)

"Bringing Migration Back In: A Cross-City Comparative Analysis of the World Urban System"

**Peter J Taylor** (Northumbria University), **Ben Derudder** (Ghent University), **Michael Hoyler**

(Loughborough University) and **Pengfei Ni** (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing) "Vital positioning through the World City Network: advanced producer service firms as strategic networks, global Cities as strategic places"

Discussant: **Andrew Jorgenson** (University of Utah) <andrew.jorgenson@soc.utah.edu>

\*Location: Anderson South, Room 118

8:30-10:10 **Session 8: Labor**

Presider: **Quee-young Kim** (University of Wyoming)

**Sahan Karatasli, Sefika Kumral, Ben Scully, Beverly Silver** and **Smriti Upadhyay** (Johns Hopkins University) "Bringing Labor Back in: Workers in the Current Wave of Global Social Protest"

**Anthony Roberts** (University of California-Riverside) "Neo-Corporatism in the World Economy: A Cross-National Analysis of 18 OECD Countries, 1970-2005"

**Jason Struna** (University of California-Riverside) "Transnationally Implicated Labor Processes as Transnational Social Relations: Workplaces and Global Class Formation"

Discussant: **Harold Kerbo** (California Polytechnic State University) [hkerbo@calpoly.edu](mailto:hkerbo@calpoly.edu)

\*Location: College Building North, Room 205

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**Saturday 8:30-10:10 Session 9: Wars and Warfare**

Presider: **Thomas D. Hall** (DePauw University)

**Albert J. Bergesen** (University of Arizona) "World War II: What Have We Learned About Global Conflict?"

**Ray Dezzani**,(University of Idaho) and **Colin Flint** ( University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) "One Logic, Many Wars: The Variety and Geography of Wars in the Capitalist World-Economy, 1816-2007"

**Eric Bonds** (University of Mary Washington) "Global Humanitarian Norms and Hegemonic Power: Terrorizing Violence in the Long Iraq War"

**Bruno Hendler** (University of Brazilia) "The United States and China in the 21st century: the costs of the War on Terror and the changes in asymmetric interdependence"

Discussant: **Samuel Cohn** (Texas A and M University) <s-cohn@neo.tamu.edu>

\*Location: College Building South, Map Room

10:10-10:25 **Break**, Water at College Building South

10:25-12:05 **Session 10: On the Trail of the Global Commodity Chain**

Organizers: **Jennifer Bair** (University of Colorado, Boulder) and

**Jeffrey Henderson** (University of Bristol)

Presider: **James Fenelon** (California State University at San Bernardino)

**Donald A. Clelland** (University of Tennessee) "The Core of the Apple: Surplus Drain and Dark Value in a Global Commodity Chain"

**Elizabeth Sowers** (University of California-Irvine) **Paul S. Ciccantell** (Western Michigan University) and **David Smith** (University of California-Irvine) "Comparing Critical Capitalist Commodity Chains in the Early Twenty-first Century: Opportunities For and Constraints on Labor and Political Movements"

**Mario Davide Parrilli** (Basque Institute of Competitiveness & and Deusto Business School) **Khalid Nadvi** (University of Manchester) and **Henry Wai-Chung Yeung** (National University of Singapore) "Local and Regional Development in Global Value Chains, Production Networks and Innovation Networks: A Comparative Review and Challenges for Future Research"

**Somjita Laha** (University of Manchester) "Spatial Movement of E-waste as Capital Flow"

Discussant: **Jennifer Bair** (University of Colorado, Boulder) <jennifer.bair@colorado.edu>

\*Location: Anderson South, Room 118

10:25-12:05 **Session 11: Development in the Global South**

Presider: **Beverly J. Silver** (Johns Hopkins University)

**Harold Kerbo** (California Polytechnic State University) and **Patrick Ziltener** (University of Zurich) "Sustainable Development and Poverty Reduction in the Modern World System: Southeast Asia and the Negative Case of Cambodia"

**Gary Coyne** (University of California-Riverside) "The Political Economy of Language Education Policies"

**Rak koo Chung** (SUNY-Albany) "Global and Local: Elites and the Dynamics of Nominal Democratization"

**Tamer El Gindi** (University of California, Irvine) "Income Inequality and Economic Globalization: A Longitudinal Study of Muslim-Majority Countries (1963-2002)"

Discussant: **Roberto Patricio Korzeniewicz** (University of Maryland, College Park)

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\*Location: Map Room, College Building South

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**Saturday 10:25-12:05 Session 12: Political Globalization**

President: **Chris Chase-Dunn** (University of California-Riverside)

**Alexis Alvarez** (University of California-Riverside) "The Structure and Dynamics of Global Governance"

**Patrick Bond** (University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban) "Territorial alliance formation and dissolution as building blocs for geopolitical theory"

**Manuela Boatcă** (Free University of Berlin) "Commodification of Citizenship: Global Inequalities and the Modern Transmission of Property"

**Lindsay Jacobs** and **Ronan Van Rossem** (Ghent University) "Political power and the world-system: can political globalization counter core hegemony?"

