

The Women♀Work Research Group is pleased to announce that we will have two highly regarded international visitors in November: Ruth Milkman and Peter Berg.

Peter Berg is an Associate Professor at the School of Labor and Industrial Relations at Michigan State University. His research interests include work-life flexibility policies and practices, high performance work systems, and international comparisons of flexible work arrangements. Dr. Berg has conducted research focusing on employees in a number of industries, including the steel, apparel, medical electronics, and hospital industries. He has served as an executive board member of the Labor and Employment Relations Association USA and authored numerous publications in a variety of academic journals. In 2006, Dr. Berg received a Fulbright Senior Scholar Award to the University of Sydney to study work-life flexibility in Australian organizations. His current research examines the role of labor unions in shaping organizational work-life flexibility policies and practices in the U.S. and Australia.

WOS/WWRG Seminar

Peter Berg will be presenting a Faculty Seminar: 'Adding from the top or building from the bottom: Local labor union strategies on work-life flexibility in U.S. and Australian Universities.' Date: TBA.

WWRG PhD Seminar

Peter Berg will also be presenting a PhD Seminar: 'International research and comparative methodologies' Date: 18 November from 11:45 am to 2pm (School Building)

Ruth Milkman is Professor of Sociology at UCLA, where from 2001 through 2008 she also served as Director of the Institute for Research on Labor and Employment. She did her undergraduate work at Brown University and received her M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley. Before moving to UCLA in 1988, she taught for several years at the City University of New York, and she plans to return to the faculty at CUNY in 2010. She has also been a visiting professor at the University of Warwick (England), the University of Sao Paulo (Brazil) and Macquarie University (Australia). In 2004-05 she was a Visiting Scholar at the Russell Sage Foundation in New York. Her research and writing has ranged over a variety of issues surrounding work and labor organization in the U.S. She has written many articles published three edited volumes: *Women, Work and Protest: A Century Of Women's Labor History* (1985); *Organizing Immigrants: The Challenge for Unions In Contemporary California* (2000); and *Rebuilding Labor: Organizing and Organizers In The New Union Movement* (With Kim Voss, 2004). She Has Written Four Books: *Gender At Work: The Dynamics Of Job Segregation During World War II*, which won the 1987 Joan Kelly Prize from the American Historical Association; *Japan's California Factories: Labor Relations And Economic Globalization* (1991); *Farewell to the Factory: Auto Workers in the Late 20th Century* (1997), and most recently, *L.A. Story: Immigrant Workers and The Future of The U.S. Labor Movement* (2006).

WWRG PhD Seminar

Ruth Milkman will be presenting a PhD and Faculty Seminar on November 27th, 2008: 'Women and Work: Questions About the Past, Present and Future'