

SEP and IYSSE meeting series in the United States

# Race, Class and the Fight for Socialism: Perspectives for the Coming Revolution in America

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The Socialist Equality Party (SEP) in the US and its youth and student movement, the International Youth and Students for Social Equality (IYSSE), is holding a series of meetings on “Race, Class and the Fight for Socialism: Perspectives for the Coming Revolution in America.”

This series is the socialist answer to the *New York Times* “1619 Project,” which has been accompanied by an unprecedented publicity blitz, including at schools and campuses throughout the country. The occasion they cite for the publication of this project is the 400th anniversary of the arrival of 20 African slaves at Point Comfort, Virginia.

The *Times* project raises the question: Is race the driving force of history, as the *Times* insists? Or, as Karl Marx analyzed, is it class? Is “anti-black racism ... in the very DNA of this country” as the *Times* writes? Or is the history of the United States fundamentally the history of class struggle? As social inequality reaches record levels, is America heading toward race war or socialist revolution?

The promotion of the 1619 Project takes place under conditions of expanding class struggle internationally and a growing interest in socialism among workers and youth in the United States. Its aim is to block the development of a united movement of workers across all races by cultivating racial divisions.

These meetings will refute the historical falsifications advanced in the 1619 Project, explain their underlying political motivations and present the strategy for socialist revolution in America today.

## Featured speakers:

**Niles Niemuth** is a member of the National Committee of the Socialist Equality Party and a writer for the *World*

*Socialist Web Site*. In 2016 he was the Socialist Equality Party’s candidate for vice president and in 2018 ran for congress in Michigan. He holds a Masters’ degree in African American history and is also a co-author of the recently released pamphlet, *The New York Times 1619 project: A racist falsification of US and world history*.

**Tom Mackaman** is a writer for the *World Socialist Web Site* with a focus on socialism and the history of the American labor movement. He is also a co-author of the recently released pamphlet, *The New York Times 1619 project: A racist falsification of US and world history*.

**Joseph Kishore** is the National Secretary of the Socialist Equality Party and writer for the *World Socialist Web Site*. He has written extensively on American politics, working class struggles, and the history of the socialist movement.

**Eric London** is a member of the National Committee of the Socialist Equality Party and writer for the *World Socialist Web Site* with a focus on US politics, immigration, US history, Latin America, workers struggles and democratic rights. He is also the author of the recently released book *Agents: The FBI and GPU Infiltration of the Trotskyist Movement*.

**A special expanded meeting series will be held at the University of Michigan**

**Tuesday, October 22, 7:00 pm**

**Lecture One: The American Revolution and its place in world history**

University of Michigan

Rackham Building, Rackham Amphitheatre

915 E Washington St, Ann Arbor, MI 48109

Speaker: Tom Mackaman

**Tuesday, November 5, 7:00 PM**

**Lecture Two: The “Irrepressible Conflict”: Slavery, the Civil War and America’s Second Revolution**

University of Michigan  
Rackham Building, Rackham Amphitheatre  
915 E Washington St, Ann Arbor, MI 48109  
Speaker: Eric London

**Tuesday, November 12, 7:00 PM**

**Lecture Three: The Democratic Party and the cultivation of right-wing identity politics**

University of Michigan  
Rackham Building, Rackham Amphitheatre  
915 E Washington St, Ann Arbor, MI 48109  
Speaker: Joseph Kishore

**Full meeting schedule**

**Tuesday, October 15, 7:15 pm**

First Unitarian Church of Chicago Chicago, Illinois  
5650 S. Woodlawn Ave  
Speaker: Joseph Kishore  
Facebook event

**Tuesday, October 22, 7:00 pm**

University of South Florida  
SOC 152  
Tampa, Florida  
Speaker: Eric London  
Facebook event

**Wednesday, October 23, 6 :00 pm**

University of Florida  
McCarty Hall A (MCCA) 1142  
Gainesville, Florida  
Speaker: Eric London  
Facebook event

**Wednesday, November 6, 7:00 pm**

Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus  
CA 302  
8333 Litter River Turnpike  
Annadale, VA 22003  
Speaker: Tom Mackaman

**Thursday, November 7 , 6:30 pm**

University of Minnesota  
Tate Hall Room B65  
116 Church Street SE  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Speaker: Eric London  
Facebook event

**Tuesday, November 12, 7:00 pm**

Western Michigan University  
Bernhard Center Room 213  
Kalamazoo, Michigan  
Speaker: Niles Niemuth  
Facebook event

**Thursday November 14, 6:30 pm**

University of California, Berkeley  
Moffitt Undergraduate Library  
Room 101  
Berkeley, California  
Speaker: Joseph Kishore  
Facebook event

**Monday, November 18, 7:00 pm**

San Diego State University  
Aztec Student Union  
Templo Mayor, (2nd Floor)  
San Diego, California  
Speaker: Joseph Kishore  
Facebook event

**Tuesday, November 19 , 6:00 pm**

University of California, Los Angeles  
Young Hall, Room 4216  
Los Angeles, California

**Tuesday November 19, 7:00 pm**

New York University  
Global Center, C95 Lecture Hall  
238 Thompson St, New York, NY  
Speaker: Tom Mackaman  
Facebook event

**Wednesday, November 20, 7:00 pm**

Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Boynton Hall, 6-120  
77 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge, MA  
Speaker: Tom Mackaman

**Wednesday, December 4, 7:00 pm**

Wayne State University  
Student Center, Hillberry A  
5221 Gullen Mall  
Detroit, Michigan  
Facebook event



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