How Class Works – 2012 Conference
Summary Schedule
[All sessions are in the Student Activities Center except where noted]

Wednesday June 6, 2012

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

0.0 Poetry and Music – Wang Center Lecture Hall 1
   Gerald McCarthy and Robert Bohm, reading: “No Fortunate Son – Working
   Class Matters in the Combat Zone”
   Barb Jensen and Friends, live music performance

Thursday June 7

10:30 – noon
1.1 Capitalist Development, the State, and Class Relations in Turkey
1.2 Punk Rock, Youth Culture, and the British Working Class

2:00 – 3:30
2.1 Issues in Working Class Studies:
2.2 Intersections of Class with Race and Gender
2.3 Seeing Labor: Photographic and Literary Representations
2.4 Insiders and Outsiders: Strategies for Maintaining Working Class Solidarity

3:45 – 5:15
3.1 Black Visions in History
3.2 Working Class Voices in Song
3.3 The Temp Industry and the Class War
3.4 Class Struggles in Africa Today
3.5 Urban Life in the Heartland

7:30 – 9:30

4.0 Opening Plenary – Provost Lecture
Jeffrey Clements, “Corporations Are Not People: Responding to the Supreme
Court in Citizens United”
Friday June 8

8:00 a.m. Continental breakfast

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

5.0 Plenary Session: May Day in NYC - Occupy and Labor
Penny Lewis, Joseph S. Murphy Institute
Nastaran Mohit, Laundry Workers center
Thisanjali Gangoda, Occupy Wall Street Immigrant Worker Justice Working Group
Amy Muldoon, Communications Workers of America
Teresa Gutierrez, May 1st Coalition

10:45 – 12:15

6.1 Class Struggle in the U.S. Health Care Industry
6.2 Occupy the Past, Occupy the Future
6.3 Class in LGBT Communities
6.4 Brainstorming for an Interdisciplinary Museum Exhibit on Class
6.5 Beyond Master and Servant: Issues in Labor Law
6.6 Class Dynamics in K-12 and Higher Education
6.7 Exploitation and Struggle in Post-Katrina New Orleans

2:00 – 3:30

7.1 Coalition of Immokalee Workers and the Campaign for Fair Food
7.2 A Roundtable on Barbara Jensen’s Reading Classes: On Culture and Classism in America (Cornell University Press, 2012)
7.3 Class in the Global Economy
7.4 Occupy and Student Debt Bondage: The New Worker Indenture and the Debtor’s Pledge of Refusal
7.5 Issues in Class Consciousness - I
7.6 Breaking America’s Heartland: Three Case Studies

3:45 – 5:15

8.1 Classes, Literacies, and Libraries at Occupy Wall Street
8.2 Religion and Class Consciousness
8.3 Class in the Economy
8.4 Class in Communities
8.5 Teaching Work: Strategies and Frameworks
8.6 Class and Masculinity
8.7 Occupy to Liberate: Take Back the Land
Friday June 8 (continued)

7:00 p.m.
9.0 Banquet and Awards

9:30 p.m.
10.0 Party with music by Barb Jensen and Friends (Curry Club)

Saturday June 9

8:00 a.m. Continental breakfast

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

11.0 Plenary
The U.S. in 2012: What’s Class Got to Do with It? – a roundtable discussion
Bill Fletcher, Jr., Blackcommentator.com
Juan Gonzalez, Democracy Now!
Bob Herbert, Demos, former New York Times columnist
Frances Fox Piven, CUNY Graduate Center

10:45 – 12:15

12.1 Working through Class at Occupy Wall Street
12.2 Issues in Working Class Resistance and Representation
12.3 Issues in Class Consciousness - II
12.4 Class Representations in Literature
12.5 Issues in Class Power
12.6 Education and Class Dynamics
12.7 Collaborating with Filmmakers

12:45 – 1:55 Working Class Studies Association Membership Business Meeting

2:00 – 3:30

13.1 Class Representations in Film and Literature
13.2 Contemporary British Working Class Lives
13.3 Negotiating Labor Market Realities
13.4 Historical Class Dynamics in Three U.S. Cities
13.5 The Role of Religion in Economic Relations
Saturday June 9 (continued)

3:45 – 5:15

14.1 Culture and Working Class Consciousness: Three Case Studies
14.2 Issues in the Labor Process
14.3 Communicating with Working Class Students and Communities

5:20 – 6 p.m.

15.0 Conference Sum-Up and Adjournment