

The Washington School

FALL COURSES 1983



Institute for Policy Studies



Welfare and Poverty

This course will trace the development of the American welfare system and its confrontation with poverty, emphasizing the historical changes in the nature of American poverty. It will identify contemporary differences between groups of the poor, especially women, and analyze how and why these groups have fared differently under various programs, ranging from workhouses to workfare. Topics will include: † the 19th century: the male pauper model of welfare policy † the New Deal: for whom the roll tolls † the feminization of poverty † relationships between political mobilization and programs for the poor.

Diana Pearce, Director of Research at the Center for National Policy Review who coined the phrase "feminization of poverty," co-author with Harriette McAdoo of *Women and Children: Alone and In Poverty*. Guest lecturing will be **Frances Fox Piven**, Professor of Political Science at CUNY, co-author with **Richard Cloward** of *Regulating the Poor* and *Poor People's Movements*.

Four Tuesdays, November 15 through December 6. 7:00 to 9:30. \$50.



Race and Poverty

The social and economic progress of blacks begun during the civil rights movement has slowed, stopped and in some respects has even been reversed during the last decade. This process has been intensified by the current administration policies. This course will evaluate several measures by which society has sought to alleviate the problems of black poverty, and suggest future strategies. Topics will include: † open higher education † civil rights enforcement † political empowerment † alternative political systems.

Roger Wilkins, author of *AMAN's Life*, former Assistant Attorney General of the United States, and IPS Senior Fellow; with **Lisle C. Carter, Jr.**, former President of the University of

the District of Columbia; **Francesca Farmer**, Executive Director of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation; **Hilda Mason**, Member-at-Large, Council of the District of Columbia; and **Manning Marable**, Director of the Third World Studies Program at Colgate University, author of *How Capitalism Underdeveloped Black America*, and vice-chair of DSA.

Six Tuesdays, October 4 through November 8. 7:00 to 9:30 pm. \$70.



Matthew, Marx, Luke and John

Theology of the Oppressed

Worldwide poverty and exploitation have brought religious ideological support for conservatism to a crisis. Liberation theologies—particularly black, feminist and Latin American—provide an ideological counterthrust on behalf of the insurgent resistance. This course, while focusing on the present through the prism of Vatican II, will discuss ancient and medieval precedents of peasant insurgency and rebellion, together with the practical and ideological leadership provided by priests and lay Christians who, basing themselves in the Bible, defined an ideology for the oppressed, not the oppressors. Topics will include: † ancient and medieval theology: practice and theory † parallels in feminist and Latin American theology † the Catholic Bishops' Letter on War and Peace † the future of the Christian alliance with marxism.

Leonard Minsky, former professor of Medieval Literature at Simon Fraser College who planned and developed a college for the government of British Columbia with the primary purpose of serving industrial workers, women, and native Canadian Indians. Guest speakers will include **Mary Hunt**, theologian and Coordinator of the Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics and Ritual; **Father J. Bryan Hehir**, Director of the Office of International Justice and Peace of the U.S. Catholic Conference.

Six Wednesdays, October 5 through November 9. 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. \$70.

Students enrolling in this course will also receive tickets to the **Liberation Theology Lecture Series** (see page 6).

Liberation Theology Lecture Series

"The Church that has made a preferential option for the poor and the oppressed is a sign of the kingdom and, as such, is a source of division. It is a church that really evangelizes because it doesn't permit anyone to remain 'neutral.'"

Cardinal Paulo Evaristo Arns of the Archdiocese of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Liberation theology is a powerful voice of radical Christianity; the inspiration for a growing social movement which has actively identified itself with the poor, the disenfranchised and the causes for social justice and world peace. This series will present three of the most prominent voices in liberation theology today:

October 25: **Gustavo Gutierrez** (invited), author of *A Theology of Liberation*.

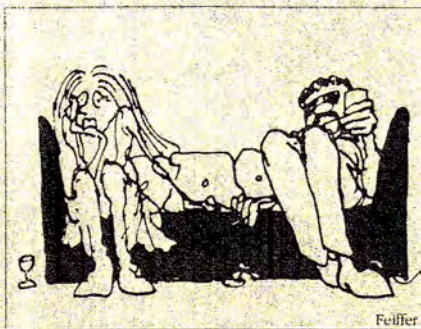
November 1: **Rev. I. Carter Heyward**, author of *The Redemption of God*, member of the faculty of the Episcopal Divinity School, and one of the first women to be ordained an Episcopal priest in the U.S.

November 8: **Dr. James H. Cone**, author of *God of the Oppressed* and *A Black Theology of Liberation*, member of the faculty of Union Theological Seminary.

8:00 pm. The Hall of Nations at Georgetown University. \$12 series, \$5.00 lecture. Students and senior citizens: \$10 per series, \$4.00 per lecture.

"The Washington School is a great way to develop your expertise. I recommend it to anyone wishing to effectively confront contemporary issues."

—Ginny Bouvier, Associate, Washington Office on Latin America



Women and Men In the 80s

The Crisis in Relationships

"Bad connections" describes many of the interactions between men and women today. Women complain men are uninterested in family and commitment; men complain they no longer understand what women expect from them. This course will consider the current relationship between the sexes from a variety of perspectives—historical, psychoanalytical, and anthropological—to uncover the cultural and political roots of a growing interpersonal crisis. Topics will include: † the psychodynamics of relationships: dependence and power † media myths of romance and sex † the crisis in heterosexuality: sexuality, literature, and the battle for "orgasm equity" † families, and friends as family.

Barbara Ehrenreich, IPS Fellow and author of *The Hearts of Men*; **Elizabeth Hess**, co-author of the forthcoming *Women's Sexual Revolution* and a frequent contributor to *Ms* magazine; **Micaela di Leonardo**, anthropologist and author of the forthcoming book, *The Varieties of Ethnic Experience*.

Four Tuesdays. November 22 through December 13. 7:00 to 9:30 pm. \$50.

An Afternoon with Philip Glass and Marcus Raskin

Two leading American composers—one in music, the other in political thought—talk with each other and the audience about music, culture, politics and their own work.

Philip Glass is one of America's leading avant-garde composers. His works include the operas *Satyagraha*, based on the life of Gandhi, and *Einstein on the Beach*, a collaboration with Robert Wilson. Mr. Glass studied piano with **Marcus Raskin**.



IPS co-founder, **Marcus Raskin** is a political philosopher, pianist, and the author of several books, including *Being and Doing*.



This program is co-sponsored with the New Music America Festival presented by the Washington Performing Arts Society, District Curators, Inc., and the DC Government. October 7-17. For festival information call 347-4717.

Monday, October 10. 1 pm. Circle West End Theatre. 1101 23rd Street NW. \$5.