Discussant: **William R. Thompson** (Indiana University) <wthomps@indiana.edu>

\*Location: College Building North, Room 205

**Lunch**

12:05-1:30 Box Lunch, College Building South, Director's Garden

**Plenary Session 3**

1:30-2:20 **Keynote 3:** William I. Robinson (University of California-Santa Barbara) "Policing the Global Crisis."

President: **Katja Guenther** (University of California-Riverside)

2:20-3:10 **Keynote 4:** Randall Collins (University of Pennsylvania) "Routes towards the end of capitalism in mid-21st Century: world-system cycles, and proletarianizing the electronic middle-class"

President: **Jonathan Turner** (University of California-Riverside)

\*Location: Anderson South, Room 118

Break-15 Minutes 3:10-3:25 water at College Building South

**Panel Sessions 13 - 14**

3:25-5:05 **Session 13: System Boundaries and Competition**

President: **Wilma Dunaway** (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University)

**Thomas D. Hall** (DePauw University) "Boundaries, Borders, and Frontiers in the Contemporary World-System as Seen from Non-State Angles"

**Daniel Gugan** (University of Budapest) "The EU's regional world-system: Evaluating the European Neighborhood Policy in the light of regional core-periphery patterns"

**Thomas E. Reifer** (University of San Diego) "The Battle for the Future Has Begun: The Reassertion of Race, Space and Place in World-Systems Geographies and Anti-Systemic Cartographies"

Discussant: **Farshad Araghi** (Florida Atlantic University) <araghi@fau.edu>

\*Location: College Building North, Room 205

3:25-5:05 **Session 14: Rising Powers 2**

President: **Volker Bornschier** (University of Zurich)

**Quee-young Kim** (University of Wyoming) "The Meaning of the Rise of China"

**Astra Bonini** (Columbia University) "The Rise of China: Implications for Raw Material Producing Countries in Comparative Historical Perspective"

**Wai Kit Choi** (California State University- Los Angeles), **Andrew Duncan** and **David A. Smith**

(University of California-Irvine) "Shanghai and Hong Kong: Competitors for World City Prominence in China?"

Discussant: **Manuela Boatcă** (Free University of Berlin) <manuela.boatca@fu-berlin.de>

\*Location: Map Room, College Building South

**Awards Dinner**

6:00 - White Horse Ranch, 2007 Mt.Vernon Avenue, Riverside, CA 92507

## AWARDS and RECOGNITIONS

**R. Scott Frey** has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to study the adverse environmental, health, and socio-economic consequences of pesticide use under export-focused rice production in Vietnam.

**Leslie Gates** won the Best Article Award in the Social Sciences from the Venezuela Section of the Latin American Studies Association for her 2012 article: "Interest Groups in Venezuela: Lessons from the Failure of a 'Model Democracy' and the rise of a Bolivarian Democracy" *Journal of Public Affairs*. DOI: 10.1002/pa.1410.

## TRANSITIONS and ENDEAVORS

**R. Scott Frey** will lecture at the Vietnam National University of Social Sciences and Humanities in Ho Chi Minh City on issues related to the environment and development.

In September, **Walter Goldfrank** became the first member of PEWS (and maybe the entire ASA) to have seen at least one member of all 227 avian families in the world-system, when on a research trip to Western Australia he had a good look at the Noisy Scrub-bird!!

**Vilna Treitler** has been awarded a 6-month Visiting Fellowship from *desiguALdades.net*, the interdisciplinary, international, and multi-institutional research network on social inequalities in Latin America, at the Free University of Berlin from May-November 2013

**Aaron Z. Pitluck** is currently holding a two-year research fellowship (2011-2013) with the Political Economy Research Group at Central European University (Budapest) and will return to Illinois State University this fall.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

### BOOKS

**Gareau, Brian J. 2013.** *From Precaution to Profit: Contemporary Challenges to Environmental Protection in the Montreal Protocol*. New Haven and London: Yale University Press.

The Montreal Protocol has been cited as the most successful global environmental agreement, responsible for phasing out the use of ozone-depleting substances. However, says Brian Gareau in this provocative and engaging book, the Montreal Protocol has failed—largely because of neoliberal ideals involving economic protectionism—but also due to the protection of the legitimacy of certain forms of scientific knowledge. Gareau traces the rise of a new form of disagreement among global powers, members of the scientific community, civil society, and agro-industry groups, leaving them relatively ineffective in their efforts to push for environmental protection.

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**Kaup, Brent Z.** 2013. *Market Justice: Political Economic Struggle in Bolivia*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

*Market Justice: Political Economic Struggle in Bolivia* explores the challenges for the new global left as it seeks to construct alternative means of societal organization. Focusing on Bolivia, it examines a testing ground of neoliberal and counter-neoliberal policies and an exemplar of bottom-up globalization. The author argues that radical shifts towards and away from free market economic trajectories are not merely shaped by battles between transnational actors and local populations, but also by conflicts between competing domestic elites and the ability of the oppressed to overcome traditional class divides. Further, the author asserts that struggles against free markets are not evidence of opposition to globalization or transnational corporations. They should instead be understood as struggles over the forms of global integration and who benefits from them.

**BOOK CHAPTERS**

**Chase-Dunn, Christopher and Thomas D. Hall.** 2012. "Global Scale Analysis in Human History" Pp. 185-200 in *A Companion to World History*, edited by Douglas Northrop. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.

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