**Radical History Review/Historians for Peace and Democracy**

**Conference Sessions at AHA Conference, January 6-9, 2023**

*All sessions below are in Philadelphia Marriott Downtown - Room 305*

*Session descriptions below are shortened; full descriptions are on the H-PAD website at* [*https://www.historiansforpeace.org/aha2023/*](https://www.historiansforpeace.org/aha2023/)

**-Thursday, January 5, 2023-**

**1. Roundtable: “Peace with Honor”—Reflections on the 50th Anniversary of the Paris Peace Accords**

***3:30 PM - 5:00 PM***

On January 27, 1973, the Paris Peace Accords were signed, mandating the official end of the US involvement in the Vietnam War. Panelists will reflect on the meaning of that agreement and the role of the peace movement in bringing it about.

**Speakers:** Christian G. Appy, UMass Amherst (chair),Carolyn Eisenberg, Hofstra,Arnold Isaacs, author and Southeast Asia correspondent, Sophia W. Quinn-Judge, Temple University

**-Friday, January 6, 2023-**

**2. Roundtable: Fighting the Culture War Attack on History—Strategies and Experiences**

***8:30 AM - 10:00 AM***

An experience-based assessment of recent efforts by historically-oriented intellectuals and activists opposing the culture wars. Various strategies will be addressed representatives of various groups and campaigns will be present, and broad discussion with all present will be encouraged.

**Speakers:** Sarah Louisa Sklaw, NYU (Chair),Adam Sanchez, Central High School, Mary Nolan, NYU, Ellen Schrecker, Yeshiva U, Van Gosse, Franklin & Marshall College, Janine Giordano Drake, Indiana U

**3. Roundtable: Unions in Higher Education—Historical and Contemporary Realities,**

***10:30 AM - 12:00 PM***

Employee unions in higher education are controversial. Nonetheless, higher education unions are resurgent and are having impact. This roundtable will explore the nature and role of unions of various types in higher ed—historically and now—to develop an accurate understanding of their potential.

**Speakers:** Andrew Feffer, Union College and AAUP-AFT (chair),William A. Herbert, National Center for the Study of Collective Bargaining in Higher Education-CUNY,, Angela Thompson, general counsel, CWA, Charles Toombs , San Diego State and California Faculty Association, Jenny Shanker, Adjunct Organizing Committee, Temple Association of University Professionals, Todd Wolfson, Rutgers U and Rutgers AAUP-AFT, Paul A. Ortiz, University of Florida and United Faculty of Florida

**4. Roundtable: Empire of Sanctions**

***1:30 PM - 3:00*** *PM*

Sanctions are now the preferred economic weapon that the US uses to pressure, discipline and coerce enemies, and even allies. Today the US is an “empire of sanctions.” This roundtable will discuss the legality and (in)effectiveness of sanctions, their impact on civilians, and the blowback they generate.

**Speakers:** Prasannan Parthasarathi, Boston College (chair), Renate Bridenthal, CUNY and the Graduate Center, Mary Nolan, NYU, Sarah Louisa Sklaw, NYU

5. **Roundtable: The “Ed Scare”—The Current Conservative Panic over the Academy and Its Antecedents**

***3:30 PM - 5:00 PM***

Political attacks on American higher education have been endemic ever since the modern university developed. This panel will look at key moments when the American academic community came under political attack long before the demonizing of critical race theory. By exploring how earlier battles were won and lost, this session will provide relevant information to fend off the barbarians at the campus gates.

**Speakers:** Jonathan Zimmerman, U of Pennsylvania, Ellen Schrecker, Yeshiva U, Robyn C. Spencer, Lehman College, CUNY, Valerie C. Johnson, DePaul University

**-Saturday, January 7, 2023-**

**6. Roundtable: Alternatives to the Anthropocene**

***8:30 AM - 10:00 AM***

The idea of the Anthropocene has spread far beyond its origins in geology, becoming common in contemporary activist and intellectual circles. But who is responsible for the mounting disasters associated with the age of "Anthropos,"? This panel recuperates the alternative worlds, orientations and subaltern environmental movements that constitute radical historical alternatives to the Anthropocene.

