



The DC LERA Board of Governors invites you to the monthly luncheon meeting Wednesday, January 27, 2016...



Understanding Precarity and its Implications for the 2016 Elections

with guest speaker
Prof. John Russo

Visiting Scholar, Kalmanovitz Initiative for Labor and the Working Poor of Georgetown University

Precarity is on the minds of many Americans as the nature of work has changed and economic insecurity has grown. Some have argued there is an emerging new class called the “precariat.” But what is the precariat, how did it develop, and what influence could it have the electoral process in 2016?

The Officers and Board of Governors of the Washington, DC, Chapter of the Labor and Employment Relations Association are privileged to announce that Prof. John Russo will be at our luncheon meeting on January 27. He will talk about his research into the origins, power, and alternative futures for the precariat.

John is the former coordinator of the Labor Studies Program in the Williamson College of Business Administration and co-director of the Center for Working-Class Studies at Youngstown State University. Since 2008, he has done over 250 interviews with journalists from around the world on issues relating to economic, organized labor, working-class voters, and changes in the nature of work. He is the co-editor and a regular contributor to the *Working-Class Perspectives* blog. He recently joined the Kalmanovitz Initiative at Georgetown University as Visiting Scholar, where he is developing a working-class studies program.

Please join us for this fascinating talk.

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- **Delicious Lunch:** Buffet with salad, choice of two entrées, vegetarian options, sides, choice of dessert, plus coffee/iced/tea. Cash wine service.
 - **Time:** Sign-in opens: 11:30; Lunch: 12:00; **Presentation and Q&A: 12:30 - 1:30**
 - **Venue: Woman's National Democratic Club**, located in the historic Whittemore House at 1526 New Hampshire Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20036, just one block from Dupont Circle and its Red Line Metro station.
 - **Prices:** Members \$25; Guests of Members \$25; Non-members \$30; Students \$15
 - **Pay online:** www.dclera.org
 - **Sign up and pay at the door:** Email name and contact info to Natalie Meyers at nmeyers@dws-consultants.com.