Panels – Winnipeg General Strike Conference, May 2019: revised 18 January 2019

1. The Strike in Broad Perspective

Joel Wolfe, “Winnipeg, Seattle, Buenos Aires, and the Collapse of the Liberal Social order in the Hemisphere.”

Gergely Bödők, “Breakpoints – 1918, 1919 as Landmarks in the Twentieth Century.”

Mikhail Bjorge, Franca Iacovetta and Cynthia Wright, “Emma Goldman is Alive and Well and Living on Vaughan Road: Revisiting her Toronto Exile and Legacy at the 100th Anniversary of her Deportation.”

Chair:

1. The Broader Labour Revolt in Canada

Kyle Pritchard, “Industrial Reconstruction at the Russell Motor Car Company, 1917-1921.”

Benoit Marsan, “Justice and Not Charity Should Be Your Demand!": Montreal's Unemployed …”

Doug Nesbitt, “The Workers' Revolt in Loyalist Kingston: The Canadian Locomotive Company Strike of 1919.”

Geoffrey Ewen, “’It Felt Like a Full Civil War:’ Organized Corporate Opposition and Spontaneous Popular Support during the Montreal Municipal Workers Strike of December 1918.”

Chair: James Mochoruk

1. Colonialism, Race, and the Winnipeg General Strike

Adele Perry, “Labour Politics, Municipal Water, and Indigenous Dispossession in Winnipeg, 1919.”

Mary-Jane McCallum, "The Department of Indian Affairs and the regulation of Indigenous labour."

Owen Toews, “Racial Capitalism, Settler Colonialism, and the Conquest of the Strike.”

Chair:

1. Teaching and Learning the Strike

Esyllt Jones and 3rd year history students

Chair:

1. Soldiers, Communities of Faith and Socialist Feminism

Peter Bush, “Service to the Common Good: The Presbyterian Church in Canada's Response to the WGS.”

Kathleen Christensen, “The Returning Soldier.”

David Thompson, “Edith Hancox: The Winnipeg Revolt and the Making of a Socialist Feminist.”

Chair:

1. Unresolved Issues of the Strike

Josh Brandon, “Living Wages in Winnipeg: An Unrealized Demand of the Winnipeg General Strike.”

Benjamin Isitt, “Building Working Class Alternatives in 21st Century Canada and the World.”

David Camfield, “Beyond Nostalgia? The Winnipeg General Strike and the Future of Workers' Struggles.”

Chair:

1. Representations of the Strike – Art, Libraries and Graphic History

Sam Popowich, “Libraries, Labour, and the Strike.”

J Smith & S Carleton, “Illustrating Revolt: Making a Graphic History of the Winnipeg General Strike.”

Oliver A.I. Botar, “The Visual Culture of the 1919 Winnipeg General Strike.”

Karolya Vargscarr, “’Comrades! I am far from you, but I am with you:’ Winnipeg Women and the Transnational Imagery of *Robitnytsia* and the Soviet Cultural Revolution, 1928.”

Chair: David Churchill?

1. The Liberal Democratic Order in the Age of the Strike

Larry Glassford, “A Re-Appraisal of the Role of Arthur Meighen in Ending the Winnipeg General Strike.”

Tom Mitchell, “Prosecuting Radicals - *Citizen* Legal Strategies in 1919.”

Ryan Targa, “Acts of Desperation: The Board of Commerce and the Digestion of Post-War Dissent.”

Charles Smith, “Constructing Boundaries on the Strike Weapon: Industrial Legality after 1919.”

Chair:

1. American Parallels

James Wolfinger, "’The War in Philadelphia:’ Street Railways and Class Conflict in Progress Era Philadelphia.”

Jeffrey Stilley, “Industrial Kaisers: The Great War and the Kansas City General Strike of 1918.”

Douglas Williams, “The Strike is Back.”

Chair: Seth Wigderson?

1. Strikes, Unions and Working Class Strategies

Aalya Ahmad, “Randcuffed?”

Fay Faraday, “Do Non-Unionized Workers Have the Right to Strike? The Charter of Rights and Collective Action in the Fissured Workplace.”

Jon Weier, “Labour Organizing in a Company Town.”

Chair: Julie Guard

1. A Century of Organizing

Christo Aivalis, “Aaron Roland (A.R.) Mosher and the Legacy of Winnipeg.”

Julie Guard, “Radical Winnipeg: Building the Left Movement after the Strike.”

Adrie Naylor and Ryan Hayes, “New Work(ers) & Developing New Cultures Of Union Organizing”

Chair: Janis Theissen

1. The Labour Revolt in Alberta: Ethnicity and Militancy

Mikhail Bjorge, “Edmonton and the Workers' Revolt.”

Winston Gereluk, “The 1919 Labour Revolt in Alberta: The Experience of the Ukrainian Canadian Worker.”

Wayne Norton and Tom Langford, “The Winnipeg General Strike in the Crowsnest Pass.”

Chair: Norm Diamond

1. Oral Histories As A Basis For Labour Education: The Experience Of The Alberta Labour History Institute --A Presentation

Donna Coombs-Montrose, Alvin Finkel and Eric Strikwerda.

Chair: Rhonda Hinther

1. Coalition-led advocacy work in Winnipeg: Fighting for a material existence

Kirsten Bernas, Shauna MacKinnon and Lynne Fernandez.

Coins or Change: The Social Planning Council of Winnipeg

Kate Kehler.

Chair:

1. ‘Waltzing with the Angels:’ Métis Ironworkers on Edmonton’s CN Tower.

Alvin Finkel, Muriel Venne and Don Bouzek.

Chair:

1. Remembering 1919: Commemoration and the Winnipeg General Strike.

(Now Wednesday Evening event)

1. Racism and Class Struggle in the Era of Neoliberal Globalization.

Dave Bleakney, Katherine Nastoviski, Chris Ramsaroop, Richard Roman and Edur Velasco Arregui.

Chair: David Camfield?

1. *A People’s History of Economics:* Can it be written? Should it?

Ingo Schmidt, Paul Buhle and Ken Collier.

Chair:

1. Communicative Memories of the 1919 Winnipeg General Strike.

Janis Theissen, Tom Paulley, Lisa McGifford, Kathleen Christensen, Sandra Oakley, Ross Metcalfe and Margaret Owen.

Chair: Esyllt Jones?

1. Politics and Theory of the Strike

Alexander Kolokotronis, “Theorizing General Strikes: Inoperative Operation and the Exceptional Power of Labor.”

Paul Moist, “The State of Canadian Labourand its Social Democratic Option.”

Dennis Pilon, “The Political Impact of the Winnipeg General Strike.”

Chair:

1. Trials and Prisons

Walter Hildebrandt, “Pritchard’s Address to the Jury.”

Dale Lakevold, “The Speech Bill Pritchard Never Gave.”

Cameron Willis, “’You Are All Liars:’ Violence, resistance and brutality at Stony Mountain Penitentiary.”

Chair: Peter Campbell

22) Disability and Labour Rights.

John Rae, Elizabeth Kessler and Allen Mankewich

Chair:

\*\*\*#23 The Legacy of Winnipeg 1919: A roundtable discussion

Panitch Panel. (If this is included and accepted I would propose that we distribute the three Friday afternoon sessions to Thursday and Friday mornings. This would leave the Friday 1:30-3:15 slot open for the “super panel” and would result in our having 4 time slots with 4 concurrent sessions, 2 with 3 concurrent sessions, 1 “super panel” and 3 round table sessions.

Chair: Jeff Taylor?