**Speakers:** Ashley Dawson, Graduate Center CUNY, A. Naomi Paik, Uof Illinois at Chicago, Zoe Goldstein, Graduate Center CUNY, Matthew Shutzer, UC Berkeley, Arpitha Kodiveri, NYU School of Law

**7. Strategy Meeting: Radical Historians, Intellectuals, and Activists on Our Roles in the Current Situation**

***10:30 AM - 12:00 PM***

This meeting of historians, intellectuals, and historically-oriented activists will review recent social developments. Our emphasis will be on how these impact our work, and on our responses. We will focus on programs, strategies, and tactics. In short, this will be a collective summation of recent experiences and a consideration on how best to move forward.

**H-Pad Co-Chairs:** Margaret M. Power, Illinois Institute of Technology, Van Gosse, Franklin & Marshall College

**8. Roundtable: Teaching the Truth in Secondary Schools during Contentious Times *1:30-3:00 PM***

A panel on secondary school teachers, who have faced political blow back because they defend an honest and open examination of US history. They will discuss the stress teachers experience under the microscope of social media, the constant pressure to self-censor, and different strategies they use in their classrooms and schools to respond.

**Speakers:** Barbara Winslow, Brooklyn College, CUNY (chair), Alan Singer, Hofstra U (commentator), Imani Hinson, Uncommon Charter High School,Brooklyn, Chris Dier, Benjamin Franklin High School, St. Bernard Parish, LA, Pablo Muriel, Alfred E. Smith High School, Bronx, Cynthia Vitere, Southside High School Rockville Centre, NY, Dawn Sumner McShane, A.B.G. Schultz Middle School, Hempstead, NY, Adeola Tella-Williams, Uniondale High School, NY, Jazmin Puicon, Bard High School Early College Newark, NJ, Romelo Green, Bellport Middle School and High School,Bellport, NY

**9. Topics in South African Cultural and Political History*3:30 PM - 5:00* PM**

With liberation, studies of South African history have proliferated. Culture and politics have been a frequent focus, resulting in serious contributions to not just South African history, but to the history of the African continent, and the world. The purpose of this session, though, is modest: to offer a small sampling of the recent historiography of South Africa, and to invite conference goers to dig deeper.

**Presentations:** Postliberation Culture and the Struggle for History: The Robben Island Lime Quarry Event, Andor Skotnes, Russell Sage College(chair); Sons and Rebels, Traditions and Violence: “Traditional” Violence Takes a Nationalist Turn in Rural South Africa, 1960–63; Sean Redding, Amherst College,

Custom as History in Modern South Africa; Elizabeth Thornberry, Johns Hopkins University

**-Sunday, January 8, 2023-**

**10. Roundtable: The Failed War on Terrorism—Afghanistan and Iraq *9:00 AM - 10:30 AM***

Following 9-11, the Bush Administration made the extraordinary decision to combat the threat of terrorism by conducting a war and occupation of Iraq and Afghanistan. Two decades later, the failure of both projects is evident. In this Roundtable, we will consider the explanation for that choice and how the resulting “war on terrorism” fits into the long history of American foreign policy?

**Speakers:** Andor Skotnes (chair), Phyllis Bennis, Institute for Policy Studies, Roger Peace, US Foreign Policy History and Resource Guide, Jeremy P. Varon, New School

**11. Roundtable: International Solidarity with Palestinians—Palestinian Internationalist Solidarities**

**11:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

In May 2021, millions of people around the world marched in solidarity with Palestinians demanding justice and liberation. The year before, Palestinians joined global protests against police violence and anti-Black racism. This roundtable brings together historians from across multiple subfields to discuss some of the historical precedents for such demonstrations of solidarity?

**Speakers:** Maha Nassar, University of Arizona,Michael R. Fischbach, Randolph-Macon College, Nathaniel George, Harvard University, Sune Haugbølle, Roskilde University