

# Getting Past Capitalism: History, Vision, Hope

A CONVERSATION WITH WITH PROFESSOR CYNTHIA KAUFMAN

Wednesday June 10, 2015

12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.

460 Stephens Hall, UC Berkeley



Cynthia Kaufman will share some of the central ideas in her book, *Getting Past Capitalism: History, Vision, Hope* by looking in new ways at what capitalism is and at how it is reproduced. Kaufman conceptualizes capitalism as a set of practices constituted by a several key forms of agency and will show how that understanding can help us know the crucial forms of action are that we need to take to build just and sustainable economies. She looks at some fundamental questions about how capitalism comes to look like a system that is unbeatable and how people are manipulated to desire goods and services that work to reinforce capitalism. Presenting many alternatives to capitalism, she explores strategies for developing and strengthening those alternatives.

**The Haas Institute will host a brown bag lecture with a renowned scholar to examine these issues.**

Professor Cynthia Kaufman, director of the Institute of Community and Civic Engagement at De Anza College, is the program coordinator for the Community Learning Partnership's work at De Anza. She is the author of two books on social change, *Getting Past Capitalism: History, Vision, Hope* and *Ideas for Action: Relevant Theory for Radical Change*.

Free, open to the public, and wheelchair accessible. Feel free to bring your lunch.