

Almost Emma's Birthday

Dear Friends of the Emma Goldman Papers,

A special thank you to those who responded so generously to our December 2010 holiday outreach letter. Your support and belief in the value of our work remains essential to our perseverance and progress.

We are pleased to announce the submission of volume three of the American Years series to Stanford University Press, and the near completion of the fourth and final volume.

Volume Three: *Light and Shadows (1910-1916)*, at this moment in production, documents the most prolific and expansive period of Emma Goldman's life—which included her entrance into the publishing world.

Volume Four: *The War Years (1917-1919)* chronicles Goldman's eloquent pleas for free expression, and opposition to conscription, at a time when government suppression of dissent resulted in her imprisonment and subsequent deportation. Emma Goldman's courageous stance continues to resonate with struggles occurring throughout the world today.

In 1910, Emma Goldman, the great orator, became frustrated with her audiences' fleeting and ever-changing levels of interest—"distracted by a thousand non-essentials. The speaker, though ever so eloquent, cannot escape the restlessness of the crowd. . . The relation between the writer and the reader is more intimate." Thus, she introduced her first book, *Anarchism and Other Essays*, as the material expression of her longing for the assurance that her words and ideas would have a "lasting impression." Her books not only expanded her reach, but remain in print, in a myriad of languages—to this day.

The preservation of the written legacy of Emma Goldman, of her immediate circle, along with the issues and events with which she so fervently engaged, remain the core tasks of the Emma Goldman Papers.

As the scholarly research and writing for both volumes draws to a close, our immediate challenge is to ensure that this work of so many years will be published and easily accessible. The bad news is that many university presses, including ours, are facing fiscal problems that have prompted a transfer of expenses for final editing and formatting to their authors (in earlier times performed, and paid for, by the publishing house). The good news is that the end is in sight.

Fortunately, the National Historical Publications and Records Commission of the National Archives awarded Stanford University Press—our new publisher—two \$10,000 grants to defray a portion of the production costs for these last two volumes. However, BookMatters, our publication outside contractor, now estimates expenses for

producing each book at \$30,000. Because they too are short of capital, we were just informed that their work cannot continue without guaranteed payment of the additional \$20,000 for each volume!

Thus, at this point, we must raise the extra \$40,000 for the publishing costs of the final two volumes, on top of the EGP's yearly general operating budget.

Ironically, echoing the situation we are facing now, Emma too had to raise funds for the publication of her first book.

So, once again, the Emma Goldman Papers' small staff comes to you, hat and manuscript in hand, to ask for your help.

Donors able to contribute \$200 or more will receive our reissued Emma Goldman coffee mug emblazoned with her police mug-shot photo, and optimistic 1919 prediction "Sooner or later, the American people are going to wake up!" -- A fine way to start your day. And, in the spirit of commitment and consistency, we went the extra mile to make sure both that its ink is non-toxic and that it is union-made in the U.S.A.

The quickest way to contribute your tax-deductible gift is through our website <http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/Goldman/Emmarabilia/gift.html> where you can connect to the University's secure online donation site.

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With warm greetings,

Candace on behalf of the EGP