



Popular Culture Scholars' Association January Newsletter



Approaching
Academia A conference
on class and
culture

Happy New Year from the PCSA!

The second annual **Class Con**, *Approaching Academia: A Conference on Class Consciousness and Culture*, will be held on March 15th and 16th, in the Pallister Room of Jerome Library. Like last year, we will have panels on Class Representations in Popular Culture, Social Outreach and Activism, as well as Class Issues in Academia and Labor Unions in Contemporary Culture. **The deadline for Class Con 2024 submissions is officially January 1st, but we will be taking proposals through the first week of January if you would like to submit!** For more information on the conference, please visit the [Class Con webpage](#). We are also taking proposals for roundtables and workshops. There is no cost to submit or attend.

Also, we are happy to announce that Gary Roth, from the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Rutgers University, will give a Keynote Speech on “The Educated Underclass.”

Monthly Meetings and You

Please join us the first Thursday of each month for the PCSA open meeting in East Hall room 101 from 5:30-7:30. Our February 1st meeting will also be a workshop on presenting at a conference for both undergrads and grad students.

We had a wonderful time at our December meeting/Cowboy Christmas party and thank everyone who joined us!



Opportunities

We are co-hosting a time capsule with the Browne Popular Culture Library for the 50th Anniversary of the Popular Culture Program. If you are interested in contributing to the time capsule or attending the conference presenting workshop or if you would like to be an official member of the PCSA please send an email to pcsa@bgsu.edu or to Ahmad, abilal@bgsu.edu John, joking@bgsu.edu Haley, haleyeyes@bgsu.edu or Will, wwalton@bgsu.edu

Also, as a professional organization for BGSU students, we are co-sponsoring a townhall meeting on student financial and work difficulties on Tuesday, January 16th, 2024, at 6pm in the BGSU Student Union multipurpose room 228. This will be an opportunity to discuss the obstacles working students might be facing while trying to complete a degree at BGSU. For more information please visit www.bgsugradworkers.org

Town Hall Meeting On Student Financial and Work Difficulties

Tuesday
January 16th, 2024
6:00PM
BTSU Room 228

Make your voice heard

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Class Con 24: Approaching Academia

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: GARY ROTH
"THE EDUCATED UNDERCLASS"



March 16th, 2024

DETAILS:

Class Con 24: Approaching Academia:
A Conference on Class and Culture

March 15th and 16th, Pallister Conference
Room, Jerome Library

<https://www.bgsu.edu/library/classcon.html>

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Gary Roth is the former Vice Chancellor for Academic Programs and Policies and Dean of the Graduate School at Rutgers University at Newark. His books include: *The Educated Underclass: Students and the Promise of Social Mobility* (Pluto Press, 2019); *Marxism in a Lost Century: A Biography of Paul Mattick* (Brill/Haymarket Books, 2015); and with Anne Lopes, *Men's Feminism: August Bebel and The German Socialist Movement* (Humanity Books, 2000). He is currently working on a history of higher education and social mobility in the United States.

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